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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
7th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 2, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Kerry Mansir, Christ Episcopal Church, Gardiner.

National Anthem by Honorable Amanda N. Collamore, Pittsfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Kristen Mazoki, D.O., Wilton.

The Journal of Tuesday, January 31, 2023 was read and approved.

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

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in the House on January 31, 2023.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 48)

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

January 31, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2-B, §568-B, 1, F, of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Thomas Schwarm of Freeport to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 49)

STATE OF MAINE
131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 31, 2023

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor

SHS 1, State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Mills:

On behalf of the 131st Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the Budget Address. At your direction, we will call for a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the House Chamber. We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 50)

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

January 31, 2023

Honorable Troy 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:

I am honored to accept your invitation to deliver the State of the Budget Address before a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

From expanding health care, to strengthening our economy, to making education more affordable and accessible, we have made real and meaningful progress for Maine people, but there is more to do.

I strongly believe that if we want to build a stronger, more prosperous state where opportunity is available to all, then we must invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. That's what my budget proposal does. It proposes crucial investments in housing, child care, health care, education, and transportation infrastructure that will help us tackle the challenges we face and chart a course for success in the years to come.

I look forward to addressing the Legislature and to working closely with you to enact a budget that will improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 57)

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

February 1, 2023
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
#2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt:
Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I rescind the appointment of Representative Clinton E. Collamore, Sr. of Waldoboro from the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 44)

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

February 2, 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 30, 2023

Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston for appointment as Director of the Office of Affordable Healthcare.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §3122, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

The Honorable Ralph L. Tucker, Esquire of Brunswick to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission as the neutral chair.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Blue Keim of Dixfield for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Carlos R. Mello of Camden for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

on February 1, 2023

The Honorable Jed J. French of Yarmouth, the Honorable Maria A. Woodman of Monmouth and the Honorable Michael P. Roberts of Bangor for reappointment as Judges of the Maine District Court and Phillip G. Mohlar, Esq. of Readfield and Tracy J. Gorham, Esq. of South Portland for appointment as Judges of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157, these reappointments and appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The Honorable Wayne R. Douglas of Ocean Park for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The Honorable Patrick C. Larson of Bangor for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The Honorable Barbara Raimondi of Brunswick for appointment as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

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

The Honorable Paul A. Fritzsche of Kennebunk for reappointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §104, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 45)

EFFICIENCY MAINE

January 27, 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
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Re: Annual Report from Quasi-State Agencies 5 MRS §12023
Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S., Section 12023, I am pleased to deliver this letter of transmittal for the required report from Efficiency Maine Trust due by February 1, 2023.

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

Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Michael D. Stoddard
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 46)
**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
75 W. COMMERCIAL STREET, SUITE 104
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101**

January 27, 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 MRSA, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority due by February 1, 2023. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Mr. James Cohen
Chairman

Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority
S/Ms. Patricia Quinn
Executive Director

Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 47)
**SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL
7 AMES WAY
MACHIAS, MAINE 04654**

January 25, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, Chapter 383, Article 2-A, Section 13083-F, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA).

SCEC is a private, nonprofit, federally recognized economic development organization which works to create jobs and prosperity in Washington County. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

The WCDA continued its incremental work to restore the former Cutler Naval Base to productive use.

As indicated in the enclosed report, the WCDA procured GR Roofing LLC to replace the roof on the Base's Chapel Shop and Workshop. Seavee & Mahar Engineering were procured to take

samples for hazardous materials for the DEP and EPA. WCDA did not make any significant contributions or changes to policies and procedures in the past year.

Sincerely,
S/Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 51)
**STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHAIR
442 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0027**

January 31, 2023

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

RE: Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023(2)

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the transmittal letter for the required report from the Workers' Compensation Board due by February 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,
S/John C. Rohde
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 52)
**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
94 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332**

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. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine due February 1, 2023.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Carlos R. Mello
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 53)

**MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
8 VENTURE AVENUE
BRUNSWICK LANDING
BRUNSWICK, ME 04011**

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
The 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 Technology Institute (MTI) due by February 1, 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
S/Brian Whitney
President

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 54)

**MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
26 EDISON DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-6046**

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 required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2023. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Daniel Brennan Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 55)

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

January 31, 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 due by Feb. 1, 2023 from the University of Maine System (UMS) documenting our qualifying FY22 sole-source procurements and contributions. UMS has an estimated \$1.5 billion annual total statewide economic impact, a \$7.50 return for every dollar of State appropriation, and supports nearly 20,000 campus and community jobs. In addition to student and visitor local spending of an estimated \$144 million annually, our System positively impacts the Maine economy by purchasing goods and services – \$86.7 million in FY22 alone – from Maine businesses or those that employ many Mainers.

As it conducts business, UMS is committed to ensuring the greatest value for tuition and taxpayers, and transparency and fairness for our vendors. While competitive procurement is our standard, there are legitimate and well-defined reasons allowed by State law and corresponding UMS policy for which the purchases listed in this report were waived from this process. For example, given its world-class research, economic development and commercialization activities that are of vital importance to our state and beyond, the R1 University of Maine has unique procurement needs, including for specialized equipment or services that may only be available from one vendor. We have sought to provide that importance context within this FY22 report, which reflects a 23% reduction from FY21 in the total value of System procurements for which the competitive process was waived.

If you need any additional information, please contact UMS Director of Government Relations Samantha Warren in my office at samantha.warren@maine.edu. Thank you for your ongoing interest and support of Maine's public universities.

Sincerely,
S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor
University of Maine System

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 56)

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
2360 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, ME 04102**

January 30, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities*

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross,

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2023. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2022 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2022 that exceed \$1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and

procedures required by this section in 2022, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2022, the Maine Turnpike Authority made over \$122 million in payments to approximately 700 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$110 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$13.5 million in 2022. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,

S/Peter Mills

Executive Director

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government"

(H.P. 256) (L.D. 423)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 257) (L.D. 424)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Research, Development and Commercialization in Maine's Marine Technology and Aquaculture Sector"

(H.P. 260) (L.D. 427)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, DOUDERA of Camden, GOLEK of Harpswell, HEPLER of Woolwich, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

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 to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

(H.P. 261) (L.D. 428)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

(H.P. 262) (L.D. 429)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to Establish a Working Group on the Relocation of the Division of Juvenile Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 266) (L.D. 433)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in the Line of Duty"

(H.P. 272) (L.D. 439)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions"

(H.P. 269) (L.D. 436)

Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: LANIGAN of Sanford, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

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 Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor Funding"

(H.P. 246) (L.D. 395)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling"

(H.P. 247) (L.D. 396)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources"

(H.P. 250) (L.D. 399)

Sponsored by Representative BOYLE of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Utility Acquisitions Benefit Maine People"

(H.P. 254) (L.D. 421)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Embden, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LANDRY of Farmington, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PAUL of Winterport, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Repeal Provision on Waste-to-energy Renewable Energy Credits"

(H.P. 270) (L.D. 437)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding Renewable Energy Projects"

(H.P. 275) (L.D. 442)

Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, DRINKWATER of Milford, GREENWOOD of Wales.

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 Lower the Environmental Impact of Consumers, Increase Food Safety and Strengthen Consumer Choice by Ending the Ban on Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags"

(H.P. 258) (L.D. 425)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, DUCHARME of Madison, NEWMAN of Belgrade, WHITE of Guilford, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

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 Provide Translation Services for Hospital Patients"

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 430)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, SARGENT of York, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers"

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 432)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 268) (L.D. 435)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, MADIGAN of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

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 Fund a Health Program for Medical Professionals"

(H.P. 253) (L.D. 420)

Sponsored by Representative PRINGLE of Windham.

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 Protect Landowners and Increase Safety on All-terrain Vehicle Trails by Increasing Funding to the ATV Recreational Management Fund"

(H.P. 267) (L.D. 434)

Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, LANDRY of Farmington, POMERLEAU of Standish, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws"

(H.P. 271) (L.D. 438)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Recreational Freshwater Fishing with Respect to a Portion of Middle River in Marshfield and Machias"

(H.P. 274) (L.D. 441)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

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 Protect Customers from Financial Scams by Requiring Retailers to Provide Information on Potential Signs of Financial Scams"

(H.P. 273) (L.D. 440)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, MURPHY of Scarborough, PERRY of Calais.

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 Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas"

(H.P. 264) (L.D. 431)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 18 Years of Age"

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 443)

Sponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MATHIESON of Kittery, MORIARTY of Cumberland, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws"

(H.P. 249) (L.D. 398)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System"

(H.P. 259) (L.D. 426)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, RIELLY of Westbrook.

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 Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers"

(H.P. 255) (L.D. 422)

Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DUCHARME of Madison, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, MORRIS of Turner, NUTTING of Oakland, PLUECKER of Warren, THORNE of Carmel.

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 Allow Sponsorship Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities"

(H.P. 248) (L.D. 397)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Polling Place Security"

(H.P. 252) (L.D. 419)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representative: SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Representative PLUECKER for the **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** 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 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 241) (L.D. 390)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Education

Representative BRENNAN for the **Department of Education** 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 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 244) (L.D. 393)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Education

Representative BRENNAN for the **Department of Education** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 245) (L.D. 394)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Environmental Protection

Representative GRAMLICH for the **Department of Environmental Protection** 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 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 243) (L.D. 392)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 251) (L.D. 418)

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

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Representative SUPICA for the **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices** 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 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 242) (L.D. 391)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State"

(H.P. 277) (L.D. 448)

Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder"

(H.P. 278) (L.D. 449)

Sponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester.

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

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.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 8)

ORDERED, that Representative Jeffrey Sean Adams of Lebanon be excused Jan 4 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Poppy Arford of Brunswick be excused Jan 4 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Danny Edward Costain of Plymouth be excused Dec 7 and Jan 17 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Abigail W. Griffin of Levant be excused Jan 10 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused Jan 4, 10 and 17 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Randall C. Hall of Wilton be excused Jan 10 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Caldwell Jackson of Oxford be excused Jan 10 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lucas John Lanigan of Sanford be excused Jan 17 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio of Sanford be excused Jan 17 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Wayne R. Parry of Arundel be excused Jan 10 and 17 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jane P. Pringle of Windham be excused Jan 10 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Tiffany Roberts of South Berwick be excused Jan 4 for personal reasons and Jan 17 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Holly B. Stover of Boothbay be excused Jan 10 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Joseph F. Underwood of Presque Isle be excused Jan 17 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Patricia Boston, of Biddeford, a nurse, stalwart health care advocate and volunteer at the York County EMS vaccination clinic in Biddeford, who has received the Sister Consuela White Award from the American Nurses Association of Maine for her clinical and professional excellence. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 26)

Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport. Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York, Representative MALON of Biddeford, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Gere.

Representative **GERE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, where would we be without nurses and where would nursing in Maine and, more specifically, in York County be without Pat Boston?

Pat cares about Maine and cares about Maine people in a very deep and profound way. Recognizing Pat with the reception of the Sister Consuela White Award is acknowledgement for her compassionate leadership that she has demonstrated throughout her career. Most recently, Pat led a group of nurses in support of the MEMA vaccine clinics in York County which were essential in our fight against the COVID pandemic. I personally got several of my vaccinations there.

Pat is a former Biddeford city councilor and currently serves on the board of the McArthur Public Library. In short, Pat is one of those folks when things need doing, Pat gets involved and gets things done.

I have a special place in my heart for nurses. My mom was a nurse for 40 years and she has been a constant example in my life of compassionate leadership. When my parents moved to Maine in 2012, Pat was one of the first people they met at the St. Louis Alumni Association bingo games, which they attended religiously for the next eight years. My mom and Pat connected as two compassionate and professionally excellent nurses and Pat's friendship meant a lot to both my parents.

The people that connect us with each other, the folks I like to call the glue people, are special and important to our communities. Pat is one of those people and I am so honored to recognize her today with this sentiment from the Maine Legislature. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Malon.

Representative **MALON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I rise today to join my good friend from Kennebunkport in celebrating the remarkable work of Pat Boston.

I thought I would start by sharing words about Pat from an expert source; her son, Tim, who has joined Pat here today and who is continuing her legacy of service through his work for the City of Biddeford. Tim says, quote, there's certainly a lot I could say about my mom and her legacy of service. I think, as probably happens to any number of medical professionals, mom finds herself in high demand, even when the workday is over. And she has never shied away from the difficult task. Probably the greatest legacy left to me as her son is the sense that someone capable and passionate and dedicated is at the helm. We can sleep at night because someone like Pat Boston is starting her shift at the hospital or the clinic, doing more than what is written in the job description and treating everyone with dignity and respect, no matter how dignified or respectable they might be feeling that day, end-quote.

Folks, I think far too often we save tributes like this for after a person has passed away and do not do enough to celebrate people while they are still with us and, like Pat, are still serving, without seeking recognition or glory for their efforts. From her incredible work at the York County EMS COVID vaccine clinic to her advocacy for strong health care policies to her service on our city council, Pat Boston continues to exemplify the spirit of what my Jesuit teachers would call a person for others. Our community is stronger because of her. Thank you.

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

In Memory of:

Chris Rose, of Old Orchard Beach, a respected and well-known former television journalist. Mr. Rose worked as a public relations strategist for the University of New England. Previously, he had a more than thirty-year career at WCSH-TV in Portland. During his journalism career, he covered feature stories and several high profile stories affecting Maine and the region, including the 2015 sinking of the cargo ship El Faro and the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. He was inducted into the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2017. Mr. Rose will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(SLS 77)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative MILLETT: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We have an unusual sentiment to be offered this morning that did not make it to the calendar, and I believe that's the issue that I should introduce.

It has been a real honor to have served with and to be here today to recognize the exemplary service of a 45-year public servant for the State of Maine. Rodney Bouffard and his family, I understand, are in the audience today. He served in multiple capacities as superintendents of institutions starting at the Pineland Center, later serving as superintendent of the Augusta Mental Health Institute, later as wardens at both Long Creek and the Maine State Prison, and a later stint as the superintendent of Riverview Psychiatric Center. Throughout all of these years, Rod has served under court consent decrees and judicial oversight and a great deal of public accountability imposed upon him. He's had a unique ability to assume leadership responsibilities that involve getting trust from within his staff and respect for his clients, not only in many of those cases assisting those clients into more appropriate community placements along the way. I know there are others who are in the gallery today and there are Members of this Body who would like to recognize Rod, as I do, and I would like to just close by saying he has the unique ability to be a leader in multiple roles with great accountability and responsibility imposed upon him and to develop trust and results that always reflected care and concern for the clients in his charge. I consider it an honor to have worked with him and recognize him for his exemplary service and his unique style of leadership and I commend him for his long service and impending retirement. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay Harbor, Representative Stover, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative STOVER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Members of the 131st House of Representatives, I rise before you today in recognition of the exemplary career and retirement of Rod Bouffard from Maine State Government and the Riverview Psychiatric Center after 45 years of service to the people of Maine.

I am proud to say I worked with Rod starting almost 30 years ago when he was working at Pineland Center and I first began my career in State government as the director of the Bath Children's Home. A few years later, Rod transitioned to be the superintendent of AMHI and I the regional director for Adult and Children's Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Representative Sawin Millett was also working with us as the Deputy Commissioner of Finance. We were under tremendous pressure and scrutiny by the courts under a consent decree which made all of our work much harder. We were operating much faster than we would normally be expected to, but did so to ensure the safety and wellbeing within the institution and the community.

I want you to know that Rod was a rock during those years and served as a leader, a mentor, a coach, and a friend to those who worked for and with him, including me. He is an inclusive leader who brings people around the table because of their skills and abilities rather than their title or letters after their name. His humility and unwavering ability to see the best in employees, patients, inmates, and coworkers stand out in my mind as one of his greatest strengths. There are few people who can boast about 45 years in public service to the State of Maine. Rod

Bouffard exemplifies what it means to be a great State employee and has given more of his time and talent than most. Rod leaves a legacy that will stand the test of time and something he and his family should always be incredibly proud of.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity that I had in my career to work and to know Rod Bouffard. I ask that we extend him our appreciation for his 45 years of devoted public service and offer him our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement. Thank you.

At this point, pursuant to her authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned Representative PAULHUS of Bath to Seat 11 and Representative OSHER of Orono to Seat 10.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Improve Harness Racing in Maine by Repealing the Law Governing Standardbred Horses Eligible for Registration"

(S.P. 184) (L.D. 403)

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 a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization"

(S.P. 197) (L.D. 416)

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 Prevent False Reporting Leading to Evacuation, Shutdown or Lockdown"

(S.P. 186) (L.D. 405)

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 Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges"

(S.P. 202) (L.D. 447)

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 Fully Engage the Efficiency Maine Trust in Mitigating Climate Change by Creating Electrification Programs"

(S.P. 193) (L.D. 412)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to Public Utility Customers"

(S.P. 195) (L.D. 414)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Net Energy Billing"
(S.P. 198) (L.D. 417)

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.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Setback Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers

(S.P. 181) (L.D. 400)

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, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment

(S.P. 200) (L.D. 445)

Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility

(S.P. 201) (L.D. 446)

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 Prevent Subscribers from Being Overcharged for Health Insurance Premiums"

(S.P. 192) (L.D. 411)

Bill "An Act to Designate First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals as a Special Risk Population for the Purposes of Improving Insurance Coverage for the Effects of Trauma"

(S.P. 199) (L.D. 444)

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 Transportation in Maine"

(S.P. 182) (L.D. 401)

Bill "An Act to Change Maine's Transportation Laws"

(S.P. 183) (L.D. 402)

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council

(S.P. 185) (L.D. 404)

Bill "An Act to Expand Passenger Rail Service"

(S.P. 187) (L.D. 406)

Bill "An Act to Support Recreational Trails"

(S.P. 188) (L.D. 407)

Bill "An Act to Expand Bus Service"

(S.P. 189) (L.D. 408)

Bill "An Act to Improve Pedestrian Safety"

(S.P. 190) (L.D. 409)

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren"

(S.P. 194) (L.D. 413)

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas"

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 410)

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 Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine"

(S.P. 196) (L.D. 415)

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade and Replace Emergency Alert System Infrastructure of Maine Public"

(S.P. 204) (L.D. 450)

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Governing Pari-Mutuel Pools on Harness Racing" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 132) (L.D. 311)

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in the House on January 31, 2023.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 203)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or 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.

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

On motion of Representative RECKITT of South Portland, the House adjourned at 11:48 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2023, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 203) and in honor and lasting tribute to Evan Mayone of South Portland.