

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
13th Legislative Day  
Thursday, March 2, 2023

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Pastor David Willhoite, Apostolic Church of Mexico.

National Anthem by Bobbi Willhoite, Rumford.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 28, 2023 was read and approved.

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

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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. 120) (L.D. 196) Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**

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

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 380)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 5, 2023 AS EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, eating disorders are serious but treatable mental and physical illnesses that can affect people of all genders, ages, races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, body shapes and weights; and

WHEREAS, while no one knows for sure what causes eating disorders, a growing consensus suggests that it is a range of biological, psychological and sociocultural factors; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 9% of people will experience an eating disorder at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders have the 2nd highest mortality rate of all mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, the National Eating Disorders Association helpline has experienced a 107% increase in contacts since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collective effort of individuals from every walk of life, including persons with lived experience, family members and friends; students, educators and coaches; and professionals, health

care providers and organizations committed to raising awareness of eating disorders; 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 27 to March 5, 2023 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week and encourage the citizens of Maine to support the annual awareness campaign to educate the public about the realities of eating disorders and to provide hope, support and visibility to individuals and families affected by eating disorders.

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

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Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of State and Municipalities to Invest in Gold, Silver and Other Precious Metals"

(S.P. 292) (L.D. 734)

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.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 84)

**SENATE OF MAINE**  
**131ST LEGISLATURE**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 28, 2023

Honorable Robert Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 SHS

Augusta, ME 04333

Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 163, I am pleased to appoint Mal Carey to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board seat 15, representing the public, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have questions about this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 83)

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

March 2, 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 Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass.":

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

- L.D. 108 An Act to Establish a Logger Relations Advocate Within the Maine Forest Service  
L.D. 157 Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities  
L.D. 159 An Act to Facilitate the Construction of a Firehouse by Sinclair Township

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 138)

**MAINE SENATE  
131st LEGISLATURE**

February 28, 2023  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston for appointment, as the Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, Carlos R. Mello of Camden for appointment, as the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Authority of Maine.

Best Regards,  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Humane Treatment of Chickens"

(H.P. 617) (L.D. 970)

Sponsored by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush. (BY REQUEST)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish the Income Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents"

(H.P. 618) (L.D. 971)

Sponsored by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment"

(H.P. 578) (L.D. 931)

Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Representative PRINGLE of Windham, Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Privacy and Prohibit Shipping Companies from Maintaining Records of Firearm and Ammunition Shipments"

(H.P. 590) (L.D. 943)

Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello.

Bill "An Act to Require Reporting and Training About Domestic Terrorism Threats"

(H.P. 610) (L.D. 963)

Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MOONEN of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Restitution by Persons Convicted of Trafficking in Illegal Drugs"

(H.P. 615) (L.D. 968)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 622) (L.D. 975)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: BRENNAN of Portland.

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition"

(H.P. 591) (L.D. 944)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MALON of Biddeford, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SUPICA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children and to Create a Program to Distribute Leftover School Food Within Communities"

(H.P. 594) (L.D. 947)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, GOLEK of Harpswell, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PLUECKER of Warren, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Create a Liaison Position Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services on Early Childhood Education Matters"

(H.P. 595) (L.D. 948)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CYRWAY of Albion, DUCHARME of Madison, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula"

(H.P. 598) (L.D. 951)

Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.

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

Bill "An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff"

(H.P. 602) (L.D. 955)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, ROEDER of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools"

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 957)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff"

(H.P. 621) (L.D. 974)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, BRENNAN of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT 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 Allow Only Students of Female Gender to Participate in Women's and Girls' Scholastic Sports"

(H.P. 577) (L.D. 930)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Environmental Justice by Requiring Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections"

(H.P. 586) (L.D. 939)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GEIGER of Rockland, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, SKOLD of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid"

(H.P. 599) (L.D. 952)

Sponsored by Representative RUNTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Subsidize Hydroelectric Power"

(H.P. 612) (L.D. 965)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon.

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.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment

(H.P. 575) (L.D. 928)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough, Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, JAUCH of Topsham, PLUECKER of Warren, RANA of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Food Waste by Grocery Stores"

(H.P. 606) (L.D. 959)

Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, JAUCH of Topsham, LOOKNER of Portland, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Paint Stewardship Assessment Paid by Consumers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 611) (L.D. 964)

Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Evaluate Strategies for Improving the Returnable Beverage Container Laws

(H.P. 619) (L.D. 972)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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.

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services

(H.P. 571) (L.D. 915)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, MILLETT of Waterford, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds"

(H.P. 585) (L.D. 938)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Removing Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

(H.P. 592) (L.D. 945)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MADIGAN of Waterville, RANA of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Child Care Facilities"

(H.P. 601) (L.D. 954)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.  
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities"

(H.P. 603) (L.D. 956)

Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MOONEN of Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program"

(H.P. 620) (L.D. 973)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MADIGAN of Waterville, O'CONNELL of Brewer, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients

(H.P. 623) (L.D. 976)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell, PLUECKER of Warren, RISEMAN of Harrison, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York.

Resolve, to Fund Treatment Services and Certain Transportation Costs for Individuals with Substance Use Disorder

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 979)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, RANA of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, Senator: RENY of Lincoln.

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.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Patients Regarding Hospital Price Transparency"

(H.P. 600) (L.D. 953)

Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: LEE of Auburn, PERRY of Calais, SMITH of Palermo, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance"

(H.P. 582) (L.D. 935)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, Senator: BAILEY of York.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 584) (L.D. 937)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, PERRY of Calais, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Allow Pharmacists to Provide Services Through Telehealth and Vending Machines at Federally Qualified Health Centers"

(H.P. 587) (L.D. 940)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DAVIS of East Machias, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORRIS of Turner, ROEDER of Bangor, STROUT of Harrington.

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.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License Holders to Hunt Any Deer as a Part of Their Lifetime License"

(H.P. 576) (L.D. 929)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon.

Bill "An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs"

(H.P. 605) (L.D. 958)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, DOUDERA of Camden, FAY of Raymond, LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

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.

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Bill "An Act Facilitating the Efforts of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Brunswick to Design and Carry Out Improvements to the Storm Water System and Other Infrastructure at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station"  
(H.P. 588) (L.D. 941)

Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GOLEK of Harpswell, HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham, PAULHUS of Bath, Senators: RENY of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Define 'Kickboxing' and 'Muay Thai' in the Laws Governing Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing"  
(H.P. 597) (L.D. 950)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

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.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death"

(H.P. 581) (L.D. 934)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, LEE of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Collection of Complete Information by Adding a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms"  
(H.P. 589) (L.D. 942)

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MOONEN of Portland, OSHER of Orono, RECKITT of South Portland, ROBERTS of South Berwick, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Limits on Civil Remedies Available Under the Maine Human Rights Act"

(H.P. 607) (L.D. 960)

Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, LANDRY of Farmington, MORRIS of Turner, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

Bill "An Act to Lower the Amount of Seized Currency in a Criminal Asset Forfeiture over Which the Currency May Be Transferred to the Federal Government"

(H.P. 609) (L.D. 962)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Protections of Persons After a Maine Human Rights Commission Investigation Finds No Reasonable Grounds Exist to Believe Unlawful Discrimination Occurred"

(H.P. 614) (L.D. 967)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Require Disclosure of Pay Ranges and Record Keeping of Pay History"

(H.P. 583) (L.D. 936)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec and Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, KUHN of Falmouth, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SUPICA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act Regarding Unemployment Benefits for Part-time Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities"

(H.P. 593) (L.D. 946)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MALON of Biddeford, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SUPICA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance"

(H.P. 596) (L.D. 949)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees"

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 961)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 573) (L.D. 917)

Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules"

(H.P. 579) (L.D. 932)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills"

(H.P. 616) (L.D. 969)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon.

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 Establish a Windfall Profits Tax on Electric Utilities to Assist with Residential Heating Costs"

(H.P. 572) (L.D. 916)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes

(H.P. 624) (L.D. 977)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, THORNE of Carmel.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Bangor, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring Proof of a Motorcycle License Endorsement or Learner's Permit in Order to Register a Motorcycle"

(H.P. 580) (L.D. 933)

Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

Bill "An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles"

(H.P. 613) (L.D. 966)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking"

(H.P. 625) (L.D. 978)

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, COLLINGS of Portland.

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 Resolve**

**Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State**

Representative PERRY for the **Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State** pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 177, section 8 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to Conduct an Independent Assessment Regarding a Proposal to License Genetic Counselors

(H.P. 574) (L.D. 927)

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.

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. 11)

**ORDERED**, that Representative John Andrews of Paris be excused Feb 28 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Richard T. Bradstreet of Vassalboro be excused Feb 16 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Sean C. Paulhus of Bath be excused Feb 9 and 14 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Jane P. Pringle of Windham be excused Feb 14 and 28 for personal reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Ambureen Rana of Bangor be excused Feb 16 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative Lois Galgay Reckitt of South Portland be excused Feb 16 for health reasons.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that Representative J. Mark Worth of Ellsworth be excused Feb 7, 9, 14 and 16 for personal reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

Julia Pike, of Carmel, 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. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 93)

Presented by Representative THORNE of Carmel.

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative THORNE of Carmel, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 28, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memory of Chris Rose, of Old Orchard Beach

(SLS 77)

- In Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**TABLED** - February 2, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

**PENDING** - **ADOPTION**.

Subsequently, the Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(H.P. 19) (L.D. 15) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 344) Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day" 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 House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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(H.P. 190) (L.D. 292) Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative O'Neil.

Representative **O'NEIL**: This bill creates Maine Needham Day. The Picard family, owners of Maine Needham Co., which is based in Saco, reached out to me to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our State's most iconic confection; the Needham. Their goal is to ensure that future generations know and love the Needham as much as our parents and grandparents. Needhams are a Maine tradition that go back 150 years. They start with one of Maine's staple agricultural products, potatoes and the potatoes are combined with coconut to make a sweet filling and covered in chocolate. We think Needhams were first created by Seavey's Confections in the 1870s and since then, Mainers have fully embraced the Needham, making the treat in

kitchens and storefronts across the State. Seavey's remained open in Auburn until they sold their company to Lou-Rod Candy of Lewiston in the early-1960s. Today, Needhams are a part of many Mainers' family traditions. My own family sends Needhams to family that lives out of state and I know I would be in big trouble with my Aunt Cher if we didn't send those to Texas every year. So, just in closing, don't take it from me, one business owner, Sue's Needhams, said this; I've been in business going on 33 years. I started my business so that people could enjoy a local Maine Needham made the traditional way with only Maine potatoes and be able to buy them at local stores. Through the years, Sue has seen Blueberry Pie Day, Whoopie Pie Day, and Needhams seem to be overlooked. We all know that Needhams are a traditional Maine candy and Sue says it would be nice to give Needhams the recognition they deserve in the State of Maine where they originated and are loved by many. Thank you.

Subsequently, the **Unanimous Ought to Pass Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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** and sent for concurrence.

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers

(S.P. 407) (L.D. 988)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Facilitate Employment in the Field of Emergency Medical Services"

(S.P. 390) (L.D. 919)

Bill "An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained in the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride"

(S.P. 400) (L.D. 981)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl"

(S.P. 405) (L.D. 986)

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 Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products"

(S.P. 392) (L.D. 921)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Improve Disclosure of Present and Future Costs to Maine Electricity Consumers"

(S.P. 394) (L.D. 923)

Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure

(S.P. 395) (L.D. 924)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville"

(S.P. 396) (L.D. 925)

Bill "An Act to Promote Electricity Price Stability for Standard-offer Service"

(S.P. 406) (L.D. 987)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners"

(S.P. 401) (L.D. 982)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation"

(S.P. 397) (L.D. 926)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Holders of Elver Fishing Licenses to Fish on Behalf of Other Elver Fishing License Holders"

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 920)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time"

(S.P. 402) (L.D. 983)

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Atlantic Standard Time

(S.P. 408) (L.D. 989)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Expand Access to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

(S.P. 403) (L.D. 984)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Decrease the Minimum Age to Operate a School Bus"

(S.P. 389) (L.D. 918)

Bill "An Act Regarding Disabled Motor Vehicles on Public Ways"

(S.P. 399) (L.D. 980)

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions"

(S.P. 393) (L.D. 922)

Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Provide Additional Reimbursement to Maine Veterans' Homes

(S.P. 404) (L.D. 985)

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.

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

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The following Joint Order: (S.P. 398)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 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.

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

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On motion of Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, the House adjourned at 12:20 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 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. 398) and in honor and lasting tribute to Arthur Newkirk of Blue Hill, Joyce M. Keevan of Waterville, Richard Perkins of Ogunquit, Alfred "Bun" Brann of West Gardiner and Robert P. White of Caribou.