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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
5th Legislative Day
Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

Prayer by Chaplain Steve Espling, Beacon Hospice of Auburn.

National Anthem by Gray-New Gloucester High School Band, Gray.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 127)

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

April 11, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3, §430-B, (5), I am appointing Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the *Surface Water Ambient Toxic Monitoring Program*, effective immediately.

Representative Hepler will serve on this program as a nonvoting member who is a member of the House of Representatives and who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 128)

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

April 13, 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 State and Local Government has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Chipman of Cumberland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 455 An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 129)

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

April 13, 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: "

Energy, Utilities and Technology

L.D. 486 An Act to Encourage Economic Development Through the Manufacture and Use of Marine Nuclear Power Modules

Labor and Housing

L.D. 742 An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine Lobster

L.D. 961 An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees

State and Local Government

L.D. 1005 Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions

L.D. 1047 An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval

Taxation

L.D. 89 An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older

L.D. 149 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws

L.D. 167 An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption

L.D. 805 An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles

L.D. 843 An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 1221 An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 130)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 11, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of each of the four proclamations referring the initiative petitions certified by the Secretary of State to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2023.

The initiatives to be voted on include:

- "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing"
- "An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair"
- "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution"
- "An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility"

Sincerely,
S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**State of Maine
Department of Secretary of State**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 68,807 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of the Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing"; and WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum, vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor
S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 74,686 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on March 21, 2023; and WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor
S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 67,550 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on February 16, 2023; and WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor
S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 69,735 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed

in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on February 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor
S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **PLACEMENT ON FILE** and later today assigned.

At this point, the Chair recognized the Representative from Deer Isle, Representative EATON, and she was added to the roll call of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Support Local Governments in Responding to Freedom of Access Act Requests"

(H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1649)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law"

(H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1648)

Sponsored by Representative BOYLE of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GERE of Kennebunkport, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Create a Tiered Senior Resident Homestead Exemption"

(H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1650)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, MATLACK of St. George, SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the State Income Tax"

(H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1651)

Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GALLETTA of Durham, MILLETT of Waterford, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, KEIM of Oxford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Environmental Protection

Representative GRAMLICH for the **Department of Environmental Protection** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1652)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative HEPLER of Woolwich, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1059) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DILL of Old Town, HALL of Wilton, PLUECKER of Warren, SARGENT of York, SHAW of Auburn, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023

AS ORGAN DONATION MONTH

WHEREAS, there are more than 104,200 Americans, and more than 6,300 in New England, currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,000,000 life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone or skin or other tissue; and

WHEREAS, residents of this State can help to save lives and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become organ and tissue donors and enrolling in the Maine Organ Donor Registry when applying for or renewing driver's licenses or other state identifications or by registering online at RegisterMe.org; and

WHEREAS, ninety-eight percent of all people in Maine who register to become a donor do so at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which is an important part of reaching and surpassing the national goal of signing up 50% of the driving population to become donors; and

WHEREAS, Organ Donation Month pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to donate enables others to receive lifesaving organs and tissues for transplant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2023 as Organ Donation Month, and we encourage residents to register as organ and tissue donors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to New England Donor Services of Waltham, Massachusetts.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Woolwich, Representative Hepler.

Representative **HEPLER:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. When you are told that your loved one was suddenly and devastatingly injured in a workplace accident and has no hope to live, you have a lot of hard decisions to make. Please don't make one of those decisions have to be about whether to donate their organs. An endorsement on your driver's license at Maine's BMV can let people know that you'd like to donate their organs to someone else so they can live. It is, indeed, the gift of life. But please don't stop there. Tell your friends and family that these are your wishes. It would be one less decision that they will have to make if the unthinkable occurs. Thank you.

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

Representative **HENDERSON:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I did not intend to rise today and from what I've been told, I might say that a time or two during my time in the Legislature. But as someone whose family has been affected by organ donation, I stand in support of this Joint Resolution. Growing up, my father was our family's sole breadwinner. Both my mother and father worked equally hard to provide and care for our family; my father outside the home and my mother inside. In 2007, when my father was only 47, he had a serious heart attack that ended his working career and spiraled him into months of hospitalizations and surgeries. A year and a half later, things had taken a turn for the worse. It was late summer and I had just spent four days in Boston at Tufts Medical University in the CICU at my father's side. I had driven home to pack my mother a fresh overnight bag when I received a phone call that no one wants. It was my mother's calm but shaky voice that said Rachel, you need to come back tonight; I just got done speaking with the medical team, your father is hooked up to 13 life-preserving machines and is on 28 medications, there's nothing else they can do. He won't make it through the night. And yet, somehow, he did. The next day, we

were given the same prognosis, and the next day, and the next. He slowly but steadily became stronger over the next four months but the damage had been done. He needed a transplant and was put on the list. Early September of 2009, my mother received a 3 a.m. phone call from the medical team at Tufts. They had a heart for him. It was a conflicting time. My dad was finally getting a heart and yet somewhere there was a family grieving a loss of their 19-year-old son, a loss I couldn't directly understand but an impending grief our family had faced just the year before. Daniel Barios, the forever 19-year-old, was an organ donor. His gift was so much more than a heart. It was the gift of time. It gave my father the chance to experience holding his first grandchild, his children's weddings, adoptions, his wife's celebration of life and, yes, swearing-in day. So, Madam Speaker, I would encourage my colleagues, if they have a heart to, to become organ donors because your legacy literally can live on in the lives of others after your passing. Thank you.

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

On motion of Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1058) (Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon, Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, FOSTER of Dexter, HAGGAN of Hampden, NESS of Fryeburg, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, THORNE of Carmel, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has ceased to operate under a proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the American people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for Federal Government officials and members of Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application by this body constitutes a continuing application in accordance with the United States Constitution, Article V until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made similar application pursuant to Article V but, if Congress proposes an amendment to the United States Constitution imposing fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government or limiting the terms of office for Federal Government officials and members of Congress, this application for a constitutional convention is no longer of any force or effect for that subject matter; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is void, rescinded and of no effect in the event that such a convention is not limited to such specific and exclusive purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this body proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the Congress requesting the enactment of appropriate amendments to the United States Constitution or requiring the Congress to call a convention for proposing such amendments to the United States Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 19)

ORDERED, that Representative David W. Boyer Jr. of Poland be excused Apr 6 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative William R. Bridgeo of Augusta be excused Apr 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Danny Edward Costain of Plymouth be excused Apr 5 and 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Scott W. Cyrway of Albion be excused Mar 28 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John E. Ducharme III of Madison be excused Mar 21, 23, 28 and 30 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Abigail W. Griffin of Levant be excused Feb 14, 16 and 28, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 and 28 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Daniel J. Hobbs of Wells be excused Mar 23 and 28 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Michel A. Lajoie of Lewiston be excused Apr 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Laurel D. Libby of Auburn be excused Mar 21 and 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Morgan J. Rielly of Westbrook be excused Mar 21 and 23 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Gregory Lewis Swallow of Houlton be excused Mar 28 and 23 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephen J. Wood of Greene be excused Mar 16 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Freeport High School One Act Competition Team, which won the Class B Regional Championship at the Maine Drama Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 233)

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SACHS of Freeport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

the Freeport High School One Act Competition Team, which won the Class B State Championship at the Maine Drama Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 241)

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SACHS of Freeport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Oscar Wilde said; I regard the theater as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being. I'm delighted this morning to welcome a group of truly amazing human beings; the cast and crew of the Maine Drama Festival's Class B Regional and State One Act Champions from Freeport High School.

I asked this group what they loved the most about One Acts and make no mistake, this is a competition for these students. They staged a production called The Tinderbox, which is an epic journey and tale from rags to riches, through war, political intrigue and the depths of despair to the heights of love and passion, a classic tale inspired by Hans Christian Anderson but exploring friendship, betrayal and the importance of staying true to one's values, which resonates with many of its participants and audience, including, perhaps, Members of this Chamber as well, Madam Speaker.

The drama festival truly is a high-stakes contest, akin to any sport. They spend months, Madam Speaker, designing and constructing sets, costumes, lighting, sound, along with rehearsing lines, stage movement and an epic swordfight as well. They must stage the entire set in five minutes, complete

their production in 40 minutes, and take that set down again in five minutes and are judged on all of it. They spoke, Madam Speaker, about the inclusivity of theater, of the respect they have for their competitors and for one another, and the ability to showcase talent throughout the State through this amazing festival. And I encourage you, Madam Speaker; and to the Members and my colleagues here in the House; to take a look at the One Act festivals in their area next year. So, coming together in this spirit, I am thankful for these beautiful humans for sharing their gifts with us.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Skold.

Representative **SKOLD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, it gives me tremendous pride to rise today to congratulate Freeport High School on being named Regional and State One Act Champions at the Class B One Act Festival.

As a student at Freeport High School, I participated in the One Act Festival all four years from 2004 through 2007, and it was one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences that I had. My own acting was never a standout performance but the acting, lighting, writing, direction, tech work and all that goes into it, all this work of my peers, was outstanding and, more importantly, it brought us together in unity of purpose, in artistic exploration and in deep camaraderie that stays with me to this day. For those who have never had the pleasure of participating in competitive theater, these rules are very strict. You are subject to judging and scoring and you have to set up in five minutes, act in 40, and tear down in another five minutes and one second over, you're disqualified. So, it's a very rigorous competition and in the years that I participated, we never won the State One Act Festival. Much less, we never even were Regional Champions. Despite the estimation of my myself and all my peers that we were indeed the best One Act play in no fewer than three of those four years that I participated, we never won Regional Champions. And, Madam Speaker, we were robbed. With no disrespect to the Maine Principals Association and with all admiration to the judges past and present, it was our lingering conclusion that we were robbed. But in the time since I graduated, the Freeport High School students have won a number of State and Regional Championships and it gives me so much pride to go back to Freeport High School and see all the Championship banners for these One Act festivals lined up on the wall and now these brave students have added more championship banners to that wall.

But even more than these awards, I want to commend what it took to achieve those awards; their teamwork, their commitment, their artistic exploration, their courage is something that should make them proud. It makes their parents proud, all the educators of Freeport High School in Freeport, Durham and Pownal proud and it makes all the alumni proud and it should make this entire State proud. So, congratulations.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. As a former judge of Regional and State One Act competitions, I can attest to the incredible feat that these young people have been through. One of the things that I want to underscore, however, is the importance of live theater not only in an educational setting but for those of us who are in the audience. There were scientific studies shown that young people who went to see a theater production and probably, by extension, those who participate in a live theater production, scored higher on tests of empathy, which is something that is

desperately needed in today's world. Also, another study showed that for audience members viewing a piece of theater, so for everyone who viewed these students' wonderful performance, even if you don't know the people sitting on either side of you, your heartbeat starts to sync with theirs. I find that to be incredible. And one of the things that Willem Dafoe said about theater is that great theater is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to. So, not only did they have fun, put up a set and take it down in five minutes, do an entire production in 40 minutes, wow jaded people like me who were their judges, they showed us what it is to aspire to a world that we want to create. So, I wanted to thank them.

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

Recognizing:

Andre Dallaire, of Biddeford, a member of Troop No. 308, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 234)

Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport. Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York, Representative MALON of Biddeford, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

In Memory of:

Charles Woodard, of Detroit. Mr. Woodard, who was a roofer by trade, was a member of the Detroit Fire Department for several years. He worked as a project foreman for Hammer Down and was a key part in the construction of Gram's Five and Dime stores. Mr. Woodard will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 243)

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield. Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Representative CRAY of Palmyra.

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

READ.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Political Patronage with Regard to State Legislators"

(H.P. 326) (L.D. 521)

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

Representative STOVER of Boothbay moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative GREENWOOD of Wales **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not 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 Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill prohibits a legislator from being employed by a State agency or nonprofit corporation that directly or indirectly receives State funds for a period of four years after the legislator's term ends. For too long, there has been a revolving door in Augusta where legislators receive well-paying government jobs shortly after their term ends. This gives the appearance of reward for voting for something or sponsoring legislation that benefits the State agency or the administrative State. When a legislator leaves office, they are not allowed to be a lobbyist for at least a one-year period. I think it is equally important they not be allowed to take a position within a State government agency or tax-funded nonprofit for a four-year period. Many of these positions that are given to former legislators are high-paying positions that are in more of an executive capacity, allowing for loose interpretations of relevant experience to fill the position with a legislator instead of a subject matter expert.

Since the Legislature is not currently or historically policing itself with regard to pay-for-play employment of legislators within administrative State agencies and nonprofits, this is a necessary mechanism to ensure oversight and accountability, to make sure that positions of power are not being abused. We wouldn't want to see a high-ranking legislator ram through a controversial bill pertaining to widgets and then be awarded a high-paying position after their term ends in government in the position that deals with the regulation of widgets. This is not the best way for a government to operate and we can do better. I urge you to vote no and vote down the Ought Not to Pass motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 31

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

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmursal-Burgess, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Costain, Crockett, Galletta, Hall, Lanigan, Lookner, Mastraccio, Morris, Ness, O'Neil, Perkins, Riseman, Warren.

Yes, 77; No, 60; Absent, 13; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 13 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** 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:

(S.P. 57) (L.D. 118) Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)**

(S.P. 101) (L.D. 201) Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-19)**

(S.P. 419) (L.D. 1050) Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-18)**

(H.P. 405) (L.D. 628) Bill "An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services

(H.P. 328) (L.D. 523)

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. 111 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults

(S.P. 27) (L.D. 35)

An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services

(H.P. 139) (L.D. 218)

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.

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

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law"

(H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1670)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York.

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 Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1675)

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, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, SALISBURY of Westbrook, 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.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Sustainability and Value of Maine's Designated Health Information Exchange by Acquiring Enhanced Federal Funding"

(H.P. 1074) (L.D. 1676)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State"

(H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1667)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions"

(H.P. 1066) (L.D. 1668)

Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors"

(H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1669)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

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 Reduce the Income Tax to 4.5 Percent on the Lowest Tax Bracket and Remove Low-income Families from Taxation"

(H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1671)

Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Waterford, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects"

(H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1674)

Sponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GERE of Kennebunkport, JAUCH of Topsham, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process"

(H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1672)

Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program"

(H.P. 1071) (L.D. 1673)

Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CAMPBELL of Orrington, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, LEE of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System"

(S.P. 661) (L.D. 1656)

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 Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings"

(S.P. 659) (L.D. 1654)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Consumer-owned Water Utilities"

(S.P. 660) (L.D. 1655)

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.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors and to Protect All Electors from Harassment and Intimidation

(S.P. 658) (L.D. 1653)

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 following Joint Order: (S.P. 672)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fryeburg, Representative Ness.

Representative **NESS**: I wish to address the House on the record.

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

Representative **NESS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Had I been in my seat on Roll Call No. 31 on item 6-1 on today's calendar, I would have voted no. Thank you.

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases

(S.P. 664) (L.D. 1659)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Certain Sexual Offenses"

(S.P. 662) (L.D. 1657)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Verify the Reduction of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Certain Electric Transmission Line Projects"

(S.P. 663) (L.D. 1658)

Bill "An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling"

(S.P. 665) (L.D. 1660)

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 Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 669) (L.D. 1664)

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives"

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1666)

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 Improve Breast Health Care by Providing Coverage for Genetic Counseling and Testing"

(S.P. 670) (L.D. 1665)

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.

Resolve, to Study the Adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 667) (L.D. 1662)

Bill "An Act to Add Political Affiliation as a Protected Class to the Maine Human Rights Act"

(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1663)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Require a Liability Automobile Insurance Policy to Cover the Costs of Towing and Storing Certain Vehicles"

(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1661)

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

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: So, I want to just take the liberty to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for all the hard work that you're doing. It's been a long week and I just want to thank each and every one of you for putting in all the time that you have and for doing really good, hard work. It is not easy to balance all of this and I just want to extend sincere thanks to you all. I also want to wish you a very, very long, good spring beautiful Maine weekend and hope that you get a chance to relax and enjoy the next couple of days.

On motion of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, the House adjourned at 11:39 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2023, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 672) and in honor and lasting tribute to Charles Woodard of Detroit.