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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
11th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 16, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Mark Tanner, Skowhegan Federated Church.

National Anthem by Carsyn Session, Farmingdale.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 14, 2023 was read and approved.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 127) (L.D. 206) Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)**

On motion of Representative SACHS of Freeport, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative SACHS of Freeport **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-4) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-3) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-4) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-3) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-4)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 243)
**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS
211 MONTH**

WHEREAS, 211 Maine is a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline that provides Maine people free and confidential referrals to needed resources; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides around-the-clock service statewide, offering efficient and effective responses from people employed in Maine to questions arising from the growing complexities in health, financial and human services and the needs of Maine people; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 211 Maine call specialists have assisted with requests for information regarding topics ranging from substance use and recovery services to housing support and food resources, in 2022 fielding over 85,000 calls, text messages and e-mails from people looking for help; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine has supported the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the people of Maine by fielding general questions about COVID-19 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, including questions regarding how people can best protect themselves, the common symptoms of COVID-19, travel advisories and the latest information on testing, and in this support role has fielded over 97,000 contacts; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 211 Maine directed over 20,000 Maine people to heating and electric utility assistance services, which may have prevented their contacting the wrong agency for heating assistance, prevented utility shut-offs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine handles a number of specialized services and partnerships, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline and serving as the centralized access point for the Help Me Grow Maine program, helping families with children from birth to 8 years of age get connected to needed services, and is also a resource for finding information about needs such as tax preparation, mental health services and browntail moth caterpillar prevention, mitigation and treatment; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides a powerful example of how the government and nonprofit and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life of the people of Maine; 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 February 2023 as 211 Month.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 71)

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
104 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0104

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House of Representatives

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of William G. Ross of Cumberland to Chief of the Maine State Police

Dear Madam Speaker:

This is to inform you that with the advice and consent of the Governor, I am nominating William G. Ross of Cumberland to Chief of the Maine State Police.

Pursuant to Title 25-A, MRSA §1501, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,
S/Michael Sauschuck
Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 72)
STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
104 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0104

February 8, 2023
The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
RE: Appointment of Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland to Maine State Fire Marshal
Dear Madam Speaker:
This is to inform you that with the advice and consent of the Governor, I am nominating Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland to Maine State Fire Marshal.
Pursuant to Title 25 MRSA §2396, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.
Thank you.
Very truly yours,
S/Michael Sauschuck
Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 73)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 14, 2023
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt,
Pursuant to my authority under MRSA Title 5, Part 30, Chapter 623, §24051, I am pleased to appoint Representative Amanda Collamore of Pittsfield to the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, effective immediately.
If you have any questions regarding this appointment, 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. 74)
STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 16, 2023
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"
Environment and Natural Resources
L.D. 127 An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities
Taxation
L.D. 195 An Act to Exempt Gold Star Parents from Income Tax
Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 75)
STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

February 16, 2023
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health and Human Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Madigan of Waterville, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"
L.D. 176 An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Judiciary has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Moriarty of Cumberland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"
L.D. 476 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Court Locations
Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 76)

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

February 16, 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 February 15, 2023

Isaac Jurson of Houlton as the Student Trustee for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c. 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Jeanne T. Gibson of Winthrop and Douglas Kelley Young, Esquire of Portland for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Fernande Desjardins of Saint Agatha and the Honorable Wendy L. Ault of Wayne for reappointment and Denham Salisbury Ward, M.D. of Bowdoinham for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, these reappointments and appointment are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

The Honorable Bettyann Sheets of Auburn for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Marguerite Miller Fleming of Portland for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

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

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program"

(H.P. 442) (L.D. 673)

Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, BRIDGEO of Augusta, LANDRY of Farmington, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SARGENT of York, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails"

(H.P. 443) (L.D. 674)

Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LANDRY of Farmington, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WOOD of Greene, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility of County Jail Inmates for a Community Confinement Monitoring Program"

(H.P. 461) (L.D. 692)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, JAUCH of Topsham, RECKITT of South Portland, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles"

(H.P. 471) (L.D. 702)

Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DRINKWATER of Milford, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, MASON of Lisbon, PAUL of Winterport, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance"

(H.P. 483) (L.D. 714)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

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 Create the Public Art Fund"

(H.P. 438) (L.D. 669)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CURRY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name or Pronoun Other than a Child's Given Name or Pronoun Corresponding to the Gender on the Child's Birth Certificate"

(H.P. 447) (L.D. 678)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DAVIS of East Machias, HYMES of Waldo, PAUL of Winterport, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Implement Pilot Programs with Publicly Funded Day Care and Early Childhood Education"

(H.P. 453) (L.D. 684)

Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools" (H.P. 472) (L.D. 703)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

Bill "An Act to Extend or Waive Requirements for Certain Teaching Certificates" (H.P. 481) (L.D. 712)

Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth.

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 Electricity Rates"

(H.P. 452) (L.D. 683)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOSTER of Dexter, MORRIS of Turner, PAUL of Winterport, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Bill "An Act to Study the Construction of a Nuclear Power Facility in the State"

(H.P. 458) (L.D. 689)

Sponsored by Representative WALKER of Naples.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

Resolve, to Study the Effects of 5G Technology on Bird, Bee and Insect Populations and the Effects of Long-term Exposure on Children

(H.P. 466) (L.D. 697)

Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BOYER of Poland, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CYRWAY of Albion, NUTTING of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Study the State Natural Gas Supply Pursuant to the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act"

(H.P. 467) (L.D. 698)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DUNPHY of Embden, PAUL of Winterport, PLUECKER of Warren, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Future Energy Costs"

(H.P. 468) (L.D. 699)

Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.

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 Increase Funding for and Stabilize the Independent Housing with Services Program Under the Department of Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 427) (L.D. 658)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representative: RIELLY of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism"

(H.P. 428) (L.D. 659)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

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

Bill "An Act to Support Home Share Programming for Seniors"

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 709)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

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 Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers"

(H.P. 431) (L.D. 662)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.

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

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers by Requiring a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive General Assistance Benefits and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws"

(H.P. 437) (L.D. 668)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DRINKWATER of Milford, LIBBY of Auburn, POIRIER of Skowhegan, QUINT of Hodgdon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senators: LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

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

On motion of Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms"

(H.P. 444) (L.D. 675)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CRAFTS of Newcastle, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Labeling of Packaged Foods for Genetically Modified Organisms"

(H.P. 451) (L.D. 682)

Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BOYER of Poland, CYRWAY of Albion, MATHIESON of Kittery, NUTTING of Oakland, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome"

(H.P. 432) (L.D. 663)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representative: RANA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Specialty Health Care Providers by Reducing Copayments"

(H.P. 475) (L.D. 706)

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 Establish Youth Deer Hunting Weekend"

(H.P. 441) (L.D. 672)

Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, NUTTING of Oakland, POMERLEAU of Standish, WOOD of Greene, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Protect Inland Water Quality, Shorelines, Wildlife and Public Safety by Prohibiting Operation of a Wake Boat to Create an Enhanced Wake Close to Shore or in Shallow Water"

(H.P. 462) (L.D. 693)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DODGE of Belfast, FAY of Raymond, HASENFUS of Readfield, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, SUPICA of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough.

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Examine the Northern Pike Population in Sabattus Pond

(H.P. 469) (L.D. 700)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales. (BY REQUEST)

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.

Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond

(H.P. 429) (L.D. 660)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested.

On motion of Representative LANDRY of Farmington, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond

(H.P. 430) (L.D. 661)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUNPHY of Embden.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested.

On motion of Representative LANDRY of Farmington, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations"

(H.P. 435) (L.D. 666)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Consumer Protection from Resale Ticket Vendors"

(H.P. 446) (L.D. 677)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BOYER of Poland, DUCHARME of Madison, FAY of Raymond, MATLACK of St. George, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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 Percentage of Votes Needed for an Amendment of a Declaration in the Maine Condominium Act" (H.P. 426) (L.D. 657)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, DOUDERA of Camden.

Bill "An Act to Protect Financial Privacy" (H.P. 445) (L.D. 676)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act Regarding Animals Abandoned by Tenants" (H.P. 448) (L.D. 679)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act Regarding Indigent Legal Services" (H.P. 450) (L.D. 681)

Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative: LEE of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Codify That Freedom of Access Act and Freedom of Information Act Requests Are Not Hate Crimes" (H.P. 454) (L.D. 685)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Bill "An Act to Streamline Rental Application Screenings by Allowing Potential Tenants to Use Screening Services" (H.P. 459) (L.D. 690)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RANA of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Prohibiting Tenant Application Fees" (H.P. 460) (L.D. 691)

Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERE of Kennebunkport, HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Notice Period for Rent Increases" (H.P. 470) (L.D. 701)

Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERE of Kennebunkport, HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RIELLY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity" (H.P. 476) (L.D. 707)

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements" (H.P. 457) (L.D. 688)

Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, COLLINGS of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, MALON of Biddeford, O'NEIL of Saco, ROEDER of Bangor, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec.

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 Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund" (H.P. 479) (L.D. 710)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, PARRY of Arundel, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Regulate Oyster Seed" (H.P. 480) (L.D. 711)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of East Machias, STROUT of Harrington, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies (H.P. 433) (L.D. 664)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GREENWOOD of Wales, RISEMAN of Harrison.

Bill "An Act to Protect Birds and Wildlife in the Construction and Maintenance of Public Buildings"

(H.P. 439) (L.D. 670)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GEIGER of Rockland, O'NEIL of Saco, RUNTE of York, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Factor Conservative Projections of Sea Level Rise into State Planning on Climate Change"

(H.P. 440) (L.D. 671)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GEIGER of Rockland, O'NEIL of Saco, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor"

(H.P. 465) (L.D. 696)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GREENWOOD of Wales, RISEMAN of Harrison, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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 Impose a Tax Surcharge on Certain Incomes"

(H.P. 436) (L.D. 667)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, LANDRY of Farmington, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Bangor, SKOLD of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax"

(H.P. 464) (L.D. 695)

Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, JAUCH of Topsham, LEE of Auburn, MATLACK of St. George, MURPHY of Scarborough, PERRY of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Sales Tax Holiday Weekend" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 477) (L.D. 708)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, LIBBY of Auburn, MILLETT of Waterford, NESS of Fryeburg, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Dedicate a Portion of Sales and Use Taxes from All Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle-related Sales to the Highway Fund for Road and Bridge Capital Improvements

(H.P. 482) (L.D. 713)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, QUINT of Hodgdon, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, LIBBY of Cumberland.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Safety for Unregistered Farm Tractors and Animal-drawn Vehicles on Highways"

(H.P. 455) (L.D. 686)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow"

(H.P. 456) (L.D. 687)

Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, HALL of Wilton, PAUL of Winterport, POMERLEAU of Standish, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act to Replace Annual Vanity Plate Administrative Fees with a One-time Fee"

(H.P. 473) (L.D. 704)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MASON of Lisbon, WHITE of Guilford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Electioneering on General Election Ballots by Candidates Nominated by Petition"

(H.P. 425) (L.D. 656)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GREENWOOD of Wales.

Bill "An Act Examining On-premises Liquor License Requirements"

(H.P. 449) (L.D. 680)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Lower the Signature Quantity Requirement for Certain Independent Candidates for Elected Office"

(H.P. 463) (L.D. 694)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, DODGE of Belfast, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, SUPICA of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough.

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 Extend the Date by Which Compliance is Required for Affordable Housing Development, Increased Numbers of Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units"

(H.P. 434) (L.D. 665)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, HALL of Wilton, LANDRY of Farmington, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and Expenditures by the Maine State Housing Authority"

(H.P. 474) (L.D. 705)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

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

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** 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. 10)

ORDERED, that Representative Sally Jeane Cluchey of Bowdoinham be excused Jan 10 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Amanda N. Collamore of Pittsfield be excused Jan 10 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jessica L. Fay of Raymond be excused Feb 2, 7 and 9 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused Jan 4, 10, 17 and 31, Feb 2 and 7 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Karen L. Montell of Gardiner be excused Jan 31, Feb 2, 7 and 9 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Daniel J. Newman of Belgrade be excused Jan 17 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Sophia B. Warren of Scarborough be excused Feb 9 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the late Honorable John L. Tuttle, Jr., of Sanford, a posthumous recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service;

(SLS 114)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative RIELLY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Rielly.

Representative **RIELLY**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Honorable John Tuttle is missed dearly by his former colleagues on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. He had a great sense of humor and was a passionate advocate for veterans' issues and as a former Maine National Guardsman as well.

It was a privilege serving with him and an honor to know such an incredible and dedicated public servant. He served 12 nonconsecutive terms here in the House and he served three nonconsecutive terms in the Senate and also served in the Maine National Guard for 10 years. He had an incredible record of public service and it was truly an honor to be a colleague of his on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Mastraccio.

Representative **MASTRACCIO**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think that the Honorable John Tuttle, if I didn't get up and speak for the record, he would be making sure that I heard about it. So, knowing John, I will just want everybody here to know that John loved his work in the Legislature and he loved his work as a City Councilor. There was no one who cared more about Sanford and its residents than John Tuttle. So, he is very sorely missed and he really deserves this award. I just wish he was here to see it. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

In Memory of:

Kenneth Lyle Cianchette, of Pittsfield. Mr. Cianchette was a veteran of the United States Army, serving as a radio mechanic in Germany, France and England before returning home in 1946. He went to work with his brothers, incorporating Cianchette Brothers, Inc. in 1949. He invented and patented the pipe grab and beam clamp, the success of which led to the creation and distribution of tools worldwide. Living in Pittsfield for almost 80 years, he served on the Town Council, the Planning Board, the Industrial Park Board, the School Administrative District 53 School Board and the Pinnacle Ski Club. He served 24 years on the Unity College Board of Trustees and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by the college, which later named a dormitory after him. He served on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission in the 1970s and chaired an advisory council for the Maine Department of Commerce and Industry. He also served as President of the Associated General Contractors of Maine and on various other boards and committees. A pilot, he performed aerobatic stunts on weekends at Owl's Head Transportation Museum, which he served as a trustee, and was a member of many aviation associations. He was inducted into the Maine Central Institute Hall of Fame in 1989. Mr. Cianchette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 58)

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

In Memory of:

Neal Francis Taylor, of Montville. Dr. Taylor worked for a time at Lincoln Laboratory in Boston, Massachusetts before becoming a Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology at the University of California at Davis. He went on to live and work in Waterville and Old Town before moving to Montville. Dedicated to ecological teaching, he served as Field Faculty for the Audubon Expedition Institute at Lesley University, with the Expedition Education Institute, as Lead Instructor for the Center for Ecological Living and Learning in Central America and as a Campus Manager at Ironwood Maine, a residential mental health treatment program and accredited school for teenagers. Dr. Taylor will be long remembered and sadly missed by his partner and wife of 30 years, Larkspur Morton, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 59)

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ZEIGLER of Montville, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative PLUECKER from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport

(H.P. 316) (L.D. 501)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 14, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

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

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

(Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested)

TABLED - January 24, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

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

(Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested)

TABLED - January 24, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**, ordered printed and 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)

(Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested)

TABLED - January 31, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

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

(Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested)

TABLED - January 31, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

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

(Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested)

TABLED - January 31, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.

PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development"

(S.P. 163) (L.D. 356)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

TABLED - January 31, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

**ENACTOR
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023
(H.P. 127) (L.D. 206)
(H. "A" H-4 to C. "A" H-3)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative **LIBBY** of Auburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Libby.

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I could go into specifics on all the initiatives to which I object, such as \$3 million for high-density shelving, \$351,000 for the purchase of hybrid electric vehicles for Maine Turnpike enforcement and the Office of State Fire Marshal, their permanent positions added, the funds allocated to educational institutes that persist in discriminating against Maine students via COVID-19 vaccine mandates and more but, instead, will keep this short. While I appreciate the efforts made to begin to bring Maine indigent legal services into compliance with our Constitutional obligations, that initiative is not enough to overcome the many other initiatives which grow government and do not best serve Maine taxpayers. Please follow my light and vote against the pending motion.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freeport, Representative Sachs.

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to thank not only my fellow Committee members but also all of the Members of this Body for their hard work on this bill. The Policy Committee has provided not only diligent review, but also productive suggestions for improvement. I'm grateful for all of those who also took the time, the many members of the public, indeed, who provided input. I'd like to thank in particular the Good Representative from Waterford. I am looking forward to our continuing our collaborative work along with so many others as we proceed with the essential work on the biennial budget. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank the Good Representative from Freeport for her good words and her good work as Chair of our Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

We've worked well and I want to thank every one of you because you've contributed to the product before us this morning. And that is through your policy committees, you've reviewed the proposals, you've given us your best thought, we've worked it through in the Committee, and came to a unanimous agreement that the bill before us addresses mostly one-time issues with one-time money. We've done it with the best interests in mind. We've actually produced a vehicle which carries forward \$21 million into the biennial budget for use that we're now working on. So, I think that this is the time when we look at what we've accomplished together and we give it the appropriate vote to give it final enactment. I urge your support on a product that you all have contributed to and for which I am grateful and I thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 5

YEA - Abdi, Andrews, Ankeles, Arata, Arford, Babin, Bell, Boyer, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore A, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cyrway, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Guerrette, Hall, Hasenus, Henderson, Hobbs, Jackson, Jauch, Javner, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Pomerleau, Pringle, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Rudnicki, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Strout, Swallow, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Warren, White B, Williams, Wood, Woodsome, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Ardell, Bagshaw, Davis, Dunphy, Gifford, Hymes, Lavigne, Libby, Lyman, Paul, Perkins, Polewarczyk, Quint, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Underwood, Walker, White J.

ABSENT - Adams, Blier, Bradstreet, Campbell, Collamore C, Cray, Galletta, Griffin, Haggan, Hepler, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Rana, Reckitt, Supica, Worth.

Yes, 113; No, 21; Absent, 17; Vacant, 0; Excused, 0.
113 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

(S.P. 307) (L.D. 749)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Fund Bonds"

(S.P. 318) (L.D. 760)

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 Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners"

(S.P. 303) (L.D. 745)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office"

(S.P. 314) (L.D. 756)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child and to Create the Crime of Aggravated Endangering the Welfare of a Child"

(S.P. 319) (L.D. 761)

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 Add an Adult Education Pathway to a High School Diploma"

(S.P. 283) (L.D. 725)

Bill "An Act to Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools"

(S.P. 288) (L.D. 730)

Bill "An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified"

(S.P. 311) (L.D. 753)

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 the Beneficial Reuse of Construction and Demolition Debris"

(S.P. 276) (L.D. 718)

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 Strengthen Child Protection"

(S.P. 273) (L.D. 715)

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

(S.P. 302) (L.D. 744)

Bill "An Act to Expand Telemonitoring for MaineCare Patients"

(S.P. 315) (L.D. 757)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods"

(S.P. 320) (L.D. 762)

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 Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals from Urgent Care Facilities"

(S.P. 280) (L.D. 722)

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting Discrimination by Insurers Based on Certain Information"

(S.P. 281) (L.D. 723)

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors"

(S.P. 310) (L.D. 752)

Bill "An Act to Reduce Out-of-pocket Prescription Drug Expenses for Coinsurance"

(S.P. 317) (L.D. 759)

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 Amend the Bag Limit for Turkey"

(S.P. 286) (L.D. 728)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation"

(S.P. 290) (L.D. 732)

Bill "An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners"

(S.P. 321) (L.D. 763)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact"

(S.P. 275) (L.D. 717)

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

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 Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels"

(S.P. 313) (L.D. 755)

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 Assist Nonprofit Service Providers"

(S.P. 274) (L.D. 716)

Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole"

(S.P. 278) (L.D. 720)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Empower the Legislature to Allow the Expungement or Sealing of Certain Criminal Records

(S.P. 297) (L.D. 739)

Bill "An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 305) (L.D. 747)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody"

(S.P. 306) (L.D. 748)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property"

(S.P. 309) (L.D. 751)

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 Support Maine Industry"

(S.P. 277) (L.D. 719)

Bill "An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders Injured in the Line of Duty"

(S.P. 285) (L.D. 727)

Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Itemized Statement of Benefits for Public Employees and Retirees"

(S.P. 291) (L.D. 733)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System"

(S.P. 296) (L.D. 738)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Training Repayment Agreements by Employers"

(S.P. 299) (L.D. 741)

Bill "An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine Lobster"

(S.P. 300) (L.D. 742)

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 Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality"

(S.P. 293) (L.D. 735)

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 to Account for the Impact of Inflation on the Taxation of Capital Gains and Losses"

(S.P. 316) (L.D. 758)

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

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

Resolve, Regarding Traffic Lights in Turner (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 287) (L.D. 729)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Equipped with a Front License Plate"

(S.P. 294) (L.D. 736)

Bill "An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans"

(S.P. 301) (L.D. 743)

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State's Vehicle Inspection System by Requiring Inspections Biennially and Allowing for an Electronic Inspection Program"

(S.P. 304) (L.D. 746)

Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal

(S.P. 312) (L.D. 754)

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 Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations"

(S.P. 284) (L.D. 726)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering"

(S.P. 289) (L.D. 731)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections"

(S.P. 295) (L.D. 737)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels"

(S.P. 298) (L.D. 740)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls"

(S.P. 308) (L.D. 750)

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 Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing"

(S.P. 279) (L.D. 721)

Bill "An Act to Expand Workforce Housing in Rural Maine by Funding the Maine State Housing Authority's Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program"

(S.P. 282) (L.D. 724)

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

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 58) (L.D. 119) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 322)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 28, 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 ZEIGLER of Montville, the House adjourned at 1:06 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28, 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. 322) and in honor and lasting tribute to Charles Ernest Ihloff, formerly of Casco; Kenneth Lyle Cianchette of Pittsfield, Neal Francis Taylor of Montville and Paula C. Auger of Biddeford.