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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
14th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

Prayer by Honorable Meldon H. Carmichael, Greenbush.
National Anthem by Honorable Deane Rykerson, Kittery.
Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, March 2, 2023 was read and approved.

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

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services" (H.P. 393) (L.D. 616)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on February 14, 2023.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules" (H.P. 579) (L.D. 932)

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in the House on March 2, 2023.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 85)

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

March 7, 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 Labor and Housing has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Jauch of Topsham, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 810 An Act to Create the Maine Family First Employer Program

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 86)

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

March 7, 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 27, 2023

Winnie M. LaRochelle of Rangeley as Student Trustee to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

The Honorable John L. Martin of Eagle Lake for appointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §1602, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

on March 1, 2023

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

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 149)

MAINE SENATE
131st LEGISLATURE

March 2, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:

- David Adams of Mapleton for reappointment, to the Board of Pesticides Control,
- Barbara M. Traflet of Brunswick for reappointment, to the Land for Maine's Future Board,
- James P. Norris of Winthrop for reappointment, to the Land for Maine's Future Board,

- Dr. Mark Neavyn, M.D. of Falmouth for appointment, to the Board of Pesticides Control.
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:
- William G. Ross of Cumberland for appointment, as the Chief, Maine State Police,
- Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland for appointment, as the State Fire Marshal.
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business:
- Blue Keim of Dixfield for reappointment, to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 Thursday, March 2, 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 Kenneth Lyle Cianchette, of Pittsfield

(HLS 58)

TABLED - February 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

PENDING - **ADOPTION.**

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand today to recognize the incredible contributions of Ken Cianchette to our community and State. As you just heard, Ken, individually and through his company, Cianbro, served Pittsfield and Maine in many ways. Our community is deeply saddened by the loss of Ken and wishes to send our thoughts and prayers to his family. Thank you.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Elliott L. Moya, of Berwick, Chief of the Eliot Police Department, who has been named the Maine Association of Police's Chief of the Year and is the recipient of the David L. Pickering Chief's Award. Chief Moya has been recognized for his work in creating a crisis intervention team and spotlighting officer wellness. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 189)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MEYER of Eliot, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eliot, Representative Meyer.

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. On behalf of the people of Eliot, I take great pride that our police chief, Elliott Moya, has been named Maine Chief of the Year and honored with the David Pickering Chief Award by the Maine Association of Police.

Under his leadership since 2016, Chief Moya has set the tone and developed a model of community policing, serving the people of my hometown with respect, integrity, fairness and empathy. He leads a department that's worked hard to develop public trust and is clearly community focused. Fully understanding, as have law enforcement agencies throughout our State and nation, that officers are often the first and only responders to calls involving people experiencing mental health crisis, Chief Moya has extended the department's community reach with collaborations with both the Maine Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Sweetser to formalize a crisis intervention team, becoming a certified CIT officer himself. While CIT is not a new concept, it is the first time that this has been implemented in the Eliot Police Department, working with these mental and behavioral health resources and delivering an effective, empathetic response to mental health calls. For this focus on a fair and just approach to policing, for his collaboration to improve responses to people who have mental health needs, and for understanding that the mental wellness of those serving under his leadership is also a critical component of effective community policing, Chief Moya is Maine's Chief of the Year and I and the people of the community he serves thank him for his service.

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine"

(H.P. 628) (L.D. 993)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, CRAFTS of Newcastle, OSHER of Orono, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease"

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 1021)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, DUCHARME of Madison, GRIFFIN of Levant, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE of Carmel.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Financial Future in Perpetuity by Establishing the Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund" (H.P. 659) (L.D. 1023)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.
Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs"

(H.P. 629) (L.D. 994)

Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, COLLINGS of Portland, GREENWOOD of Wales, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Bangor, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, HARRINGTON of York.

Bill "An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms"

(H.P. 647) (L.D. 1011)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution"

(H.P. 650) (L.D. 1014)

Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: JAUCH of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Require All Police Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty"

(H.P. 672) (L.D. 1036)

Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, EATON of Deer Isle, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HENDERSON of Rumford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MURPHY of Scarborough, RECKITT of South Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

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 a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects"

(H.P. 627) (L.D. 992)

Sponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, HENDERSON of Rumford, JAUCH of Topsham, LAJOIE of Lewiston, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act to Require a Lunch Period of at Least 30 Minutes for Students and Reduce Food Waste"

(H.P. 638) (L.D. 1002)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Rating System for Books in School Libraries"

(H.P. 644) (L.D. 1008)

Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FOSTER of Dexter, MASON of Lisbon, PAUL of Winterport, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Membership of the State Board of Education and Review the Board's Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing"

(H.P. 654) (L.D. 1018)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, SARGENT of York, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules

(H.P. 656) (L.D. 1020)

Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, POMERLEAU of Standish.

Resolve, To Direct the University of Maine System to Establish a Dental Therapy Degree Program

(H.P. 662) (L.D. 1026)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, MEYER of Eliot, MOONEN of Portland, PERRY of Calais, SARGENT of York, Senator: BAILEY of York.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care"

(H.P. 664) (L.D. 1028)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DODGE of Belfast, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Issuing of Diplomas for Students at the Long Creek Youth Development Center"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 1033)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, SARGENT of York, WORTH of Ellsworth, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland.

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 School Budget Referenda on the Same Day as Primary Elections"

(H.P. 658) (L.D. 1022)

Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CYRWAY of Albion, DHALAC of South Portland, DRINKWATER of Milford, MURPHY of Scarborough, PAULHUS of Bath.

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste"

(H.P. 645) (L.D. 1009)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Cosponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell, HOBBS of Wells, MATLACK of St. George, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, RUNTE of York, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Behavioral Health Services for Children and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 639) (L.D. 1003)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, JAVNER of Chester, MADIGAN of Waterville, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing"

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 1006)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MEYER of Eliot, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Provide Training, Professional Development and Wellness Supports for Child Protective Services Workers"

(H.P. 649) (L.D. 1013)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RANA of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville.

Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program

(H.P. 667) (L.D. 1031)

Sponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, JAUCH of Topsham, LEE of Auburn, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Bill "An Act to Fund Competitive Wages for Direct Support Professionals for Persons with Disabilities"

(H.P. 673) (L.D. 1037)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GEIGER of Rockland, GOLEK of Harpswell, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members"

(H.P. 676) (L.D. 1040)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor, Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: INGWERSEN of York.

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 Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons"

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 995)

Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization to Self-insure for Automobile Insurance"

(H.P. 640) (L.D. 1004)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Adjust Reimbursement for Chiropractic Services"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 1035)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator RENEY of Lincoln and Representative: LEMELIN of Chelsea.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Dental Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities"

(H.P. 677) (L.D. 1041)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, MATHIESON of Kittery, PERRY of Calais, Senator: RENEY of Lincoln.

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.

Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine

(H.P. 633) (L.D. 997)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais.

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

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Convene a Firearm Range Safety Working Group Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

(H.P. 636) (L.D. 1000)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DOUDERA of Camden, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right-to-sue Letters"

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 1001)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

Resolve, to Study the Impact of Divorce, Child Support Issues and Custody Issues on Children, Parents, Health, Poverty and Housing Insecurity

(H.P. 660) (L.D. 1024)

Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LIBBY of Auburn, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, SAMPSON of Alfred, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order"

(H.P. 670) (L.D. 1034)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions

(H.P. 648) (L.D. 1012)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the Resolution was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Restitution for Victims of Shoplifting for Time Spent Dealing with the Offense"

(H.P. 675) (L.D. 1039)

Sponsored by Representative POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Remove the Cost-of-living Adjustment from the Minimum Wage Laws"

(H.P. 634) (L.D. 998)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York, Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, MORRIS of Turner, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave"

(H.P. 635) (L.D. 999)

Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, JAUCH of Topsham, LEE of Auburn, TERRY of Gorham, 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.

Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions

(H.P. 641) (L.D. 1005)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HOBBS of Wells, MATLACK of St. George, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 643) (L.D. 1007)

Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, MORRIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act to Support College Student Participation as Policy Interns for State Legislators"

(H.P. 652) (L.D. 1016)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States
(H.P. 665) (L.D. 1029)

Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.
Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport, Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax"

(H.P. 631) (L.D. 996)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, DODGE of Belfast, GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Provide Tax Relief for Working Families"

(H.P. 646) (L.D. 1010)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes"

(H.P. 663) (L.D. 1027)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, DUNPHY of Embden, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Guilford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Increase Commercial Driver's License Examiner Capacity

(H.P. 653) (L.D. 1017)

Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WHITE of Waterville.

Bill "An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Salt and Sand Storage Facilities"

(H.P. 655) (L.D. 1019)

Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 661) (L.D. 1025)

Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act Relating to Requirements for School Bus Drivers"

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 1030)

Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, FOSTER of Dexter, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, MASON of Lisbon.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors

(H.P. 668) (L.D. 1032)

Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BLIER of Buxton, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LANDRY of Farmington, MORRIS of Turner, PERRY of Bangor, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Reinstate Plurality Voting by Repealing the Ranked-choice Voting Laws"

(H.P. 674) (L.D. 1038)

Sponsored by Representative POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DUCHARME of Madison, FOSTER of Dexter, HENDERSON of Rumford, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SAMPSON of Alfred, SMITH of Palermo.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process

(H.P. 651) (L.D. 1015)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, GERE of Kennebunkport, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, SACHS of Freeport.

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**.

The following items were 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:

(S.P. 50) (L.D. 83) Bill "An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding the Use of Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**

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

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

ENACTOR

Emergency Measure

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

(H.P. 120) (L.D. 196)

(C. "A" H-5)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 132 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, 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**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 632) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, President JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russia illegally, without provocation and with brutal aggression invaded Ukraine, continuing the aggression it started with the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014; and

WHEREAS, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine have bravely resolved to stand firm and fight back against this attack on their country's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity; and

WHEREAS, Russia is waging a barbarous war that includes systematic violations of international law, inhumane attacks on civilians and critical infrastructure, torture, sexual violence and forced deportation, kidnappings and illegal adoption of children; and

WHEREAS, nearly 14 million people, over a third of Ukraine's prewar population, have been displaced since the invasion began, with an estimated 6 million people being internally displaced and more than 8 million people fleeing

Ukraine to neighboring countries, triggering Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II; and

WHEREAS, there are at least 8,000 confirmed civilian deaths, including over 400 children, and over 13,000 civilians have been wounded; and

WHEREAS, Russia continues to attack and place its armed forces around Ukrainian nuclear sites, including the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, Russia's unjustified war is having a global impact, with the world's most vulnerable suffering from increased food and economic insecurity, along with rising costs for energy and commodities; and

WHEREAS, President Putin has put Russia's nuclear deterrence forces on high alert, endangering not only Ukraine but also the global community by increasing the threat of nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, President Putin's attack on Ukraine represents a direct threat against democratic ideals and promotes autocracy; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly, in its February 23, 2023 resolution, reiterated its clear demand for Russia to withdraw immediately from Ukraine's internationally recognized borders; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine recognize that they share democratic values with the people of Ukraine and stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they fight for their sovereignty, territorial integrity and democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to condemn the egregious, unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and voice our support for peace, diplomacy and an immediate end to the invasion; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we support the United States Government's continued security, economic and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and imposition of consequences on Russia for its war of aggression; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we encourage the citizens of the State to support Ukrainian Americans and the people of Ukraine in their urgent time of need.

READ.

Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ADOPTION**.

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 Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Fellow Members of the House, I stand today in support of the people of Ukraine, who for more than a year have been engaged in a brutal war to defend their country following the Russian invasion.

For the last 377 days, the world has watched in horror as Russia has waged war without provocation, while Ukrainians have been faced with the debilitating decision to flee the country they love or remain in their homes and risk being tortured, kidnapped and killed. Since the start of this senseless war, nearly 14 million people have been displaced, some of whom have resettled right here in Maine and become a crucial part of our communities. At least 8,000 Ukrainians have died.

Without question, this invasion is a direct attack on democracy and threatens the freedom of nations around the world. We cannot stand idly by as our values are demolished and as a country, we have not. The United States, along with

our allies, continues to remain united in our support to Ukraine. Russia's track record of aggression in Eastern Ukraine following its unlawful seizure of Crimea in 2014 further proves the necessity that we remain unwavering in our support.

There is no question that the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to pose a threat to democracy everywhere. To ignore this fact and express support for Russia's violent aggression and disregard for human life in Ukraine is a stand against the democratic values that are at the core of our shared identity as Americans. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Eleven months ago, we saw a very similar Resolution in the House Calendar, beating the drums of war for American military involvement in the borderlands of Eastern Europe. I opposed that Resolution then and I oppose this Resolution now.

The past 11 months have only served to drive our country deeper into insurmountable debt and inflated our dollar as we print new currency at an alarming rate to fund the war machine in Ukraine. General Smedley Butler was right when he said war is a racket. It always has been. It's possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives.

We would be wise to heed his words today. We must stop the insane printing, spending and shipping to Ukraine pallets of cash that disappear into the ether. It has been reported that only 30% of this aid from American taxpayers makes it to the front lines. This is because Ukraine is one of the most corrupt countries on the planet. On top of that, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has restricted the press, jailed political opponents, banned opposition political parties and outlawed the Russian Orthodox denomination of Christianity. These are the actions of an autocrat. This war is ugly, as all wars are ugly. Russian conscripts fighting armed Ukrainian civilians until the streets are red with blood is nothing the world wants or needs. This is a European problem that requires a European solution.

Madam Speaker, we need to stop being involved in this proxy war. All the aid we send pushes the United States closer and closer to a kinetic war with Russia. Is this the return on investment that we want? On top of military aid, we are now providing American tax dollars to support gaps in Ukrainian governmental budgets. We are also funding Ukrainian pensions with American tax dollars. When exactly did Ukraine become the 51st state, Madam Speaker? We need to start funding cleanup and remediation efforts in East Palestine, Ohio. It is past the time to be extracting as much American crude from American oil fields as possible. Europe is still buying energy from Putin that funds his military campaign when they could be buying American. Our President must stop selling our strategic energy reserves to China as we creep closer and closer to World War III. In my floor speech from a year ago, I stated that American escalation is not the answer. Those in this Chamber must listen carefully to hear the drums of war that are beginning to beat slowly on our shores. We, as a legislative Body, must not join the band and America must not listen to the siren call of yet another foreign entanglement that will only benefit the military-industrial complex. We have not only joined the band, Madam Speaker, we are now asking Russia if they want to dance on the battlefields of World War III. One-sided and inflammatory resolutions like these are irresponsible and should be voted down. With all this virtue signaling that is dangerously close to warmongering, I must ask, Madam Speaker, what

happened to the anti-war left? Where have they gone? Where are the strong voices on the left advocating for peace? Eleven months ago, the only brave soul in joining me in voting against the original Resolution to escalate American involvement in Ukraine was the intrepid Independent from Friendship. He has since termed out and is missed in this Chamber today. I do not think that either one of us regrets our vote that day. It is my sincere hope that today, with this vote, the anti-war left joins the America First right in voting down this Resolution. We must not sacrifice our children's future for a fight about disputed border lands in Eastern Europe that holds no benefit for our country. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, rise in opposition to this Resolution.

This Resolution purports support for the people of Ukraine but it goes further. And I have sympathy for the people suffering the war in Ukraine. I have sympathy for the 8,000 people killed and the 13,000 people wounded. But, sadly, this Resolution goes further and this is dangerously close to war propaganda before us. If this Resolution was simply about the people affected by war, we would talk about the 45 armed conflicts in the Middle East and Africa. We would talk about Yemen, where 233,000 civilians have died. And one would have to pose the question why do we care so much about this European conflict but not the ones in the Middle East and Africa? Is it because of the color of their skin? Is it because we care too much about Saudi oil? Why this one?

And the other thing that draws my attention in this Resolution is it says that we share democratic values with the people of Ukraine. I could not disagree with that statement any more. In my opinion, Ukraine is probably the most corrupt country in Europe. And the U.S. has sent well over \$100 billion to that country, much of which is unaccounted for. If there's one thing you can get Republicans and Democrats in Washington DC to agree on, it's spending money on wars and sending it overseas. And I would call on people to be brave and call for a de-escalation of this conflict. I want the anti-war movement to return. I want the anti-war left to return. Where they've gone, I don't know. Silence. The drum beats of this war continue to get louder and louder. And I will reiterate a quote that my good friend from Paris said. A famous Marine, Smedley Butler, famously said and wrote a book; war is a racket. And I won't vote for a Resolution that fans the flames of a war that my son or daughters might end up in some day. To die in those countries. I have had friends; my brother went to war. Thank God he came home.

War is not a good direction to head and this enthusiasm for what's going on in Ukraine needs to stop. We need to stop this war propaganda and I won't support this Resolution, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as you can see by this spirited discussion, this is not really a partisan issue. The diversity of opinion speaks to the many questions, lack of clarity and outright confusion about our approach to Ukraine. My support for this Resolution is simply support for peace and a call for this needless tragedy to end before more innocent lives are lost. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to express my sympathy for the people of Ukraine. I support Ukraine's right to continue to fight for their sovereignty. The concerns I have with this particular resolution is, one, just as I feel the federal government should focus on federal level legislation, I feel the State Legislature needs to focus on policy and Statutes of the State. And, two, continuing to send funds to other countries when the need at home is so vast is scary. The invasion of Ukraine is hurting the people of our country financially in so many ways. While I support what I believe is the intent of this Resolution, I cannot support continuing to send money out of our country when we should be keeping taxpayer dollars here to help the people suffering at home. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative Moriarty.

Representative **MORIARTY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good morning, Fellow Members of the House.

In modern world history, we remember the decade of the 1930s as the era of appeasement. This was a time in which powerful countries around the world, including our own, stood by as a militaristic, deranged conqueror proceeded to absorb and carve up neighboring countries in the name of the ambition of his own country. There were at the time clarion calls of warning, most notably from Winston Churchill, advising everybody of what was about to happen if nothing was done. But the western democracies stood by under the delusional belief that the demands of a madman could be satisfied if only dealt with rationally. That if articulated claims for small pieces of property or territory could be accommodated, the drive forward toward full-blown warfare could be stopped. We know that that did not happen and it could not have happened.

If we think at this time that dictators can be rationally dealt with, that their demands can be satisfied while avoiding the catastrophe of war, we are deluding ourselves yet again. We must support this Resolution. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I came across a quote that I very much enjoy from President Harry S. Truman. At the present moment in world history, nearly every nation must choose between alternate ways of life. The choice is not too often a free one. One way of life is based on the will of the majority and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion and freedom from political oppression. The second way of life is based on the will of a minority forcibly imposed on the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections and the suppression of personal freedoms.

I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures. I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way. I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid, which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes. Collapse of free institutions and loss of independence would be disastrous not only for them but for the world. Discouragement and possibly failure would quickly be the lot of neighboring peoples striving to maintain their freedom and independence. And I say as it was then, it is now. I will support this Resolution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cape Elizabeth, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, nothing justifies supporting the extinguishing of a culture, a nation, a people. Nothing. On December 1, 1991, 92% of Ukrainians voted for independence after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Less than a year later, a little before Thanksgiving, I landed in Kiev as a member of the first Peace Corps group in Ukraine. The first in the former Soviet Union. Like Maine, the winter days were short and cold but we quickly were warmed by the welcoming spirit of Ukrainians. We certainly were quite the curiosity and many were puzzled by why we would leave our bountiful country to come live in theirs.

The following two years, I learned of their proud heritage, love of poetry, song and dance, the bloody tragedies of world wars soaked into their land and psyche, forced famines, pogroms against Jewish citizens and their deeply-rooted resiliency. I stood in lines with Ukrainians to buy bread, squeezed myself into city busses that burst at the seams, waited in post offices to place phone calls to my family alongside Ukrainian soldiers, walked through the many parks with Ukrainian families and friends, linked arm in arm, translated Beatles songs for young elementary school fans and worked alongside government officials as they endeavored to forge a new path.

My Ukrainian tutor soon became my Ukrainian mother and her family, my family. Sharing their food, their stories, their celebrations, their village garden. My Ukrainian counterpart at my host agency and I laughed at ourselves as we fumbled through our conversations over lunch. So many generous Ukrainians welcomed me into their circles of friends, their evening gatherings, their picnics, their hopes and dreams.

Over the past 30 years, with each new generation, Ukraine has forged its identity as a sovereign nation with elections, popular movements and an unwillingness to fall back into the clutches of Russia. The taste of freedom and self-determination is strong despite Russia's authoritarian regime's annexation of Crimea in southeast Ukraine and provocation in eastern Ukraine. A year ago last Thursday, Russia commenced its illegal, unprovoked, full-scale invasion of the sovereign state of Ukraine with 200,000 Russian troops with tanks, rocket launchers, hypersonic missiles, thermobaric weapons and cluster bombs. Ravaging cities, towns, civilian housing and hospitals. Beginning the largest land war in Europe since World War II, which was originally characterized by some as a European problem and rejected the need of American support.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has documented more than 8,000 civilian deaths including nearly 500 children and over 21,000 injured civilians resulting from this egregious military incursion. The Commissioner additionally noted that the true figures are likely considerably higher. More than 13 million people have been displaced by this invasion, families uprooted, homes destroyed and lives horrifically extinguished. The indiscriminate targeting of civilians and the mass forced deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia, which meets the definition of genocide according to the 1948 Genocide Convention, exposes the evil hollowness of Russia's, quote, one person, unquote.

I am honored and grateful for the privilege to serve my community and the State of Maine here in our venerable State House, where we convene to rigorously and peacefully debate policies and laws. Where citizens through their Representatives may propose new laws or changes to laws and personally participate freely and safely. To express support or

dissatisfaction with our efforts. Ukrainians want no less for themselves. To live in peace, with human dignity. To chart their own future with their democratic government under the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity. If it were us, we would not accept anything less. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I have not heard this expression in quite a while since we've been here; I did not intend to rise to speak today, but here I am.

I'm not a professional, I'm not a political expert. I rise as a 21-year veteran of the United States Air Force and the things that I've seen between Cuba, Haiti, Somalia, my service in Korea, Japan. And we are not all experts on the war. And this resolve reminds me of watching the local news and having them show about a murder in Pennsylvania. I don't turn in to the news, the local news, to watch about stories going on in New York and Pennsylvania. I'll watch the national news for that.

We, Madam Speaker, have an obligation to serve the people of Maine. We speak for them in our own way. But when we talk about Ukrainian nuclear sites, Russian nuclear deterrents, United Nations General Assembly, questioning them and looking at what they do with Russia. Share democratic values? Last I checked, we had a Constitutional Republic. Fight for their sovereignty? Territorial integrity? With all that's going on, let's write a Resolution to talk about our sovereignty, our territorial integrity. And we pause for deliberations. We pause, we listen to everybody speak here today, when we should be working on the problems that the people of Maine have, not advise on the problems going on in Ukraine. That's out of our purview, I believe. Just my humble opinion. We encourage the citizens of the State to support Ukrainian Americans and the people of Ukraine in their urgent time of need. That goes without saying. We support the people, we support everything, but we do not support a corrupt government. And to speak on behalf of the people of Maine or to speak on behalf of the entire Body, I think is out of order. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Poland, Representative Boyer.

Representative **BOYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the citizens of Ukraine and Russia and I also rise in opposition to the Resolution. To quote Major General Smedley Butler, who is also a two-time Medal of Honor award winner; war is a racket. He goes on to say that I wouldn't go to war again as I have done to protect some lousy investment bankers. There's only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and two; the other is the Bill of Rights. War for any other reason is simply a racket. And as the Representative from Paris quoted as well; it's always been. It's possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is only the one international in scope and it is the only one in which profits are reckoned in dollars and losses in lives. Our country is printing billions and billions and billions of dollars to wage a proxy war with Russia. If we think that this war is so justified, so right, then why doesn't our Resolution ask our Congress to declare war and have it constitutional? We haven't had a constitutional war since World War II. We're devaluing our own money supply through inflation printing this money. We're stealing from poor Americans' wealth and savings at the benefit of the military-industrial complex. Over a hundred billion dollars have been funneled to Ukraine with no oversight of how that money is spent and when Congress asked for an amendment for an Inspector General, that was declined. There is no audit; we don't get to know where

the money is going. Though we do know we are floating the Ukrainian government. In fact, we're paying for Ukrainian pensions. Meanwhile, our country's infrastructure is crumbling. Have we not learned from the unconstitutional wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam? It's time to promote peace before more innocent lives are lost. Thank you.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As the mother of my Ukrainian daughter and the aunt to three Ukrainian nephews, I wish that I could support this Joint Resolution. I have to disagree with the Good Representative from Paris. This Resolution is very different from the one that came before us almost a year ago. I cannot support this sentiment that advocates for blank check funding that is lacking in accountability and has moving benchmarks.

This Resolution pushes the agenda that the conflict in Ukraine is to blame for our rising costs of energy and commodities, when policies here in the U.S. are to blame. In fact, the energy policies passed by this Body over the past several decades account for the rising cost of energy but we aren't talking about that reality because this foreign conflict makes a very convenient scapegoat. Rather than encouraging Washington DC to continue printing money and increasing the debt that our children will have to bear, let's focus on the myriad issues that we are glossing over in our own backyard by putting forward this feel-good distraction of a Joint Resolution. Please follow my light and vote against the pending motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Paulhus.

Representative **PAULHUS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In view of Joint Resolutions that this Body makes, I would recommend to every Member to go down to the Law Library and see over the past 200 years all the Joint Resolutions that we have sent to the federal government. They would see quite a few and recommending different things that our Members should be doing in Washington. So, it is the purview of this Legislature and every legislature to send Joint Resolutions to our Members in Washington on any particular topic that we wish to make.

As far as sending expression of support for a people that were attacked by a foreign government on their own land, I think that is appropriate. I think every person in this State and this country should be expressing support for that. You know, we are leaders of the free world, the United States. We are a part of the United States. We live in the United States. As a citizen of the United States, in this State of Maine, in the United States, I believe that we should be expressing that and we should not forfeit our leadership in that. And to say; yes, we have had conflicts in the past and if anybody reads history, as it's been mentioned before already, that isolationism doesn't work. I'm sorry. It does not work. It did not work between the World Wars, it has not worked since. And to do so now, Madam Speaker, to pull ourselves away from other communities of people in the world does not work. We are citizens here and what happens in other continents and other countries affects us. And unless we are to abdicate that leadership as the oldest Democratic Republic on earth and not support another government that was elected. Yes, internal things happen, people could say a lot of that about our own governments here, but to not support another sovereign government and people who were unjustly attacked, we're only abdicating that. No, war is not the answer. We did not ask for this war, we are only supporting the free people of Ukraine to have their own government and their own country and

their own people and culture. The person that brought this war and started this war is the dictator of Russia, Vladimir Putin. He is the one that started this, not the people of Ukraine. And if anyone is to blame and anyone to do it, it is there and the peace offerings have been put out there. Ukraine has said that they would be willing to do that. It is Putin and the Russians that have said no and they're the ones that are bent on conquering another neighbor and if we don't support that and stop it, as history has shown, if you don't stop it, it continues with dictators. And if we don't learn anything from history, we are bound to repeat it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Sayre.

Representative **SAYRE**: Well, we'll make this a second that I also did not intend to rise and speak on behalf of this measure, nor did I prepare remarks, but I heard a number of things, Madam Speaker, that I wish to address.

I'm a student of history, both by academic training and advocacy. And I've heard the phrase a couple times this morning of the movement America First. I think it would be valuable to remind ourselves where the America First movement is rooted. It began in the 1930s and early '40s and it was that isolationist movement that sought to keep our country out of foreign entanglements in order to save American taxpayers money and to avoid debt. It was also a movement that embraced domestic antisemitism patterned on the official antisemitism of the nation of Nazi Germany that --

Representative **ANDREWS**: Point of Order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris and inquires; The Member will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews, and asks why he rises.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Member is out of line questioning the motives of other Members and if he wants to call me an antisemite or a Nazi, he can do it to my face. Thank you.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative ANDREWS of Paris objected to the comments of Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk because he was questioning the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise that it is out of order to intimate threats to other Members of this Chamber. The Chair would advise the Representative to direct all comments to the Chair as he is moving dangerously close to questioning the character of the Members in this Body. The Member may proceed.

The Chair reminded all Members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other Members of the House.

Representative **SAYRE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me be clear. I am making no comment regarding the motives, intentions or beliefs of any Member of this Body. I am speaking only to the history of a movement in our country that is a direct parallel to what we are seeing today. And I would further wish to apologize, if I may; I know it's out of order to speak directly to a Member, that no offense was intended and I apologize for the offense that was taken. I am speaking to history, not to individuals.

But it is true that the America First movement, for reasons that we have heard articulated in this Chamber, sought to sit back and avoid holding at bay a dictator that repeatedly not just threatened but violated the sovereignty of European nations. And because of the power of that isolationist approach of one party in our government, we were ill-prepared to enter into the conflict that was forced upon us when an attack came to our

shores. I do not think it is wise for this nation to wait for that to happen again. I further heard questions about what has become of the anti-war left. And I would say that the anti-war left or anti-war Americans of all stripes in general can distinguish between just and unjust wars. The just war tradition is deeply rooted in western civilization, it goes back to St. Augustine, and we recognize that this is an unjust war. Not only is it unjust, but it is a direct threat to our national interests if a dictator is allowed to violate the territorial sovereignty of a nation in Europe without being checked. We are discussing a Resolve to express support for the people of Ukraine and support for our nation's policies of supporting the people of Ukraine.

After we entered World War II, this country adopted a policy that said partisanship ends at our borders. We are bipartisan in support of democracy throughout the world. We are proudly the arsenal of democracy throughout the world. And I wonder what happened to the patriotic right that used to stand with us on those values.

I will close with the observation that freedom isn't free and we can choose to stand with those who are fighting for the freedom that is at the core of American values through this form of support, or we can sit back and wait until that attack comes closer to us. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind all Members to direct their comments directly through the Chair and in doing so to not question the character of any Member of this Body.

The Chair reminded all Members to direct their comments through the Chair. The Chair further reminded all Members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to just ask the Speaker to just encourage, as you have been, continue to encourage that history has multiple sides to it, as you well know, and that to cherry-pick aspects of it to fit a narrative is one perspective. So that we need to be mindful of everyone's points of view. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lebanon, Representative Adams.

Representative **ADAMS**: I'm going to keep this short because I've heard a lot of different discussion. I'm a veteran of three wars. I can't support a proxy war. There's no justification for this and we hear about how we're funding their pensions and stuff, yeah, we're cutting our own American citizens' Social Security. So, in spirit, I support the people, but I cannot support continued unchecked and unbalanced money just going out and not accounted for. So, I've got a son in the Army, got a son in the Navy, and they're the ones that are going to do the fighting. I mean, you got two countries right now where neither politicians on either side are getting together. What's happening? They're going to their allies for more money to fight each other as opposed to talking to each other. This is going to turn into another Cold War and that's what's going to happen. So, I can't support this but I do support the people. Thank you.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just would make a quick note that as this reads, "RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session" would be more accurately put with the exception of those noted opposed via the Roll Call given that it is clear that there is not strong full support of this Body.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor moved that the Joint Resolution and accompanying papers be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative **MALON** of Biddeford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Resolution and accompanying papers.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of the Resolution and accompanying papers. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 6

YEA – Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Guerrette, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett S, Morris, Ness, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Woodsome.

NAY - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hepler, Jackson, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, White B, Williams, Wood, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Boyle, Davis, Griffin, Haggan, Hasenfus, Hobbs, Lookner, Newman, O'Neil, Rielly.

Yes, 62; No, 78; Absent, 10; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

62 having voted in the affirmative and 78 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 10 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Resolution and accompanying papers **FAILED**.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call having been previously ordered, the pending question before the House is Adoption. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 7

YEA – Abdi, Albert, Ankeles, Arata, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jackson, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRochelle, Lee, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett S, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, O'Connell, Osher, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Andrews, Ardell, Bagshaw, Boyer, Campbell, Carmichael, Collamore, Costain, Cray, Cyrway, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Greenwood, Guerrette, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby,

Lyman, Mason, Ness, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, Warren, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Boyle, Davis, Griffin, Haggan, Hobbs, Lookner, Newman, O'Neil, Rielly.

Yes, 87; No, 54; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative **MEYER** from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in Public Restrooms" (H.P. 61) (L.D. 93)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Sent for 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:

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 14) Bill "An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants

(H.P. 14) (L.D. 10)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act

(S.P. 50) (L.D. 83)
(C. "A" S-7)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, 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**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, March 2, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass** - Minority (6) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects"

(H.P. 107) (L.D. 166)

TABLED - February 28, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

Representative STOVER of Boothbay moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. LD 166 expands the right of municipalities to use revenues generated through public parking meters to be used to provide property tax relief and to pay for the cost of constructing, maintaining and operating capital infrastructure projects as the municipality sees fit. This bill supports local control over municipal budgeting and I ask that you support the Majority Ought to Pass Report. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Majority **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.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting"

(S.P. 417) (L.D. 1048)

Bill "An Act to Ban the Hunting of Animals in Enclosed Areas"

(S.P. 437) (L.D. 1068)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Decriminalize Public Drinking"

(S.P. 415) (L.D. 1046)

Bill "An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration"

(S.P. 421) (L.D. 1052)

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 Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols"

(S.P. 411) (L.D. 1042)

Bill "An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools"

(S.P. 422) (L.D. 1053)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary"

(S.P. 433) (L.D. 1064)

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 Improve the Telecommunications Relay Services Council by Reducing Its Membership and Allowing for the Hiring of an Executive Director"

(S.P. 434) (L.D. 1065)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Advance Greenhouse Gas Removal as an Economic Development Strategy in Maine"

(S.P. 427) (L.D. 1058)

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 Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls"

(S.P. 413) (L.D. 1044)

Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare

(S.P. 428) (L.D. 1059)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services"

(S.P. 430) (L.D. 1061)

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 Authorize State Special Purpose Depository Institutions for Digital Assets"

(S.P. 409) (L.D. 990)

Bill "An Act to Require Financial Institutions and Credit Unions to Give Depositors the Option to Designate a Beneficiary"

(S.P. 410) (L.D. 991)

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 Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish"

(S.P. 418) (L.D. 1049)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver"

(S.P. 431) (L.D. 1062)

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 Promote Consumer Protections in the Residential Building Sector by Requiring Contractors and Subcontractors to Supply Evidence of Insurance"

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1057)

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

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 Create an Office of Ombudsman to Help Nonprofit Organizations in Their Interactions with the Government"

(S.P. 412) (L.D. 1043)

Bill "An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata"

(S.P. 425) (L.D. 1056)

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

(S.P. 419) (L.D. 1050)

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 Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval"

(S.P. 416) (L.D. 1047)

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.

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 436) (L.D. 1067)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax"

(S.P. 420) (L.D. 1051)

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Public Safety by Increasing State-Municipal Revenue Sharing to 7 Percent"

(S.P. 429) (L.D. 1060)

Bill "An Act to Provide Equitable Tax Treatment to State-licensed Cannabis Businesses"

(S.P. 432) (L.D. 1063)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of Enhanced Driver's Licenses"

(S.P. 414) (L.D. 1045)

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 Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress"

(S.P. 423) (L.D. 1054)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes"

(S.P. 424) (L.D. 1055)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle"

(S.P. 435) (L.D. 1066)

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

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

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

On motion of Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, the House adjourned at 12:40 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023.