

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
10th Legislative Day
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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

Prayer by Deacon John McAuliffe, Our Lady of Hope, Portland.

National Anthem by Greely High School Madrigals, Cumberland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, April 27, 2023 was read and approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 152)

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

April 28, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing Representative Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, replacing Representative Michel Lajoie of Lewiston, effective Friday, April 28, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this temporary appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 149)

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

May 2, 2023

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

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Judiciary has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 1137 An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Advertising in Limited Pregnancy Services Centers

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

L.D. 858 An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

L.D. 872 An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

L.D. 1044 An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Labor and Housing has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Daughtry of Cumberland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 270 An Act to Help Retired Federal Employees Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 150)

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

May 2, 2023

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

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 1143 An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing to One Year

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 604 An Act to Extend the Night Hunting Season for Coyotes to Immediately Following the Muzzle-loading-only Deer Hunting Season

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

L.D. 342 An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally

L.D. 366 An Act to Promote Workforce Development

L.D. 1115 An Act Regarding Economic Development Funds for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

L.D. 1628 An Act to Reform the Occupational Licensing Regime by Including Portability and Removing Good Character Requirements

Marine Resources

L.D. 352 An Act to Establish the Maine Mariculture Development Collaborative

State and Local Government

L.D. 969 An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills

Veterans and Legal Affairs
L.D. 1255 An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places
L.D. 1594 An Act to Provide for Voters Expressing Preferences
in Ranked-choice Voting

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 151)

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

May 2, 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 April 28, 2023

Hannah Carter of Orono and James A. Carlson of Gorham for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA §9404, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

David M. MacMahon of Poland, the Honorable Michael H. Michaud of East Millinocket and Patricia Riley of Brunswick for reappointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, these reappointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 390)

**MAINE SENATE
131st LEGISLATURE**

April 27, 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:

- Valerie R. Landry of Ocean Park for appointment, to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees,

- Owen McCarthy of Gorham for appointment, to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees,
- John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington for appointment, to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

- Sari S. Greene of South Portland for reappointment, to the Gambling Control Board.

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

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities" (H.P. 1193) (L.D. 1863)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HASENFUS of Readfield, LOOKNER of Portland, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

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.

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

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Madam Speaker, I'm sorry for interrupting but I felt like I was called to get this out. Is it customary for Committee Chairs to change the rules midstream so that one side gets more time to speak than the other? This disenfranchised the majority of the people who waited many hours to testify. That is unacceptable and it must not happen again if we want true equity in our public hearing process. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Bill "An Act to Create the Educational Opportunity Account Program"

(H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1860)

Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DRINKWATER of Milford.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism" (H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1861)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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 Reimburse Training Costs for Emergency Medical and Public Safety Dispatchers"

(H.P. 1189) (L.D. 1859)

Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: LEE of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

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

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage"

(H.P. 1188) (L.D. 1858)

Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, JAUCH of Topsham, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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.

Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a MaineCare Public Health Plan

(H.P. 1186) (L.D. 1856)

Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PERRY of Calais, PRINGLE of Windham, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient

(H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1868)

Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Representatives: QUINT of Hodgdon, SWALLOW of Houlton.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority"

(H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1867)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, JAUCH of Topsham, KESSLER of South Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RANA of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport.

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

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

Bill "An Act Establishing the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission"

(H.P. 1195) (L.D. 1865)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Complete and Implement the Comprehensive Review of the Classification and Compensation System for Executive Branch Employees"

(H.P. 1184) (L.D. 1854)

Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, BOYLE of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LANDRY of Farmington, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEE of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PAULHUS of Bath, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, PRINGLE of Windham, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York,

SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BAILEY of York, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BLACK of Franklin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act to Restore Balanced Powers During a State of Emergency"

(H.P. 1192) (L.D. 1862)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, HAGGAN of Hampden, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PAUL of Winterport, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

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 Eliminate the Lodging Tax on Campground Sites and Revert to Using the Current Sales Tax"

(H.P. 1182) (L.D. 1852)

Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

Bill "An Act to Conform the Mining Excise Tax Laws to the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Set the Mining Excise Tax at 10 Percent" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1853)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax

(H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1855)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act to Establish 5 New Tax Brackets and a Surcharge for Higher Income Levels"

(H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1866)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Bangor.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Public Safety Health and Wellness Reimbursement Fund to Benefit Public Safety Workers and Volunteers"

(H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1857)

Sponsored by Representative COPELAND of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MALON of Biddeford, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RECKITT of South Portland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act"

(H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1851)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

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 Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas"

(H.P. 1194) (L.D. 1864)

Sponsored by Representative BOYLE of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, DOUDERA of Camden, GERE of Kennebunkport, 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.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1180) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BRENNAN of Portland, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GEIGER of Rockland, MADIGAN of Waterville, SACHS of Freeport, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the mental health and well-being of all children, youth, adults and families in the State are of fundamental importance to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the national suicide rate has increased more than 30%, with more than 10 million individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts and 1.4 million individuals attempting suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 129 individuals die by suicide in the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, suicide, opioid misuse and addiction and children's mental health issues are areas of concern in the State; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 65,000 adults in the State who are living with a serious mental illness, including, but not limited to, bipolar disorder, severe depression and schizophrenia, and 27.2% of the children in the State have a mental illness, the highest rate of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the effective treatment of mental health conditions is critical to reducing the number of individuals and families who find themselves in mental health crises, to breaking individual and generational cycles of mental illness and to promoting healing; and

WHEREAS, recovery from a mental illness requires access to professional services and involves families and caregivers as allies in recovery and as critical members of the care delivery team; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an open dialogue regarding mental health conditions encourages individuals struggling with mental illness to seek help and is an essential component to fighting the stigma associated with mental illness; 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 May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in order to raise awareness of mental health conditions and services and to break the stigma surrounding mental illness in the State.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Orchard Beach, Representative Gramlich.

Representative **GRAMLICH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month. This year's theme, More Than Enough, reminds us that those around us in the mental health community are, indeed, more than enough. While 65% of Americans are concerned about the stigma around mental illness, only half of Americans say they are familiar with the mental health care system. As we know, Madam Speaker, mental health is an incredibly important part of our overall health, thus the timeliness for this could not be more relevant. In fact, Madam Speaker, not only is our individual and collective mental health critically important, mental health issues impact just about every single one of us. One in five U.S. adults experience mental illness each year and less than half of them receive treatment. One in 20 U.S. adults experiences serious mental illness each year and less than two-thirds receive treatment. And we have seen a 31% increase in mental health-related emergency department visits among adolescents alone.

Mental health issues among children are also a growing concern. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, one in six children ages between six and 17 experience a mental health disorder each year. These issues can impact a child's development, academic performance and overall well-being. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals age 10 to 24 and untreated mental health issues can contribute to this statistic. By providing mental health services to children and their families, we can identify and address mental health issues early, preventing them before they become more severe.

Again, this year's theme, Madam Speaker, More Than Enough, underscores that all people, no matter where they are on their mental health journey, are deserving of support,

resources, fulfillment and a community that cares. So, what can we do? Learn the warning signs of emotional distress and suicide, engage affected loved ones in supportive dialogue, fight the prejudice and negative attitudes that discourages those in need from seeking mental health support and support funding and parity for mental health care and treatment because we all, after all, Madam Speaker, are more than enough. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

On motion of Representative THORNE of Carmel, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1199) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, ALBERT of Madawaska, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, BAGSHAW of Windham, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COPELAND of Saco, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CYRWAY of Albion, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JAUCH of Topsham, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PAULHUS of Bath, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Bangor, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, QUINT of Hodgdon, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SAMPSON of Alfred, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, FARRIN of Somerset, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023
AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that United States citizens enjoy today are results of the vigilant commitment of the United States Armed Forces in preserving that freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of maintaining a strong, well-equipped, well-educated and well-trained military for the United States to safeguard freedoms, humanitarianism and peacekeeping efforts around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to promote awareness of and reflect upon the sacrifices that members of the United States Armed Forces have made in the past and continue to make every day in order to support the Constitution and to preserve the freedoms and liberties that enrich the Nation and to show appreciation for those sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, it is important to give greater recognition for the dedication and sacrifices that individuals who serve in the United States Armed Forces have made and continue to make on behalf of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to emphasize the importance of the United States Armed Forces to all persons in the United States and to celebrate the proper honor and pride United States citizens feel towards members of the United States Armed Forces for their service; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve and foster the honor and respect that the United States Armed Forces deserve for vital service on behalf of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to instill in the youth of the United States the significance of the contributions that members of the United States Armed Forces have made in securing and protecting the freedoms that United States citizens enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to underscore the vital support and encouragement that families of members of the United States Armed Forces lend to the strength and commitment of those members; and

WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge the contributions of the many individuals who have served in the United States Armed Forces since inception of the Armed Forces; 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 designate May 2023 as Military Appreciation Month, to recognize, honor and encourage the dedication and commitment of members of the United States Armed Forces in serving the United States and to encourage greater support for the role of the United States Armed Forces in maintaining the United States as a strong nation and in contributing to world peace.

READ.

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

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize May as Military Appreciation Month. Everybody has a story here in the Legislature that they lived before they got to this point and one of the things that I mention on occasion is that I was fortunate enough to spend 21 years in the United States Air Force. And I look around in this Body and there are almost 20 that have served in uniform; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and even Coast Guard. And today in Maine, we have the fifth-highest per capita ratio of veterans in our population. There are 98,703, give or take, which represents 8.8% of Maine's population are military veterans. In the United States, there are 1.18 million; 1.18 million that are currently serving on active duty in the military, 84,000 serving in Asia, 67,000 currently serving in Europe, leading to stability across the globe. In the United States, there are 16.5 million veterans. I'd also like to point out that in World War II, there were 16 million military that served for the United States. Out of that 16 million, 167,000 are still alive. That represents 1% of what we call our Greatest Generation, World War II veterans. I think about the members of the Legislature that have family, whether it be fathers, mothers, husbands, spouses, wives, sons, daughters,

grandchildren that are serving or have served in the United States military.

I'd like to share with you just a brief snapshot of what I experienced in my life for 21 years in the Air Force. We had and lived by what we call our core values that were instilled upon us and reminded to us on almost a daily basis. Those three things were integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. And after you live that for 21 years, it's hard to come out and think of anything that you don't live with those values. And, lastly, I'd like to share with you, this is called an Airman's Creed in the United States Air Force and I share it with my other colleagues that were in the other services because I understand not everybody can get into the Air Force. The Navy and the Army got that, the Marine Corps is still figuring it out, sorry, Leader Faulkingham.

I am an American Airman. I am a warrior. I have answered my nation's call. I am an American Airman. My mission is to fly, fight and win. I am faithful to a proud heritage, a tradition of honor and a legacy of valor. I am an American Airman. Guardian of freedom and justice, my nation's sword and shield, its sentry and avenger. I defend my country with my life. I am an American Airman. Wingman, leader, warrior. I will never leave an Airman behind. I will never falter, and I will not fail.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Sargent.

Representative **SARGENT**: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise to speak in solemn support of this Resolution. It is appropriate and important that we pause, reflect, respect and remember those who answered and still answer the call to protect our great country. Though I, myself, have not served, I am proud to honor my uncle, George Taylor, who landed on Anzio Beach in World War II, my father and brothers who all served and my personal hero, General and Governor Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, who led the 20th Maine at Little Round Top. As Representative Thorne mentioned, I'm certain that most of us have family members who have served and I know that all of us have constituents who have served. Therefore, as we wrestle to do our best in advancing our Republic and serving our people, we salute those who have stepped forward to keep us safe. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative O'Connell.

Representative **O'CONNELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen. Don't take for granted what we have. I've been to many countries where they don't enjoy the freedoms that we have here today. So, when you see that vet, when you see that person in uniform, please take the time to say thank you for your service. We're a humble bunch, some of them won't know what to say, but just put your hand out, they'll appreciate it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Geiger.

Representative **GEIGER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I somehow missed the opportunity to put my name on this and I just felt the need to stand. My dad was a career Air Force, served 16 years, died on active duty when I was six. I know the kind of service and commitment that requires. I know the incalculable loss when someone is lost in the military to the family and friends that remain behind and I also know the honor he felt in serving and in the way that the military takes care of its families when there is a loss. And so, I too want to say thank you to the military, for appreciation for all that they do, all the ways in which they serve,

and all the ways in which they look after a family. I am the first person in my family to ever go to college and that is strictly because the Department of Defense helped me get there. Thank you.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Camden Wengler, of Cumberland, a student at Greely High School and a member of the school's debate team, who won the House of Representatives Final for the Maine Qualifiers for the 2023 National Catholic Forensic League National Finals in Louisville, Kentucky. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 282)

Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Ruth Weeks, of Cumberland, a student at Greely High School and a member of the school's debate team, who won the Senate Final of the Maine Forensic Association State Tournament and the Maine Qualifiers for the 2023 National Speech and Debate Association National Finals in Phoenix, Arizona. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 283)

Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Yarmouth, Representative Graham.

Representative **GRAHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm happy to say that I have all kinds of amazing people in my community and want to thank Camden Wengler, Ruth Weeks, Nat Thompson and Jack Bakken for paging today. My hope is they may get a sense of our work here and this great experiment we call democracy. Who knows? Maybe they'll sit in these seats one day.

I also would like to share some quotes from a News Center Maine piece that I saw in March about Ruth and about her debate coach, Jason Curry. Ruth Weeks said debating is just about talking with people who may have different opinions than you, opinions that have helped boost her confidence over the years. People are going to try and not belittle your point but poke holes in it, anyway, and knowing that you can stand up there and you can have the confidence, Ruth felt that was how she can be successful.

Hold on a second. Sorry about that, my friends. Secondly, both Ruth and Jason talked about how to be successful in

debate but also, again, in that thing we call democracy. I also want to point out that Mr. Curry, Jason Curry, has been a debate coach for 25 years at Greely High School and he's stepping down in a really great way because he's sending his debate champions off to Arizona and he gets to go with them. So, again, I'm so honored to have people like Ruth, like Camden, like Nat, Jack and, particularly, Mr. Curry in my community. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Representative ROEDER from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Require Compliance with Natural or Agricultural Resource Protection Ordinances"

(H.P. 29) (L.D. 54)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative ROEDER from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State"

(H.P. 208) (L.D. 310)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-39)** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires"

(S.P. 16) (L.D. 24)

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
BLACK of Franklin
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren
COSTAIN of Plymouth
CRAY of Palmyra
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HALL of Wilton
HEPLER of Woolwich
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-40)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

JACKSON of Oxford

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-39)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-39)** 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" (S-39)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)** on Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State

(S.P. 110) (L.D. 244)

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

HASENFUS of Readfield

LAJOIE of Lewiston

LOOKNER of Portland

MATHIESON of Kittery

MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello

NEWMAN of Belgrade

NUTTING of Oakland

PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-35)**.

READ.

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)** on Bill "An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations"

(S.P. 213) (L.D. 459)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

POIRIER of Skowhegan

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-44)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)** 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" (S-44)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property"

(S.P. 309) (L.D. 751)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

POIRIER of Skowhegan

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-45)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)** 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" (S-45)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)** on Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Governing Pari-Mutuel Pools on Harness Racing" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 132) (L.D. 311)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor

ANDREWS of Paris

BOYER of Poland

COLLINGS of Portland

HYMES of Waldo

MALON of Biddeford

MONTELL of Gardiner

RIELLY of Westbrook

RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-43)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

RISEMAN of Harrison

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-42)**.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)** 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" (S-42)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Environment by Funding Ash Tree Management"

(H.P. 734) (L.D. 1162)

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York

HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren

HEPLER of Woolwich

JAUCH of Topsham

OSHER of Orono

SHAW of Auburn

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

Signed:

Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth

CRAY of Palmyra

GUERRETTE of Caribou

HALL of Wilton

JACKSON of Oxford

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)** 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-78)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Return the Name of the Maine Community College System to the Maine Technical College System"

(H.P. 115) (L.D. 174)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

LIBBY of Cumberland

PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Opioid Education Requirements"

(H.P. 838) (L.D. 1323)

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Signed:

Senator:

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled"

(H.P. 203) (L.D. 305)

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
DILL of Old Town
DRINKWATER of Milford
GOLEK of Harpswell
MASON of Lisbon
WOOD of Greene
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-77)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

THORNE of Carmel

READ.

On motion of Representative LANDRY of Farmington, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Qualification of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions"

(H.P. 343) (L.D. 538)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)** Report.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)** 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-86)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)** on Bill "An Act to Lower the Amount of Seized Currency in a Criminal Asset Forfeiture over Which the Currency May Be Transferred to the Federal Government"

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

Signed:
Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
HAGGAN of Hampden
ENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:
Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)** Report.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)** 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-84)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals"

(H.P. 530) (L.D. 841)

Signed:
Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
DRINKWATER of Milford
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

READ.

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Nine Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 18 Years of Age"

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 443)

Signed:
Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
ENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Two Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
RECKITT of South Portland

Two Members of the same Committee report in Report "C" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of any Report and later today assigned.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 28) (L.D. 36) Bill "An Act to Make Corrections to the Maine Insurance Code" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)**

(S.P. 181) (L.D. 400) Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Setback Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)**

(H.P. 15) (L.D. 11) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 52) (L.D. 82) Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 278) (L.D. 449) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 678) (L.D. 1083) Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 64) (L.D. 96) Bill "An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)**

(H.P. 94) (L.D. 153) Bill "An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)**

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 239) Bill "An Act to Establish the Hessel's Hairstreak as the Maine State Butterfly" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)**

(H.P. 361) (L.D. 556) Bill "An Act Concerning Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fees, Fines and Driver's License Reinstatement" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)**

(H.P. 505) (L.D. 816) Bill "An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-81)**

(H.P. 506) (L.D. 817) Bill "An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)**

(H.P. 570) (L.D. 914) Bill "An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)**

(H.P. 623) (L.D. 976) Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)**

(H.P. 690) (L.D. 1095) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools by Providing an Exemption to the Time Limit on Negotiations" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)**

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 Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED or PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

(H.P. 84) (L.D. 138) Bill "An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

On motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Representative STOVER of Boothbay **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-95)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-95)** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services

(S.P. 235) (L.D. 564)

(C. "A" S-30)

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.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

(H.P. 46) (L.D. 71)

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. 114 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 Define "Mail" in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification and to Extend the Appeal Times for Claimants

(H.P. 17) (L.D. 13)
(C. "A" H-45)

An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation and Electronic Warning Information

(S.P. 15) (L.D. 23)
(C. "A" S-28)

An Act to Streamline Rulemaking for Revisions to Screening Levels for the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Program

(S.P. 20) (L.D. 28)
(C. "A" S-31)

An Act to Update the Responsibilities of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board

(S.P. 46) (L.D. 74)
(C. "A" S-33)

An Act Regarding the Funding of Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Projects

(H.P. 105) (L.D. 164)
(C. "A" H-41)

An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water

(H.P. 174) (L.D. 276)
(C. "A" H-43)

An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage

(H.P. 358) (L.D. 553)
(C. "A" H-37)

An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride

(H.P. 377) (L.D. 600)

Were 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.

Resolve

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists

(H.P. 173) (L.D. 275)
(C. "A" H-38)

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, April 27, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers by Requiring a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive General Assistance Benefits and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws"

(H.P. 437) (L.D. 668)

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested) - **CARRIED OVER** to any special or regular session, of the 131st Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 594 on March 30, 2023. **TABLED** - February 16, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales. **PENDING - REFERENCE.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (6) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)** - Minority (3) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Support Parents by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers"

(H.P. 185) (L.D. 287)

TABLED - April 20, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

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-47)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative QUINT of Hodgdon **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-64)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm usually not one for sales tax carveouts but when this came forward in order to help families, I thought it needed to be extended further because we do have families with adult children who are also using diapers and also those who are taking care of elderly parents within their home and I just really felt that this was something that should be extended throughout and so that is why I presented this amendment. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-64)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)** was **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-47) as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-64)** thereto was **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-47)** as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-64)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards"

(S.P. 758) (L.D. 1874)

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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine"

(S.P. 755) (L.D. 1871)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Payment of Child Support by an Intoxicated Driver Who Kills a Parent"

(S.P. 754) (L.D. 1870)

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 Restore Balanced Emergency Powers"

(S.P. 756) (L.D. 1872)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts"

(S.P. 757) (L.D. 1873)

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 Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections"

(S.P. 753) (L.D. 1869)

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: That concludes our business for today. With a special thank you to the Members of the Committee on Judiciary and the Chamber Staff, all of the staff, who were here throughout the night, starting at 12 noon yesterday and concluding around 7:30 a.m. this morning. I want to thank all those Members for their perseverance and tenacity and their commitment to the work. Thank you very, very much. To the staff, it is incredible what you are all doing and please accept all of the thanks and appreciate and gratitude from all of the Members of the House.

On motion of Representative FAY of Raymond, the House adjourned at 12:06 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Julian Settemire of China.