

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
18th Legislative Day  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

Prayer by Reverend Shane Stoops, First United Pentecostal Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Kendra Winson, Carthage.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, March 16, 2023 was read and approved.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 104)

**STATE OF MAINE  
131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 10, 2023

Honorable Janet T. Mills  
Governor, State of Maine  
#1 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Mills:

We are pleased to invite you to a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 23 at 10:45 a.m. for the State of the Judiciary Address in the House Chamber.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased to recognize the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand before you with more great news from my community of Skowhegan. I'm honored to recognize the 2022 Class A Field Hockey State Champions. These amazing young women are part of the legacy that is Skowhegan Field Hockey. Their strong athletic abilities, their determination, unity and grit brought Skowhegan its 20th Field Hockey State Championship.

Paula Doughty has been a coach of the field hockey program since the early '80s. She and her coaching staff shared their knowledge and prepared this team. They recognized and utilized each player's individual skills and strength to lead them through an incredible undefeated season. Coach Doughty has stated it's all about my kids and their futures and seeing them do great things, and I couldn't agree more. Our community is very proud of each one of these young ladies. Their determination has no limits and we look forward to their future success. Please join me in congratulating the 2022 Class A Field Hockey State Champions, the Skowhegan River Hawks.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 101)

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

March 21, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Underwood of Presque Isle, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 964 An Act to Eliminate the Paint Stewardship Assessment Paid by Consumers (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 102)

**STATE OF MAINE  
131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 10, 2023

Honorable Valerie Stanfill, Chief Justice  
Maine Supreme Judicial Court  
Capitol Judicial Center  
1 Court Street  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Chief Justice Stanfill:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature in the House Chamber on Thursday, March 23 at 10:45 a.m. concerning the State of the Judiciary and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 105)

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

March 21, 2023

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

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 252 An Act Relating to Long-term Care Pharmacies

Transportation

- L.D. 110 An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle
- L.D. 125 An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests
- L.D. 161 An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles

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. 200)

**MAINE SENATE  
131st LEGISLATURE**

March 16, 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 nomination:  
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Taxation, Douglas Kelley Young, Esquire of Portland for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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

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

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

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Lawrence girls' varsity basketball team beat Gardiner to win the Class A North Championship and then went on a week later to beat Brunswick for the Class A State Championship. This Lawrence girls' basketball program, this is their sixth gold ball. The last one came in 2015. I want to give a special shoutout to the six seniors; Ali Higgins, Makenzie Nadeau, Elizabeth Crommett, Elizabeth Dumont, Hope Bouchard and Brianna Poulin. These young women have been playing basketball together since the third grade. All six are also named KVAC All-Academic, which requires student athletes to have GPA of 90 or better. And four of the six seniors were here earlier this year, also on the State Championship field hockey team.

So, I would like to take this moment to say congratulations to the Lawrence girls' varsity basketball team on their Class A championship win. Congratulations, girls.

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

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House; I'm used to saying of the Senate. So, anyway, I want to just bring up that we have three Lawrence High grads here in the House. We have Representative Dick Bradstreet and Representative Amy Arata and myself. And we all were involved in basketball at Lawrence High School. So, we really appreciate big time the accomplishment that they made. I can remember when in 1972

when we were playing against Portland and we played three overtimes and lost 81-80. It was a very close game. So, it was very quiet on the bus coming home. But I'll tell you that I'm sure it was loud coming home for them and I'm very proud of their accomplishment and they played an undefeated team and it just shows you the drive that they had to win this accomplishment and I think it will definitely make them a much more goal-setting person throughout their life and careers and I just want to congratulate them all. Thank you.

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

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just rise today to say congratulations to the Lawrence Bulldogs on their very well-achieved win in the State Championship and thank you very much.

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Provide Reimbursement for Health Care Expenses of Retired State Police Law Enforcement Dogs" (H.P. 782) (L.D. 1234)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich. Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, FAY of Raymond, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JAUCH of Topsham, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Provide Compensation to and to Limit Work Hours of Jail Employees" (H.P. 783) (L.D. 1235)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland. Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates (H.P. 795) (L.D. 1247)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RECKITT of South Portland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS 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.

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Bill "An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 776) (L.D. 1228)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo. Cosponsored by Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, HYMES of Waldo, QUINT of Hodgdon, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, STROUT of Harrington.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff"

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1237)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: PAULHUS of Bath, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Require School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide Prevention Hotline"

(H.P. 811) (L.D. 1263)

Sponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls.  
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

(H.P. 812) (L.D. 1264)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: RAFFERTY 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 Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program"

(H.P. 804) (L.D. 1256)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, MEYER of Eliot, ROBERTS of South Berwick, STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Adoption of Solar Power in Maine"

(H.P. 780) (L.D. 1232)

Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JAUCH of Topsham, RANA of Bangor, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation"

(H.P. 775) (L.D. 1227)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HEPLER of Woolwich, O'CONNELL of Brewer, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of 'Significant Wildlife Habitat' Under the Natural Resources Protection Act"

(H.P. 794) (L.D. 1246)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DOUDERA of Camden, LANDRY of Farmington, O'NEIL of Saco, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

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 Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable"

(H.P. 772) (L.D. 1211)

Sponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, PAUL of Winterport.

Bill "An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits"

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1226)

Sponsored by Representative NESS of Fryeburg.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DHALAC of South Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, JAVNER of Chester, MORRIS of Turner, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Support Peer Mentors for Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System"

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1229)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services"

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1236)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, PERRY of Calais, RISEMAN of Harrison.

Bill "An Act to Require Reporting on the Percentage of Approved Care Being Delivered to Individuals"

(H.P. 786) (L.D. 1238)

Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, JAVNER of Chester, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1248)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, JAUCH of Topsham, KESSLER of South Portland, MATHIESON of Kittery, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act Regarding Paying Providers Sufficiently, Maintaining Short Waiting Lists and Creating a Cause of Action for Aggrieved Persons in the System of Care for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism"

(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1250)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GOLEK of Harpswell, RISEMAN of Harrison, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: INGWERSEN of York.

Bill "An Act to Provide Coverage and Prior Authorization of Medications and Services During a MaineCare Provider's Enrollment Period"

(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1254)

Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MADIGAN of Waterville, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, ZAGER of Portland.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System"

(H.P. 788) (L.D. 1240)

Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

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

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

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Bill "An Act Regarding Timely Payment of Undisputed Insurance Claims"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1244)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MATHIESON of Kittery, PERRY of Calais, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Limiting the Requirement to Offer Clear Choice Design Health Plans"

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1252)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act to Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets"

(H.P. 801) (L.D. 1253)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Credit Card and Debit Card Surcharge Prohibition"

(H.P. 810) (L.D. 1262)

Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Producer Licensing Act to Authorize Licensure as a Pet Insurance Producer"

(H.P. 814) (L.D. 1266)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health Care Providers"

(H.P. 815) (L.D. 1267)

Sponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland.

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 Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication"

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1249)

Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, HAGGAN of Hampden, HYMES of Waldo, JAVNER of Chester, LIBBY of Auburn, SMITH of Palermo, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting with a Bow and Arrow or Crossbow"

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1241)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, JAUCH of Topsham, MASON of Lisbon, ROEDER of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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 to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities"

(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1251)

Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.

Bill "An Act to Recover Legal Fees for Low-income Individuals in Actions or Proceedings"

(H.P. 807) (L.D. 1259)

Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MOONEN of Portland, PERRY of Calais, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Establish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Gross Sexual Assaults and Sex Trafficking of Children"

(H.P. 809) (L.D. 1261)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon.  
Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, FREDERICKS of Sanford, JAVNER of Chester, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEMELIN of Chelsea, PAUL of Winterport, POMERLEAU of Standish.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1230)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HAGGAN of Hampden, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission"

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1233)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MATLACK of St. George, PAULHUS of Bath, RISEMAN of Harrison, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote"

(H.P. 787) (L.D. 1239)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative DHALAC of South Portland, Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, KUHN of Falmouth, RANA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Creation of a State Calendar

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1243)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, COPELAND of Saco, DHALAC of South Portland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PAULHUS of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State

(H.P. 808) (L.D. 1260)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, FAY of Raymond, Senator: 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.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Housing by Increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit"

(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1225)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, GERE of Kennebunkport, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MOONEN of Portland, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets"

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1231)

Sponsored by Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush.  
Bill "An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery"

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1258)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.  
Bill "An Act to Provide for a Local Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons"

(H.P. 816) (L.D. 1268)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.  
Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections"  
(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1242)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield,  
BOYER of Poland, HAGGAN of Hampden, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles  
or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters"  
(H.P. 793) (L.D. 1245)

Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta,  
CRAVEN of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**  
and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places"  
(H.P. 803) (L.D. 1255)

Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston,  
DOUDERA of Camden, KUHN of Falmouth, RISEMAN of  
Harrison, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BRENNER of  
Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the  
Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands"

(H.P. 805) (L.D. 1257)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and  
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DUCHARME of  
Madison, GEIGER of Rockland, JAUCH of Topsham, LANDRY  
of Farmington, PLUECKER of Warren, POLEWARCZYK of  
Wiscasset.

Bill "An Act to Make Adjustments to Affordable Housing  
Requirements"

(H.P. 813) (L.D. 1265)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.  
Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and  
ordered printed.

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

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

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## SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

### Recognizing:

Irene Weld, of Dixfield, who is celebrating her 102nd  
birthday on June 4, 2023. We extend our congratulations and  
best wishes;

(HLS 173)

Presented by Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of  
Mexico.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

On motion of Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of  
Mexico, **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

### READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative  
from Mexico, Representative Schmersal-Burgess.

Representative **SCHMERSAL-BURGESS**: Thank you,  
Madam Speaker. I would just like to recognize Irene Weld, who  
is in the House today, 101. I knew her my whole life but I got to  
recognize her and spend time with her when my mother of 92  
had dementia so things slowed down so I'd pick up Irene and  
we'd go shopping and dinners and we started hanging out; and  
at our camp. And at 99, she decided she was going to jump into  
the water with her innertube, and so she did. And at 101, she is  
at the State House today and she'll be 102 on June 4th. And at  
100, she decided she was going to take a plane ride with her  
granddaughter and jump out; just kidding. But I can see her  
doing it in the future. But she is the most optimistic woman and  
I just can't imagine the history that she has seen and what she  
has had to adapt to and she is spunky and she is ready for  
anything. Thank you very much.

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

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### In Memory of:

Dan Davis, of Hallowell. Mr. Davis was a veteran of the  
United States Navy. He had a career working at the Maine  
Department of Environmental Protection in the division handling  
hazardous materials emergencies and was a founder of Sebago  
Lake Distillery in Gardiner. He served on the board of the  
Hallowell Water District and as Harbormaster for more than a  
decade. In 2018, he and his friends formed the Maine Orange  
Growers Association, and he was a founding member of the  
Hallowell Bourbon Council. Mr. Davis will be long remembered  
and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose  
lives he touched;

(HLS 181)

Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SHAGOURY of  
Hallowell, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment  
Calendar.

### READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative  
from Hallowell, Representative Shagoury.

Representative **SHAGOURY**: Thank you, Madam  
Speaker. Madam Speaker, Dan Davis was a remarkable man,  
a larger-than-life figure, one of those people you'd be drawn to  
in a crowded room for conversation. He left us far too early when  
he died last month at the age of only 57. All who knew him are  
the poorer for his passing. My heart especially goes out to his  
wife, Kara, his son, Devin, and the rest of his family.

Hallowell was very important to Dan and he was an important part of Hallowell. He served on the board of the Hallowell Water District and was the city's Harbormaster and anyone who spent much time in Hallowell was bound to run into him. He was full of enthusiasm and ideas and was always looking for a new adventure or project, most of them tinged with his own particular sense of fun and good humor. His love of science and entrepreneurial spirit led him to found the Sebago Lake Distillery, which makes some of the best rum you'll ever have, if you get a chance to try it. And he was a founding member of the Maine Orange Growers Association whose motto is climate change is happening, let's embrace it, grow oranges. But whose real purpose was to socialize and give an excuse for the members to dress in orange and march in Hallowell's parades. He had a generous side as well. As one of his neighbors recently said, if Dan had only a loaf of bread to his name, he would share it with those around him. Madam Speaker, I could go on for a long time about Dan, but I'll just close with a personal note. He was one of those all-too-rare people who could always make me laugh. I don't think I ever ended a conversation with him without a smile on my face. He will be missed.

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

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**In Memory of:**

Dorothy Mae McPherson, of Mexico. Ms. McPherson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends; (HLS 196)

Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford, Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HENDERSON of Rumford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Henderson.

Representative **HENDERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, and distinguished guests. It is my distinct privilege to stand before you and this Body for the first time and it be in tribute to the life of Dorothy McPherson, also known as Dot or Dottie. Dot led by example. She set a high standard for people to look up to, including young athletes, for which she mentored, Marine Corps brothers and sisters, teammates, coworkers, community members and family. She lived life passionately through sports, hunting, snowmobiling, four-wheeling and enjoying everything about being in the Maine outdoors, a place she loved and called home.

Dot exemplified her core values and is remembered as an incredible all-star athlete in the State of Maine. As a leader on and off the court and field during her time at Mountain Valley High School, after growing up in the Rumford community, Dottie proudly served in the United States Marine Corps at the rank of Sergeant, where she received the Humanitarian Service Medal. She was an exceptional Marine and in her combat engineering occupation, earned two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals. Dottie's passion for sports and excellence also earned her a selection to the all-Marine softball team. Dot returned to Maine after her years of service in the Marine Corps and started working in the Rumford Paper Mill, the River Valley community's main source of economic stability, where she was a dedicated and valued employee for over 22 years.

In 2010, Dottie reconnected with Renee Lizotte, who is in attendance today and who would become the love of her life. They were married in 2013 and began a life that people could only dream of. Dottie had a work ethic that was unmatched. She took great pride in everything she did and was well respected by her coworkers. In addition to her commitment to the paper industry, she was proud to support and work locally alongside her family's logging and farming businesses.

Madam Speaker, Dottie was a friend of mine. Someone whom I had a great deal of love and respect for and someone who had an influential voice in my young adult life. As an honest, hard worker, she was easy to look up to. She embodied all of what it meant to be a Mainer. I could give you a list of things that Dottie either taught me or reaffirmed to me during our friendship, but the thing I think I valued the most was how she just accepted people for who they were, myself included. Maya Angelou said that people will forget what you say and people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. So, today, Madam Speaker, I give tribute to a great woman who deeply impacted the lives of many, this Rumford girl included. Thank you.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Change of Committee**

Representative ZEIGLER from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way"

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

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent for 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:

(S.P. 23) (L.D. 31) Bill "An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 152) (L.D. 331) Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 169) (L.D. 362) Bill "An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 41) (L.D. 49) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)**

(H.P. 243) (L.D. 392) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**



(H.P. 357) (L.D. 552) Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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**ENACTORS**

**Acts**

An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 14)

An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 120)

An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects

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

An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock

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

An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws

(S.P. 140) (L.D. 319)

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.

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**Resolves**

Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way

(S.P. 13) (L.D. 21)

Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge

(S.P. 36) (L.D. 44)

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

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

Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

(S.P. 219) (L.D. 502)

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

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment on Thursday, March 16, 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 (8) **Ought to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents"

(H.P. 9) (L.D. 5)

TABLED - March 9, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Higher Opportunities for Pathways to Employment program is working. This is a postsecondary education opportunity for Maine families that are at 185% of the poverty level. As of right now, there are approximately 27,000 more Maine families that are eligible for this program at this level. There are 800 funded slots for the program, there are more than 400 that are filled. Again, it is working. The only issue with this program is marketing, and that's where you and I come into play, Madam Speaker. The Department is not doing their job at marketing and neither are we. There is a YouTube video that is two years old. It's a phenomenal video, I request everyone to watch it. They're only at 863 views. There's a Facebook page. It took me a long time to find it. I'm pretty tech savvy. The last post was October 14, 2022. In social media world, that is an eternity. The Department and us have work to do. This bill is premature. I ask you to like, subscribe and to follow my light.

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

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The HOPE program assists qualifying Maine parents with access to quality education and training programs to earn the degrees and credentials necessary to enter our workforce with the earning power needed to provide economic stability for their families. The proposed change to the eligibility threshold from 185% to 225% of the federal poverty level would open up this opportunity to more low-income parents, allowing a simple programmatic change at no additional cost. Thirty-three percent of those denied in 2021 had countable income that contributed to their denial. Of these applicants, 43% could've been deemed eligible if 225% were the standard.

There are 800 fluid slots available, meaning that by design these slots open up as participants graduate from their programs. There are 400 currently awaiting a motivated, eligible applicant. We can continue our outreach and improve it to those at the lower end of income eligibility as well as to open up this effective program to those low-income individuals seeking a pathway out of poverty.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 8**

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

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

ABSENT - Boyle, Ducharme, Griffin, Haggan, Hepler, Jackson, Lavigne, Libby, Perkins, Pringle, Rielly.

Yes, 81; No, 58; Absent, 11; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0. 81 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 11 being absent, and accordingly 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.

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HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism"

(H.P. 89) (L.D. 143)

TABLED - March 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) **Ought to Pass** - Minority (4) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties"

(H.P. 83) (L.D. 137)

TABLED - March 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, 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.

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HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (12) **Ought to Pass** - Minority (1) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property"

(H.P. 90) (L.D. 144)

TABLED - March 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Bangor, 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.

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Create the Animal Cruelty Task Force"

(S.P. 497) (L.D. 1216)

Bill "An Act Establishing a System to Appeal Administrative Actions or Management Plans of the Bureau of Parks and Lands"

(S.P. 499) (L.D. 1218)

Bill "An Act to Establish Rights for Holders of Certain Leases and Easements on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands"

(S.P. 500) (L.D. 1219)

Bill "An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations"

(S.P. 511) (L.D. 1274)

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.

Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification

(S.P. 498) (L.D. 1217)

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 Clarify Cost Allocations and Insurance in the Joint Use of Public Utility Equipment"

(S.P. 504) (L.D. 1223)

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 Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination"

(S.P. 495) (L.D. 1214)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Some Businesses from Certain Laws Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Accordance with the Size of the Business"

(S.P. 510) (L.D. 1273)

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.

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Bill "An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products"

(S.P. 496) (L.D. 1215)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

(S.P. 505) (L.D. 1224)

Bill "An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program"

(S.P. 506) (L.D. 1269)

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 Require Lyme Disease Vaccine Coverage for State-regulated Health Plans"

(S.P. 501) (L.D. 1220)

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Restoring Gold and Silver as Legal Tender"

(S.P. 507) (L.D. 1270)

Bill "An Act to Require a Disclaimer on Promotional Materials for Medicare, Medicaid and MaineCare Products by Private Entities"

(S.P. 508) (L.D. 1271)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Property Investment by Credit Unions"

(S.P. 514) (L.D. 1277)

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.

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Bill "An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate"

(S.P. 509) (L.D. 1272)

Bill "An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees"

(S.P. 515) (L.D. 1278)

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 Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths"

(S.P. 512) (L.D. 1275)

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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Resolve, to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax

(S.P. 493) (L.D. 1212)

Bill "An Act to Reform Income Taxes by Reducing Tax Rates for Each of the 3 Income Tax Brackets"

(S.P. 494) (L.D. 1213)

Bill "An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer-supported Tax Credit"

(S.P. 503) (L.D. 1222)

Bill "An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses"

(S.P. 513) (L.D. 1276)

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 Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections"

(S.P. 502) (L.D. 1221)

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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On motion of Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell, the House adjourned at 11:56 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 23, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Dan Davis of Hallowell, Steven Robinson of Eliot and Dorothy Mae McPherson of Mexico.