

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
20th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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

Prayer by Pastor Joel McPherson, Tree of Life Church, Windham.

National Anthem by Melanie McPherson, Windham.
Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, March 23, 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 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)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 21, 2023.

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

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 109)

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

March 28, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Costain of Plymouth, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 702 An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health and Human Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Tipping of Penobscot, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 359 An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health and Human Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Fay of Raymond, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 1130 An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 110)

STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
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March 28, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass: "

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

L.D. 970 An Act to Provide for the Humane Treatment of Chickens

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 111)

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

March 28, 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 March 24, 2023

Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. §1002, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Mark Isaacson of Cumberland and Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 35-A M.R.S.A. §10103, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Richard Metivier of Lewiston and John H. Kimball of Norway, for reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, these reappointments are 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. 231)

**MAINE SENATE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

March 23, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs:

- Winnie M. LaRochelle of Rangeley for appointment, to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on State and Local Government:

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

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Taxation:

- Jeanne T. Gibson, CPA of Winthrop 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.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County

(H.P. 860) (L.D. 1346)

Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

Bill "An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People"

(H.P. 863) (L.D. 1349)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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 Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices"

(H.P. 854) (L.D. 1340)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Model Residential Ventilation Design and Installation Standard"

(H.P. 867) (L.D. 1353)

Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles"

(H.P. 873) (L.D. 1359)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, RANA of Bangor, SKOLD of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths by Establishing Safe Consumption Sites"

(H.P. 878) (L.D. 1364)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CRAFTS of Newcastle, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

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 Ensure the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault"

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1362)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, KUHN of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Protect Children by Modernizing Internet and Digital Media Filtering Requirements for Education"

(H.P. 847) (L.D. 1333)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HYMES of Waldo, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway"

(H.P. 880) (L.D. 1366)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, FAY of Raymond, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education"

(H.P. 881) (L.D. 1367)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, FAY of Raymond, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students"

(H.P. 883) (L.D. 1369)

Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.
Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, LANDRY of Farmington, SMITH of Palermo, STROUT of Harrington.

Bill "An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process"

(H.P. 884) (L.D. 1370)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

Bill "An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries"

(H.P. 893) (L.D. 1398)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 897) (L.D. 1402)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, GEIGER of Rockland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, TERRY of Gorham.

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 Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 861) (L.D. 1347)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Embden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MASON of Lisbon, NESS of Fryeburg, PAUL of Winterport, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, WOOD of Greene.

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 Support Extraction of Common Minerals by Amending the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

(H.P. 877) (L.D. 1363)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, JAVNER of Chester, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERRY of Bangor, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset.

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 Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services"

(H.P. 848) (L.D. 1334)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford.
Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities

(H.P. 853) (L.D. 1339)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, TERRY of Gorham, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences"

(H.P. 874) (L.D. 1360)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care"

(H.P. 875) (L.D. 1361)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, JAVNER of Chester, LOOKNER of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, NUTTING of Oakland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing"

(H.P. 891) (L.D. 1377)

Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, GOLEK of Harpswell, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve State Oversight of Proposed Health Care Entity Transactions"

(H.P. 894) (L.D. 1399)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representative: GATTINE of Westbrook.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Protect Medicare Beneficiaries from Surprise Bills and to Inform Medicare Beneficiaries About Medicare Part B Excess Charges"

(H.P. 868) (L.D. 1354)

Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARFORD of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information"

(H.P. 887) (L.D. 1373)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Allow Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses"

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1400)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SMITH of Palermo.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species"

(H.P. 856) (L.D. 1342)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, MALON of Biddeford, MONTELL of Gardiner, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Officials and Participants at Sporting Events"

(H.P. 896) (L.D. 1401)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, PERRY of Calais, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation"

(H.P. 857) (L.D. 1343)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, EATON of Deer Isle, MATHIESON of Kittery, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer"

(H.P. 866) (L.D. 1352)

Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, COLLINGS of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, LOOKNER of Portland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SUPICA of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Work Equity Regarding Employment of Minors and Unemployment Benefits"

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1332)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: GUERRETTE of Caribou, HYMES of Waldo, LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations"

(H.P. 882) (L.D. 1368)

Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage"

(H.P. 890) (L.D. 1376)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Self-insurance Laws to Allow for the Use of Fronting Companies"

(H.P. 886) (L.D. 1372)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: PERRY of Calais, RUSSELL of Verona Island.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures"

(H.P. 850) (L.D. 1336)

Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

Bill "An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation"

(H.P. 862) (L.D. 1348)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process"

(H.P. 864) (L.D. 1350)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Wilton, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question"

(H.P. 870) (L.D. 1356)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CROCKETT of Portland, JAUCH of Topsham, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RUNTE of York, STOVER of Boothbay, TERRY of Gorham.

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 Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law"

(H.P. 849) (L.D. 1335)

Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton, COLLINGS of Portland, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Require a Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement"

(H.P. 851) (L.D. 1337)

Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax"

(H.P. 852) (L.D. 1338)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors"

(H.P. 859) (L.D. 1345)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, KUHN of Falmouth, O'CONNELL of Brewer.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Behavioral Health Employment Income Tax Credit for Student Loan Payments"

(H.P. 869) (L.D. 1355)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, CROCKETT of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MADIGAN of Waterville, WARREN of Scarborough.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services"

(H.P. 855) (L.D. 1341)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, HYMES of Waldo, PARRY of Arundel, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding

(H.P. 865) (L.D. 1351)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act to Improve Driver Safety by Requiring the Completion of a Defensive Driving Course for Certain Violations"

(H.P. 888) (L.D. 1374)

Sponsored by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAFTS of Newcastle, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNELL of Brewer, RISEMAN of Harrison, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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 Change Term Limit Time Periods and the Frequency of Elections of Legislators

(H.P. 845) (L.D. 1331)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration"

(H.P. 858) (L.D. 1344)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COPELAND of Saco, DHALAC of South Portland, EATON of Deer Isle, MATLACK of St. George, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees"

(H.P. 871) (L.D. 1357)

Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland, Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting"

(H.P. 879) (L.D. 1365)

Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, HYMES of Waldo, LAVIGNE of Berwick, QUINT of Hodgdon, SMITH of Palermo, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WHITE of Guilford, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine"

(H.P. 885) (L.D. 1371)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta"

(H.P. 889) (L.D. 1375)

Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Density Requirements for Affordable Housing Developments"

(H.P. 872) (L.D. 1358)

Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 844) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, STROUT of Harrington, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 2023 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS, American Red Cross Month is a special time to honor the kindness of those persons who aid families in need every day in Maine, across the United States and around the world, their dedication touching millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 142-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering in the face of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross aspires to turn compassion into action, and Maine residents who are American Red Cross volunteers are an important part of the people of Maine helping one another when there is need; and

WHEREAS, Maine residents, in supporting the American Red Cross, have helped others to get back on their feet after devastating home fires and have assisted communities across the country facing record-breaking hurricanes, floods and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the American Red Cross's statewide community of volunteers and partners, people in Maine facing a disaster can meet their basic emergency needs, including having access to safe shelter, food and critical health and mental health services, for free, day and night; and

WHEREAS, because of the American Red Cross's work, children and youth in Maine know how to prepare for and stay safe during a disaster, people have working smoke alarms and emergency escape plans and there are always trained individuals nearby ready to use their skills to save lives; and

WHEREAS, due to the American Red Cross's efforts and local communities hosting blood drives and donating lifesaving blood, anyone can access blood and blood products and the State has a healthy and plentiful blood supply that helps to extend or save lives; and

WHEREAS, military personnel, veterans and their families have access to global emergency communication services and the support they need to cope with deployments and reintegrating into the community because of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross's Restoring Family Links program helps reconnect families separated by international crises such as armed conflicts, international disasters and migration and displacement; and

WHEREAS, the lifesaving work of the American Red Cross is vital to strengthening resilience in our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2023 as American Red Cross Month, dedicated to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of the American Red Cross, and ask others to join in the commitment to care for people in need.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today we pause to recognize the American Red Cross and, as you heard, the incredibly wide scope of activities this organization accomplishes. And as we are also honoring Women's History Month, I want to lift up Clara Barton, who was the founder of the American Red Cross. I went to kindergarten at Clara Barton Elementary School, so, I feel a special kinship and my dad would always sing when we drove by; Clara Barton, Clara Barton, Clara Barton; so, it's fused in my head.

The American Red Cross responds to approximately 500 fires in northern New England each year, providing financial assistance for food, clothing and emergency shelter. Starting in April, our northern New England region is ramping up prevention efforts and taking the fire safety message to the cities and towns of New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. Teams of volunteers are going door to door in targeted neighborhoods, meeting with residents, sharing fire safety tips and installing free smoke alarms where needed.

I'm thrilled to say that the Maine kickoff for Sound the Alarm will take place in Camden and all are welcome. This incredible outreach relies on the hard work and dedication of Red Cross volunteers, our constituents and probably some of us in this room who come from businesses, schools, civic organizations and elsewhere in the community. Ninety percent of the Red Cross's work is done by volunteers.

Today, we know all about smoke alarms but it wasn't always that way. These lifesaving devices came into use a bit in the 1970s but they weren't included in new construction until the '80s. The widespread use of smoke detectors was a public safety initiative that this country chose to take on and as a result, lives have been saved.

Growing up in the late-1960s, as I did, there were no home smoke alarms. I was six years old when my parents woke my little brother up and I from a deep sleep and hustled us out into the cold winter night. We were renters in an old cape and the house was full of smoke due to a chimney fire. The firefighters arrived and told us that we got out just in time. We were incredibly lucky. What woke my parents up that night, what saved all of our lives, was our Labrador retriever. Home fires claim seven lives every day but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death in half. Today, we recognize and thank the American Red Cross for all the good work they're doing across our State, country and world, and especially for rallying volunteers to install free smoke alarms across Maine. The lives saved may be our own. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**. Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

In Memory of:

Richard H. Emery, Jr., of Montville. Mr. Emery had a 47-year career serving as a custodian at Walker School in Liberty. Devoted to the school and its students, he supported students going through hard times, helped with community events and checked in on and delivered food to students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Emery will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 174)

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Montville, Representative Zeigler.

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would like to address you in regards to Richard "Dickie" Emery. Sometimes in life, you meet a person who is passionate about education but is not interested in teaching. It's true that the face of education is teaching in a traditional classroom setting. However, there are many people who teach outside of the four classroom walls. Richard "Dickie" Emery was one of those and he was well-known to the students of Walker School.

Dickie began working for RSU 3 at Walker School in November 1976; probably some of you weren't even born then; at the age of 19 and worked for 47 years as a building custodian, passing away at the age of 65 in the same building on January 17, 2023. When I was Chair of the RSU 3 school board, this building was one of the oldest in our district and Dickie kept it open so the students could learn. His wife, Joanne, has been a school secretary for 25 years and his mother worked there for 32 years, so, it's a family institution. This is a family deeply rooted in the community. The towns of Liberty and Montville both recently dedicated their town meeting books to Dickie in his memory. He will be remembered for all the lives he touched in a positive, accepting way, for his sense of humor and for all he contributed to the two communities he both lived in and worked. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Statute

Representative MOONEN for the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Disciplinary Actions Against Public Employees"

(H.P. 892) (L.D. 1397)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)** on Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax"

(H.P. 131) (L.D. 210)

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

LIBBY of Auburn

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)** 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-10)** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 50) (L.D. 80) Bill "An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 180) (L.D. 282) Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 264) (L.D. 431) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 56) Bill "An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**

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

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

ENACTOR

Emergency Measure

An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program

(S.P. 24) (L.D. 32)

Was 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. 77 voted in favor of the same and 59 against, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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 Reconsideration whereby the Bill Failed Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 9

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jauch, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, Lanigan, 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, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Abdi, Cyrway, Davis, Ducharme, Geiger, Gere, Griffin, Haggan, Hobbs, Kessler, Mason, Roeder, Shaw, Swallow.

Yes, 78; No, 58; Absent, 14; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 14 being absent, and accordingly the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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 Reconsideration whereby the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 10

YEA - Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Jauch, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, Lanigan, 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, Pringle, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Abdi, Cyrway, Davis, Ducharme, Geiger, Griffin, Haggan, Hobbs, Kessler, Mason, Roeder, Shaw, Swallow.

Yes, 79; No, 58; Absent, 13; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 13 being absent, and accordingly the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham moved that the Bill be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** the Bill until later in today's session pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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 to Table the Bill until later in today's session pending Passage to be Engrossed. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 11

YEA - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Cray, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Gattine, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Guerrette, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jackson, Jauch, Javner, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Newman, Nutting, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Smith, Stover,

Strout, Supica, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Walker, Warren, White J, Williams, Wood, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bagshaw, Boyer, Campbell, Carmichael, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Galletta, Gifford, Libby, Lyman, Paul, Perkins, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmearsal-Burgess, Soboleski, Underwood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Abdi, Cyrway, Davis, Ducharme, Geiger, Griffin, Haggan, Hobbs, Kessler, Mason, Roeder, Shaw, Swallow, White B.

Yes, 118; No, 18; Absent, 14; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

118 having voted in the affirmative and 18 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED** and later today assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 24) (L.D. 32)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative TERRY of Gorham pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-11)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Representative LIBBY of Auburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-11)**.

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 Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the pending motion and ask the Members to follow my light.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-11). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 12

YEA - Andrews, Ankeles, Arata, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bell, Blier, Boyer, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bridgeo, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Fredericks, Galletta, Gattine, Gere, Gifford, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Guerrette, Hall, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Hymes, Jauch, Javner, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Morris, Murphy, Ness, Nutting, O'Connell, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Perry A, Perry J, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Pringle, Quint, Rana, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Rudnicki, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sargent, Sayre, Schmearsal-Burgess, Shagoury, Sheehan, Skold, Smith, Stover, Strout, Supica, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Warren, White B, Williams, Wood S, Woodsome, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Bagshaw, Cray, Dunphy, Jackson, Libby, Lyman, Paul, Perkins, Soboleski, Walker, White J.

ABSENT - Abdi, Albert, Cyrway, Davis, Ducharme, Geiger, Griffin, Haggan, Hobbs, Kessler, Mason, Newman, O'Neil, Roeder, Shaw, Swallow.

Yes, 122; No, 12; Absent, 16; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

122 having voted in the affirmative and 12 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 16 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-11) in NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

**ENACTOR
Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

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

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

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab"

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1389)

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 Combat Unwanted Telephone Solicitations"

(S.P. 544) (L.D. 1379)

Bill "An Act to Protect Utility Customers and Improve Disclosure of Political and Advertising Spending by Public Utilities and Their Affiliates"

(S.P. 553) (L.D. 1388)

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

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

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Programs and Policies Regarding Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

(S.P. 560) (L.D. 1393)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports to the Legislature Concerning Child Welfare"

(S.P. 542) (L.D. 1325)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease"

(S.P. 547) (L.D. 1382)

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 Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"

(S.P. 541) (L.D. 1324)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services"

(S.P. 548) (L.D. 1383)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Single-payer Health Care Insurance to All Children"

(S.P. 552) (L.D. 1387)

Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs"

(S.P. 562) (L.D. 1395)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Regarding Employee Liability"

(S.P. 550) (L.D. 1385)

Bill "An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program"

(S.P. 561) (L.D. 1394)

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 Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program"

(S.P. 545) (L.D. 1380)

Bill "An Act to Create Fairness in Maine's Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Basing the Tax on the Sale Price"

(S.P. 546) (L.D. 1381)

Bill "An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis by Basing the Excise Tax on the Tier of a Cultivation Facility"

(S.P. 549) (L.D. 1384)

Bill "An Act to Require That a Completed Form for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Be Provided to a Person Purchasing a Home"

(S.P. 551) (L.D. 1386)

Bill "An Act to Change How the Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated"

(S.P. 559) (L.D. 1392)

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 Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services in Rural and Other Areas"

(S.P. 557) (L.D. 1390)

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries"

(S.P. 543) (L.D. 1378)

Bill "An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market"

(S.P. 558) (L.D. 1391)

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.

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

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I was walking out of church the other day, I had a young lady from All Saints Catholic School who handed me this and it's a prayer for our troops and I just thought it was appropriate that I might be able to read it today. Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Please place a hedge of protection around each and every one. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is pleased to recognize the Representative from Old Orchard, Representative Gramlich.

Representative **GRAMLICH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request consent to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Old Orchard, Representative Gramlich, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **GRAMLICH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Colleagues of the House. I know it's been a long morning. I won't take up too much of your time but you all just heard recognition of very dear friends of mine, Kathleen and Christopher Cooper. They actually live in Connecticut and Kat is probably my oldest best friend from college and she and her husband, who is a retired naval officer, are here today because Kat is an artist and Kat's artwork is displayed on loan from Connecticut in the State of Maine in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee for the next two years.

In the State of Connecticut, they do not have a five-cent redemption on the nips, the little alcohol bottles that we have that we see all over the roadside being littered and I don't think that nickel would make much of a difference there because it certainly doesn't here, Madam Speaker. However, Kat is a very gifted artist and she has knitted a steel skirt that is on a mannequin displayed with nips, which is in our Committee room. So, it's very appropriate that tomorrow we are having the Department of Environmental Protection do a bottle presentation and that piece will be displayed. It will be with us

for the next two years, Madam Speaker, and I encourage you all to take a look at it and I'm just so pleased that the artist has loaned us this piece for the next two years. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative ZEIGLER of Montville, the House adjourned at 1:09 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 30, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Richard H. Emery, Jr. of Montville.