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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
36th Legislative Day  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023

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

Prayer by Father Sebastian White O.P., Dominican Friars Province of St. Joseph, Washington, D.C.

National Anthem by Honorable John "Jack" E. Ducharme III, Madison.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Journal of Thursday, July 6, 2023 was read and approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 230)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

July 19, 2023

The 131st Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 131st Legislature:

By the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing L.D. 398, *An Act To Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under Wage and Hour Laws*.

I take this action reluctantly because I strongly support a minimum wage for farm workers.

L.D. 398 began as a proposal primarily requiring overtime pay for individuals employed in canning, processing, preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing, packing or distributing agricultural produce, meat and fish products and perishable foods. It then metamorphosed into a bill to create an "Agricultural Employees Concerted Activity Protection Act." On the last night of the regular legislative session, the bill was substantially amended yet again and scaled back significantly. This bill, as amended in its final form, appears to affect only the minimum wage and the overtime provisions of Title 26 as they pertain to agricultural employees.

But this confusing evolution of the legislation has led to a series of questions from members of the agricultural community about the true scope of the language. For example, "agricultural workers" and "agricultural labor" are terms used elsewhere in Maine law for other, different purposes and members of the agricultural community now justifiably wonder whether the engrossed version of LD 398 also affects in some unintended way some other provisions of State or Federal labor laws dealing with unemployment, independent contractor status, records of payment and piecework compensation – parts of law that were not intended to be dealt with under this bill.

Ideally, I would have requested that the Legislature recall this bill from my desk in order to clarify for all affected parties what the bill does and does not do and what aspects of farm employment it may or may not change. However, because the

Legislature is not in session this week, a recall before the expiration of the ten-day window required by the Maine Constitution is not possible.

To continue the discussion and promote consensus surrounding the issues this bill has presented, my only option then is to return the bill to this Legislature with my objections and to reconstitute the stakeholder group.

Therefore, in the coming weeks, I will issue an Executive Order to reestablish the stakeholder group in a more formal fashion in order to allow for a longer and more in-depth analysis of the bill's provisions and the relationship of the change in definition of "employee" to other measures that affect agricultural work.

Out of this work, I believe we can arrive at a shared understanding of how to implement a minimum wage bill for farmworkers, at which point I will present a Governor's bill during the Second Regular Session of this Legislature to address these issues without the confusion that now surrounds this bill.

For the reasons set forth above, I return L.D. 398 unsigned and vetoed, and I urge the Legislature to sustain this veto.

Sincerely,  
S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying item An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws

(H.P. 249) (L.D. 398)  
(S. "A" S-423 to C. "A" H-630)

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good afternoon, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise today to speak against the Chief Executive's veto message regarding LD 398 and ask you to join me by voting to override that veto.

One of the primary reasons put forth in the veto message was that the process surrounding this bill was rushed, flawed or ignorant of the repercussions of this legislation. As House Chair of the Labor and Housing Committee, let me assure you that I and all who voted for 398 know exactly what this bill does and how much the bill was amended, tailored, crafted and molded based on many, many sources of input. We heard from year-round and seasonal farmers, we heard from farm workers and we heard from organizations that advocate on behalf of farmers and/or farm workers. LD 398 as amended was carefully formed in response to concerns raised in stakeholder meetings. This bill finally makes farm workers employees under Maine's labor laws and finally makes certain that every farm worker who puts food on our tables is entitled to the State minimum wage. That's it. It simply is not accurate to claim that this process was flawed, rushed or did not consider the concerns of the agricultural industry. The proof is in the bill itself, in the stripped-down version of the bill that left Committee. How do I know that? Because I was there.

I was there throughout the entire process including the public hearing, the two work sessions and the multiple meetings convened by the Chief Executive's office and Maine Department of Labor, those three meetings that were convened to address concerns raised by the agricultural community about the bill as passed by the Labor and Housing Committee. Those meetings brought together interested parties including the Maine Potato Board, the Maine Dairy Association, the Maine Wild Blueberry Commission, the Maine Farm Bureau, Members of the House and Senate, the bill's sponsor, Speaker Talbot Ross, members

of her staff, advocates for farm workers and other stakeholders. I was at those meetings, too. In fact, staff from the Chief Executive's office set the agenda for those meetings. In addition, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, the Director of Bureau of Labor Standards, the Department's legislative liaison, the Deputy Commissioner and staff of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry were also in attendance. The stakeholder meetings resulted in a bill that was very different than the one that had been voted out of the Labor and Housing Committee. When it left the Committee, LD 398 did many things. It provided that individuals employed in agriculture are employees under State Law subject to Maine's mandatory overtime law, it required that individuals employed in agriculture be paid the State minimum wage, it provided that an employer may require farm workers to work more than 40 hours in any week without --

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair is going to remind Members it's very noisy in this Chamber, it's very difficult to hear the Representative. I know that we want to respect the Representative's views so that when we speak, others can hear as well. The Member may proceed.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It provided that an employer may require farm workers to work more than 40 hours in any one week without paying that employee one and a half times the regular hourly rate for all hours actually worked in excess of 40 hours in that week and it gave farm workers the right to engage in concerted activity.

During the stakeholder group process, further compromises were made to address concerns raised by the agricultural community. All of the protections regarding the rights of workers to engage in concerted activity were removed. As a reminder, concerted activity is not striking nor is it collective bargaining. Concerted activity essentially allows workers to talk about concerns related to the terms and conditions of their employment and bring those concerns to their supervisors. Because of objections, concerted activity was removed from the bill. Again, this was done in response to concerns raised by stakeholders, not in spite of. All that remained was making farm workers employees under Maine Law and the requirement that they receive at least the State minimum wage. Again, that's it.

I left those meetings under the assumption that we had a deal, a compromise that would become law, with the minimum wage portion of the bill coming into effect on January 1, 2024, to allow the upcoming planting and harvest seasons to proceed under current law. As you know, that did not happen. Instead, the deal was undone and LD 398 was vetoed and that is why we're here today.

Contrary to the assertions in the veto message, this bill is not complicated, it is not confusing. In fact, on June 27th, less than a month ago, the Maine Department of Labor wrote a memo that explained exactly what the compromise bill did and did not do. It was a one-page memo in very large font, that's how simple this bill is. Somewhere along the line, the memo was ignored and a new narrative was created. The bill that passed this Chamber and the other Body, the bill that reached the desk of the Chief Executive, represented a very modest step towards moving the people that feed us, that put our food on our tables to having protections of Maine labor laws that every other working person has in the State of Maine. The process was fair. Compromises were made by farm worker interests time and time again, only to ultimately be met with just another no from lobbyists from Maine's largest farming interests and another veto. This Administration has often spoke of the sanctity and importance of working men and women in our State. We have heard that UPS drivers deserve wages and benefits that reflect

their hard work and dedication or we will continue to strengthen our workforce and our economy by supporting hardworking Maine people in delivering the resources they need to succeed. Madam Speaker, I'm afraid that every statement of support of working men and women in the State now must include an asterisk because certain limitations apply. I know that every Member of this Body came here to serve the people of Maine with a deep and abiding commitment to fairness. We came to serve the people of Maine to make their lives better. I urge you to stand up for fairness and help remove the implied asterisk by recognizing the value of all working people. Please join me in voting to override the veto of LD 398. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wilton, Representative Hall.

Representative **HALL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pose a question through the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **HALL**: The Good Representative from Bangor brought up that there were several boards that came to the hearing on this; the Maine Dairy Association, the Farm Bureau, the Maine Potato Board. The question is; were any of them in favor of this bill?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to anyone who wishes to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milford, Representative Drinkwater.

Representative **DRINKWATER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Tell me if you've heard this before; I wasn't planning on speaking, so, I won't be long. I think we have a fundamental misunderstanding of what farm workers are. I served on the Labor Committee and we heard from stakeholders that we have migrant workers and then we have employees that work; they live in the area and they work at this farm. So, as far as migrant workers are concerned, they are covered by Federal law, they have to get paid over \$16 an hour and they have to be provided housing, and that housing has to meet inspections. And if a lot of my fellow Representatives on the other side of the aisle had attended the recent tour of Aroostook County and visited these farms, they would've heard from the farmers themselves on how well they take care of their migrant workers.

The other side is they work for an agency. That agency may be from out of California, therefore they're not considered Maine farm workers because they're working for an agency. And we asked the question on how well are these folks paid. They're paid very well. They want to work as many hours as they can. As a matter of fact, Madam Speaker, they were chopping broccoli while we were there out in the field, and they make a tremendous amount of money because they want to work hard, they want to work fast and then they want to move to another state to continue what they do, year-round.

And then there's people like myself that live in the area that work 40 hours a week, they get paid the State minimum wage, \$13 and something, and they are protected by the Department of Labor rules for employees and employers. So, I think we have a fundamental misunderstanding of what farm worker is, the definition of. I would like to thank the Chief Executive, too, for standing up and doing the right thing on this bill. There were 37 farmers; and some of these farmers are huge, by the way, Madam Speaker; that disagreed with this bill and they put it in writing and I'd like to thank the Chief Executive for vetoing this bill and thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind Members when we are referencing the Chief Executive of the State of Maine, we will refer to that office as such.

The Chair reminded all Members to refer to the Chief Executive as the Chief Executive.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Malon.

Representative **MALON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I rise in support of the pending motion to override the Chief Executive's veto on LD 398. I won't get as much into the policy matter at hand, my good friend from Bangor did that admirably earlier. The bill is modest in scope but still represents a positive step forward for fairness for farm workers in our State. It is all too easy for folks to take for granted the food we find at the grocery store or at farmers markets and, in fact, I believe we should all take more time to reflect on how that food gets to market and eventually into our homes and onto our plates. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the tour that my good friend from Milford mentioned earlier. I had too many family commitments to enable me to travel up there for that but I have no doubt, and I don't think any Member of this Legislature has any doubt that nearly every farm owner is someone who lives in our State, who farms our land directly and that these people are some of the hardest-working people on earth, who operate at thin margins, at best. The people who work on our farms as well are among the hardest-working workers in the world. And I believe those who testified at our public hearing, and I am a Member of the Labor Committee, about how well they claim to treat those workers. However, when it comes to the rights and dignity of workers, it has long been the policy of our State and country to not rely on peoples' intentions, no matter how good they might be, but rather to be a nation of laws and to have labor laws which provide a basic framework to ensure that minimum workplace standards are met. Even still, LD 398 recognizes the unique nature of this sector and this type of work and thus makes significant exceptions, as has been discussed. What should not be an exception, however, is the codification of basic standards such as wages into law. These workers deserve nothing less.

In her letter, the Chief Executive indicated her support for applying the minimum wage to farm workers and if this effort at overriding the veto is unsuccessful, I look forward to working with her and my colleagues to make sure that this happens. However, we do have this bill before us right now and I believe it is reasonable and positive and I urge my colleagues to vote to override the veto.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. There are eight Representatives in this Body that are from the County or have pieces of the territory assigned to them from the County and I can't speak for any of them other than myself, to which I say I appreciate that the Chief Executive did veto this and it's for the benefit of our county, Aroostook County, and the State of Maine. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 355V**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Boyle, Brennan, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Hobbs, Jauch, Kuhn, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, Rana, Reckitt, Riseman, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre,

Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Arata, Ardell, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bridgeo, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Costain, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lajoie, Landry, Lanigan, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Mastraccio, Millett H, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Perry A, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thome, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Adams, Andrews, Babin, Bradstreet, Collamore, Cray, Crockett, Galletta, Gifford, Gramlich, Hepler, Kessler, Lavigne, Lemelin, Mathieson, Moonen, Morris, O'Neil, Osher, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Pringle, Rielly, Roberts, Skold, Smith, Worth.

Yes, 61; No, 61; Absent, 28; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

61 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 28 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 231)

**STATE OF MAINE  
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July 19, 2023

The 131st Legislature of the State of Maine  
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Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 131st Legislature:

By the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing L.D. 1610, *An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote An Anti-Corruption Amendment to the United States Constitution*.

L.D. 1610 attempts to prohibit businesses and other entities with foreign government "influence" – a term that is poorly defined in the bill – from participating in both candidate elections and the citizen-initiated referendum process through monetary expenditures. On this point, the bill is similar to L.D. 194, *An Act to Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures, and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities to Influence Referenda* (130th Legis. 2021), a bill I vetoed last session due to potential Constitutional issues.

My concerns about the Constitutionality of the bill remain. But more broadly, while I strongly support and share the desire to find ways to prevent foreign influence in our elections, the language of the bill is too broad and would likely result in the unintended consequence of effectively silencing legitimate voices, including Maine-based businesses, in debates that would impact their interests.

On top of this concern, L.D. 1610 also attempts to regulate the activities of the press and other media outlets, which I believe runs afoul of the First Amendment and is counter to the longstanding tradition and cornerstone of a free press in America.

**L.D. 1610's Regulation of Political Speech**

The core of the bill restricts who may participate in political debate, but the First Amendment provides its strongest protections to such political speech (*Eu v. San Francisco County Democratic Central Comm.*, 489 U.S. 214, 223 (1989)), with the Supreme Court generally rejecting restrictions on speech in

political campaigns other than to prevent *quid pro quo* style corruption (*Fed. Election Comm'n v. Cruz*, 132 S. Ct. 1638, 1652 (2022)).

L.D. 1610's proponents point to a Federal District Court decision in *Blumen v. FEC*, 800 F. Supp. 281 (D.D.C. 2012), as support for the constitutionality of the bill's prohibition on expenditures by foreign government-influenced entities. But *Blumen* involved the review of a very different law. At issue in that case was a prohibition only on contributions by *foreign nationals*, whereas this bill would also apply to Maine-based businesses that have, for example, investment from a public pension fund of a foreign city or province that has no interest in influencing a referendum. And importantly, *Blumen* only addressed a prohibition on contributions to candidates, political action committees, and political parties, all of which create the potential for *quid pro quo* corruption. This bill, however, also prohibits expenditures on citizen referenda; but the Supreme Court has explained that the risk of *quid pro quo* corruption "simply is not present in a popular vote on a public issue." *First Nat'l. Bank of Boston v. Bellotti*, 98 S. Ct. 1407, 1423 (1978).

While some states have restrictions on foreign nationals and foreign corporations from participating in ballot initiatives, L.D. 1610 is different from those statutes in ways that are problematic:

1. L.D. 1610 does nothing to prohibit a foreign national from contributing to or making expenditures in a ballot initiative campaign;
2. The definition of a foreign entity as one that has 5 percent investment by a foreign government is so broad that it could theoretically incorporate businesses that are 95 percent owned and operated by citizens of Maine. Moreover, most states that bar foreign entities from contributing to a ballot initiative focus on where the business is incorporated or has its principal place of business. If the entity is a domestic subsidiary of a foreign business, they require United States citizens to determine how to make campaign donations. Here, however, the definition of a "foreign-influenced entity" requires one to know the level of foreign government investment in a privately held or publicly traded business – a much more in depth and difficult question to answer.
3. Under L.D. 1610, the same business that is barred from influencing the electorate as they consider a statute at referendum may retain a paid lobbyist to influence legislators as they consider enacting a statute – an odd and somewhat contradictory distinction to make that, in essence, says lawmakers are due certain information from certain messengers but not the people of Maine.

**L.D. 1610's Regulation of the Press and Media Outlets**

Most troubling, however, is that L.D. 1610 attempts to regulate the activities of the press in two primary ways.

First, it requires internet platforms to "immediately remove" communications paid for by a foreign government-influenced entity, which is likely in violation of the First Amendment, and penalizes media outlets if they do not do so. But the Supreme Court has consistently protected the right of the press to carry truthful information of public concern, even when a third party violated the law in providing that information. *Bartnicki v. Voper*, 532 U.S. 514, 535 (2001). And paid advertising is entitled to the same First Amendment protection as editorial content. *New York Times v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 265-66 (1964).

Second, L.D. 1610 also contains a "due diligence" provision that would require media outlets to ensure they do not publish communications "directly or indirectly" paid for – something that

is, again, very difficult to discern – by a "foreign government-influenced entity," under threat of significant financial penalties. The Maine Association of Broadcasters, in urging me to veto this bill, wrote that this provision will "essentially require broadcast outlets to become detective agencies, tasked with investigating the source of funding for any and all campaigns." Similarly, the Maine Press Association wrote that the provision "would restrict and burden speech about public issues in Maine by forcing news outlets to create an oppressive, time-consuming, and costly self-censorship regime." I share these concerns and have enclosed their letters for the Legislature's review and consideration.

**Conclusion**

While L.D. 1610 is flawed, I agree that we should, and we can, take a stand against dark money in our elections by reaffirming the Legislature's support for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as described in Section 2 of L.D. 1610. And we can find a way to prevent foreign influence in our elections by enacting a more narrowly tailored and easily understood statute. Foreign actors have, and will, attempt to influence elections in America, but in attempting to protect our citizens from such nefarious actors, we should not create a bureaucratic morass that will entrap and silence otherwise legitimate voices and undermine the fundamental American cornerstones of free speech and free press. For the reasons set forth above, I return L.D. 1610 unsigned and vetoed, and I urge the Legislature to sustain this veto.

Sincerely,  
S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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

The accompanying item An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution  
(I.B. 1) (L.D. 1610)  
(C. "A" H-688)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Carlow.

Representative **CARLOW**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to apologize in advance for the length of my remarks. I didn't have time to prepare a short speech this morning.

Madam Speaker, it will not surprise you to learn that I stand in resolute support of the Initiated Bill and, while the Chief Executive is consistent in her opposition to this bipartisan common-sense measure, I am persistent in my bewilderment and confusion by those objections. A bipartisan and commanding coalition in both Chambers sent this Initiated Bill to the Chief Executive. We obeyed the will of 80,000 Maine people who worked hard to get this question on the ballot and the Chief Executive sent the bill back to us with a veto message that left me flabbergasted and, it might surprise many of you to learn, lost for words.

The central pillar of the Chief Executive's veto is the supposition that foreign governments like Russia, China and Iran and the foreign corporations under their control are guaranteed constitutional rights and protections to free speech in this country. Madam Speaker, if I am to be charitable, that assertion is absurd on its face. In deciding the *Blumen v. FEC* case, Justice Kavanaugh wrote, quote; it is fundamental to the definition of our national political community that foreign citizens do not have a constitutional right to participate in and therefore may be excluded from activities of democratic self-government. The former Chairwoman of the Federal Elections Commission, Ellen Weintraub, stated that, quote; it defies logic to allow groups

of foreign nationals or foreign nationals in combination with American citizens to fund political spending through corporations; end-quote.

Versions of this legislation have already been passed in nine other states, including Alaska, California, Colorado, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota and the State of Washington. The constitutionality of those measures have not been questioned. Meanwhile, the Chief Executive would have us believe that foreign interference in Maine elections is permissible as long as they have legitimate reasons for doing so. I object to this argument as well. For it is when a foreign government sets their scope on the State of Maine that we are most vulnerable to intrusion and most exposed to seemingly limitless reserves of dark money.

I've heard it said that the House should sustain the veto because it impacts Maine-based companies. I want to warn my colleagues this contention is a red herring. The Chief Executive vetoed this effort last year based partially on that very same assertion and the five Maine-based companies she cited in that veto letter last Session or last Legislature later confirmed they would not have been impacted by the legislation at all. Notably, the Chief Executive failed to name any Maine companies that would be impacted by this bill in her latest veto letter.

Madam Speaker, it's also been said that this bill would unfairly move the goalpost for the November referendum, but this claim disregards the action this Legislature took when it unanimously passed LD 764. LD 764 provided that any Initiated Bills enacted by this Legislature would not become law until after the November 2023 referendum. That bill passed as an emergency measure late last month and is now law.

Maine already forbids the interference of foreign governments and corporations in elections to State office. But should the Legislature fail to override this veto, we will permit the continued abuse of the loophole that allows foreign entities that dump tens of millions of dollars into Maine referenda in an attempt to hamper the sovereignty of our State, to splinter its unique culture and character and to reshape our home in their image and for their benefit exclusively. But our constituents know better than to trust these foreign governments. Eighty-two percent of Mainers want to protect Maine elections, 91% of Republicans do.

Thanks to the hard work of the 80,000 Mainers I mentioned earlier, the Legislature now has the justification, the opportunity and the solemnest responsibility to pass this initiative notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive or we will surely face ridicule from the voters this November for delaying what is almost certainly the inevitable outcome of this referendum. For these reasons, I strongly urge my colleagues to override the veto. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise briefly in bipartisan reflection of support to override this veto. I think it's not a traditionally partisan idea to say that we, in this democracy, should be serving the interests of the people that we represent, the people that vote for us, and that our elections should be free of foreign influence no matter where it comes from. I believe strongly in international cooperation. I believe strongly in being a good global citizen and that there's many issues upon which we can have that out-of-State and out-of-country cooperation. And yet, I think our elections and the decisions we make at the ballot box must be completely sovereign and free of that foreign influence. I think it's at a time when there's so much question and sense of distrust in our political systems, I think that an issue like this is a

place where we ought to come together beyond partisanship and maybe seek to override this veto in the aims of a more reflective democracy, a democracy that we can truly trust in. So, I hope you'll follow my light and overturn this veto.

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

Representative **LOOKNER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also rise in support of overriding this veto. Most of us agree that there is too much money in politics coming from all sources. I took some time last night and reviewed the Constitutions of both the United States and the State of Maine and I could find nowhere in either document where it referenced unlimited political spending as protected speech. I could see nowhere where it said that multinational corporations have the same rights to freedom of speech as citizens of our country and our State. I could see nowhere where it said that interests that have an ownership stake by governments of other countries have protected speech in our elections.

Since the disastrous Supreme Court ruling on *Citizens United* over 10 years ago, we have seen record-breaking political spending in year after year. Mainers are sick of it. Mainers new and old. We do not like the constant barrage of attack ads, the toxic and misleading campaigning, and there's seemingly no end to it. Year after year, just one election, one campaign bleeds into the next with so much money that's being spent and it doesn't give our communities any time to heal between elections. So, I'm firmly in support of doing whatever we can to rein in the amount of spending, the just unlimited spending on campaigns. And Mainers are more than capable of making their own decisions, we don't need governments of other countries telling us how to vote. And I believe that this is a solid bill, that Mainers deserve this protection from this misleading campaign advertising and the unlimited money that's infiltrating our politics every year. So, thank you for letting me speak, I'll be voting to override.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did have time enough this morning to put together a brief floor speech here this morning in support of the Chief Executive's veto of LD 1610. LD 1610 would prohibit any company of which a foreign government or foreign government-owned entity holds, controls or owns more than 5% from having a voice in ballot election campaigns. Madam Speaker, I have, through some research of staff, a list of what I count as 147 companies, and there may be more, that are registered to do business in Maine that are owned by a foreign entity. These include, I'll just name a couple; Aroostook Valley Country Club Limited from New Brunswick; Aureus Radiology LLC from New Brunswick; Daaquam Lumber Incorporated, Quebec; IBM Business Services Incorporated, the Philippines; IDEXX Laboratories GmbH, Switzerland; McCain Produce Incorporated, New Brunswick; MetLife Global Operations Support Center Private Limited, India; Viking Cruises USA Limited, Bermuda; just to name a few, Madam Speaker. Now, I have not gone to the length to do the research on how many of those may have 5% or more of their stock ownership or otherwise be owned by the government of the country that they are from but, for example, many government entities, foreign countries and, like the State of Maine, have large pension funds that are invested in certain companies and they could very well be 5% or more of the outstanding stock for that company.

So, Madam Speaker, this veto doesn't kill the bill; it sends it to the voters. It gives them the opportunity to decide. I find it a bit curious that some of those who worked very hard to get

another bill before the voters in November are now opposed to allowing the same to happen with LD 1610. I ask that you follow my light and sustain the veto of LD 1610. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cyrway.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just wanted to say that I've struggled with this but I also feel that it's like throwing a big rock in the pond, that there's a ripple effect and when there's that ripple effect, it affects a lot of people. And, for example, in my area, we have Huhtamaki, Sappi, hundreds of workers work there and most of them are from Maine, they're Maine people working here and if they need representation, the owner of that facility would not have any voice so it would be very difficult. It makes it difficult for me to vote for this bill when I think of it could affect so many people. So, I have to agree with the veto and I will support the sustain. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, in the last two years, foreign-owned companies have spent over \$100 million to influence voters on referendum campaigns. Whether we pass this bill through today or it goes to the voters in November, I strongly believe that this bill will become law. It's something that the people of Maine have stated time and time again that they want. It is a common-sense measure to protect our democracy, our sovereignty and our local interests from foreign meddling. Foreign-owned companies have used their seemingly endless flow of money to flood the airwaves, the internet and the mailboxes with misleading and false information. They have not done this in the interest of Mainers but in the interest of their own governments, their shareholders and their own profit margins.

We need to level the playing field and restore trust and transparency in our electoral process. LD 1610 is a common-sense measure to protect those interests. This law only applies to companies that are owned or controlled by foreign governments. I repeat; foreign governments. As legislators, our constituents expect us to defend our State's independence and autonomy from foreign influence and interference. Maine is known for its motto, Dirigo, which means I lead. Though I know we're not the first State to enact such a law, we should lead the way by standing up for our rights, our values and our future from foreign meddling. I support local business, I support all business here in Maine, but Mainers must come first. Madam Speaker, our constituents have spoken and they want LD 1610 to become law. I urge you to join me and vote to override this veto. Thank you.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, at its core, this bill is an attack on freedom of speech. The Good Representative from Buxton brought up red herrings and it's to that, I have to respond. It is a red herring to claim that this bill is intended to keep foreign governments out of our elections. Every couple of years, Madam Speaker, someone in this Body brings up a bill to tax water in Maine. Everyone here knows that that bill is always meant to target one business; Poland Springs. This bill is very similar. It's intended to target one company; CMP. But its shotgun approach which sprays scattershot across Maine businesses, infringing on their right to free speech.

I would highlight page five in the House Calendar today, points one and two from the Chief Executive's veto letter, and I'll read it for us all. LD 1610 does nothing to prohibit a foreign national from contributing to or making expenditures in a ballot initiative campaign. Number two, the definition of a foreign entity as one that has 5% investment by a foreign government is so broad that it could theoretically incorporate businesses that are 95% owned and operated by citizens of Maine. Moreover, most states that bar foreign entities from contributing to a ballot initiative focus on where the business is incorporated or has its principal place of business. If the entity is a domestic subsidiary of a foreign business, they require U.S. citizens to determine how to make --

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair will again remind its Members if they'd like to have a conversation, please do so outside of this Chamber or behind the glass. Out of respect for the person who is speaking, please limit your conversations in this Chamber. The Member may proceed.

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate your courtesy. If the entity is a domestic subsidiary of a foreign business, they require United States citizens to determine how to make campaign donations. Here, however, the definition of a foreign-influenced entity requires one to know the level of foreign government investment in a privately held or publicly traded business; a much more in depth and difficult question to answer. Let's not pretend that this is a noble bill, Madam Speaker. This bill is intended to hit one business and one business only. It's interesting to see who rises to speak to this bill on both sides of the aisle and I think it makes it clear what this bill is intended to do. I will support the Chief Executive's veto and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to follow my light and support the Constitution. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 356V**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Blier, Brennan, Bridgeo, Carlow, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Dhalac, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Faulkingham, Fay, Fredericks, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Gramlich, Hasenus, Henderson, Hobbs, Jauch, Kuhn, Lanigan, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, Perry A, Pluecker, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Rana, Reckitt, Riseman, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Theriault, Warren, White B, Williams, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Albert, Arata, Ardell, Bagshaw, Boyer, Boyle, Campbell, Carmichael, Costain, Cyrway, Davis, Dill, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Foster, Graham, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lajoie, Landry, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Terry, Thorne, Underwood, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Adams, Andrews, Babin, Bradstreet, Collamore, Cray, Crockett, Galletta, Gifford, Hepler, Kessler, Lavigne, Lemelin, Mathieson, Moonen, Morris, O'Neil, Osher, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Pringle, Rielly, Roberts, Skold, Smith, Worth.

Yes, 73; No, 50; Absent, 27; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.  
73 having voted in the affirmative and 50 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 27 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 227)

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

July 12, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
131st Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

In reference to the action of the Senate on June 6, 2023 whereby it insisted and asked for a Committee of Conference on Bill "An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program" (H.P. 442) (L.D. 673), ten legislative days having passed without the committee submitting a report as required pursuant to Joint Rule 352, I am hereby placing L.D. 673 in the legislative files.

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 228)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

July 12, 2023

The 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, Chapter 3, I am pleased to reappoint Brian Beal of Machias to serve on the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board serving as a member with expertise in marine fisheries interests. With this reappointment, he will be serving a three-year term.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 229).

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

July 14, 2023

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

Dear Madam Speaker,

On July 11th, 2023, I was appointed by Governor Janet Mills to fill the position of the Sagadahoc County Register of Probate due to a recent vacancy.

Unfortunately, in order to take this appointment, I must resign the position of State Representative for District 50 representing the City of Bath, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

S/Sean C. Paulhus

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1301) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRUNSWICK TOWN MALL**

WHEREAS, in 1823, John O'Brien, Robert D. Dunning and John A. Dunning, all of Brunswick, conveyed real estate to the Town of Brunswick, including land that became Brunswick's Lower Mall; and

WHEREAS, the deed to the town specified that the land was to be used only as a public walk or mall in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Town Mall serves as a gathering place for community residents at music concerts, art and Pride festivals, Civil War reenactments, winter ice skating, holiday tree lighting and many other special events and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Mall is the site of Veterans Plaza, which is dedicated to all veterans and Merchant Marines from the Revolutionary War to the present; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Mall hosts a Farmers' Market twice a week during warm months as well as up to 5 food truck vendors; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary historical significance of the Brunswick Town Mall has been recognized by the designation of a Spanish-American War Square; inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976; dedication of a statue of Joshua Chamberlain in 1983; placement of a plaque by the Rotary Club designating the Brunswick Town Mall as a local historic site in 2005; and installation of a monument on the Brunswick Town Mall to commemorate the 2020 Maine bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, 2023 is the 200th anniversary of the deed conveying the first property that became part of the Brunswick Town Mall; 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 the 200th anniversary of the Brunswick Town Mall.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Arford.

Representative **ARFORD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I will start by recognizing my constituent, Jym St. Pierre, who wrote the original 200th anniversary Resolution. In service to our town and State, Jym has given numerous presentations and walking tours of the Brunswick Mall along with many other local and Statewide history exhibits and presentations. Jym has also worked for land conservation in Maine for over 50 years. I have a great deal of respect for Mr. St. Pierre and his commitment to both the environment and preserving the history upon which our community and State has been built.

Quoting Jym, I will share the following brief history of the Brunswick Mall with you. For 100 centuries, native people shared the land here. That changed when Europeans arrived. By the early 1800s, our town of Brunswick had become a small community in Maine. At that time, the center of our village was an alder bog. In the summer of 1823, three local men conveyed by deed of real estate the alder bog for a downtown park in Brunswick. The town paid them 5 cents. The deed specified that the land was to be used only as a public walk or mall forever.

Since then, as you have heard in the reading of the Joint Resolution, people near and far have visited the mall to enjoy a multitude of public events and activities. I believe that this is the single most beloved place in my community of Brunswick. You can watch Mr. St. Pierre talk about the mall and its history on our Brunswick local TV channel, TV-3. I ask that the House today recognize this very special place by adopting the Resolution before us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Ankeles.

Representative **ANKELES**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to rise very briefly to add my voice to that of my good colleague from Brunswick. Thanks to the miracle of redistricting, both of us have had the honor of having the Brunswick Mall in our district. Today, I'm proud to say that the mall is the jewel of District 100 but it is also the heart and soul of our entire community from the Androscoggin to the Atlantic. This remarkable piece of social infrastructure is where we have gathered to be together as a community, to listen to music, to relax, for all our kids to play together, to protest, to support our farmers at the farmers market, to bring people together to enjoy their mutual interests, to kick off a Halloween parade in full costume, to celebrate the arrival of winter and the holiday season, to honor our veterans, to go skating, to embrace civic life, to people watch and, my personal favorite, to hit up a food truck with my youngest so she can get the cheese quesadillas she loves so much. I truly appreciate the chance to draw this Body's attention to such a beloved Brunswick space and I hope, Madam Speaker, that all of my good colleagues will take some time to visit us in what remains of this summer and see for themselves what we're talking about. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 31)

ORDERED, that Representative Kathy Irene Javner of Chester be excused Jun 20, 21, 22 and 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Karen L. Montell of Gardiner be excused Jun 16 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Daniel J. Newman of Belgrade be excused Jul 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Wayne R. Parry of Arundel be excused Jun 26 and 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Austin L. Theriault of Fort Kent be excused Jun 20 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Joseph F. Underwood of Presque Isle be excused Jun 23 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative J. Mark Worth of Ellsworth be excused Jun 26 for personal reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

Karen Simpson, of Hallowell, who has been named the 2023 Hallowell Citizen of the Year. A retired teacher who completed the Maine Master Gardener and Maine Master Naturalist programs, Ms. Simpson volunteers her time with the Hallowell Recycling Committee, the Hallowell Conservation Commission and the Vaughan Woods and Historic Homestead. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 550)

Presented by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

**READ.**

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

Representative **SHAGOURY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize Karen Simpson, Hallowell's Citizen of the Year for the year 2023. Karen is a long-time resident of Hallowell, a retired teacher, who is known to literally generations of young people in the area as Mrs. Simpson, including my own children. After she retired, she completed the Maine Master Gardener and Maine Master Naturalist programs, which require their participants to do community service. As a result of this, she became the driving force behind the Crane Garden in Hallowell's Granite City Park. She had people tear up and directed, me being one of them, tearing up invasive species such as knotweed, which I would like to say is not at all fun to remove, and plant pollinator-friendly and native species in their place. If any of you have a chance, it's just down the road at the boat landing there, it's quite a remarkable garden and it's well worth seeing. Please join me in congratulating Hallowell's Citizen of the Year, Karen Simpson.

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

**In Memory of:**

James Montell, of Gardiner. Mr. Montell was a veteran of the United States Army, fighting in Korea from 1952 to 1954. After moving to Maine and working in several jobs, he became a teacher at Gardiner Area High School, where he taught for eight years as a math and history teacher and served as a freshman football coach. He also officiated several sports, including baseball and football, and worked summers as Hallowell's recreation director. Most of his working life was spent serving as Highway Safety Coordinator for the State's Department of Public Safety. He taught defensive driving and worked with many groups to help make Maine's roads safer. For 50 years, he and his wife Faye also had an antiques business, for which he promoted and managed antiques shows throughout central and southern Maine year-round. In retirement, he enjoyed driving for General Courier throughout New England. He was a member and board member of the former Temple Israel in Gardiner and a longstanding member and past board member of the Temple Beth El in Augusta. He was a former member and chairman of the Gardiner Planning Board and was involved with the Gardiner Rotary. Mr. Montell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and community;

(SLS 969)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MONTELL of Gardiner, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Montell.

Representative **MONTELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Colleagues of the House, I rise today to honor the memory of my father, James Montell. A man who would always remind me that he was the luckiest guy around.

After growing up in Bloomfield, New Jersey, my father was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War, where he and a group of his comrades contracted hemorrhagic fever. Miraculously, my father was the only soldier to survive. My father went on to earn a degree in Education with a concentration in Social Studies at the University of Miami, where he said he met his first-round draft pick, my mother. When he overheard my mother reciting her phone number to another interested suitor, my father called her first. I told you he was lucky. My parents married and came to Maine for a family visit and decided to stay.

My father became a teacher at Gardiner Area High School, where he was committed to ensuring each student's potential was realized, often tutoring students before and after school and evenings while coaching freshmen football. His students left a strong impression on him and he was fond of running into them around town or in the grocery store. My father was beloved by his students and his community. One of his students told me when my father taught history, he felt as though he was there. It's an honor that I serve here in this Chamber with one of my father's students, the Good Representative from Old Town, Representative Dill. And another of my father's students, the usual doorkeeper for this Chamber, Mr. Don Suitter.

My father also had a passion for public safety and for three decades served the people of Maine with the pursuit to make Maine roads safer. My father helped brand slogans like 'friends don't let friends drive drunk' and many of the other slogans that you may have heard; '55 saves lives'; demonstrated the seatbelt convincer and was instrumental in passing seatbelt and OUI laws, although he often had to be reminded to wear his own seatbelt. My father was always giving driving advice. The last thing my father said to me was what he always said to me when

I was leaving; what are the four words? Always expect the unexpected.

My father was also an antiques show promoter, following my mother's passion as a dealer and thus creating a large extended family of dealers that came to mean a lot to him and to our family. My father knew how to build relationships and was always there to help people when they needed it. My father was known as the voice of reason when he served on the Planning Board and as the Chair, he would open meetings by saying; we are here to get to know our neighbors.

I wish to thank the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman, for honoring my father's memory with this beautiful Sentiment. Six years ago, my father was honored in this Chamber for his 85th birthday by the Honorable Gay Grant, whose mother was my father's student. My father was well-liked, he was well-read, he was well-loved and, quite frankly, well-deserving of being the luckiest guy around. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**In Memory of:**

David Morton, of Casco. Mr. Morton took on the role of the first full-time town manager of the Town of Casco at 22 years of age. He dedicated his entire career, spanning 41 years, to serving Casco, which allowed him to become longest tenured manager in one town in Maine. He was actively involved in Eco Maine and Regional Waste Systems, including a groundbreaking trip to Europe in the early 1980s studying advanced recycling facilities. Settling on Thomas Pond in Casco in 1978, he became very involved in his community, running the Bingo Tent at Casco Days, coaching various sports teams and serving as a scoutmaster, among many other pursuits. Mr. Morton will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 48 years, Donna, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 552)

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond. Cosponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FAY of Raymond, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Fay.

Representative **FAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. David Morton was a mentor to so many people in government, locally and at the State level. He was a mentor to so many Select Board members and new Town Managers. Watching him manage a rowdy town meeting was a thing of beauty. He was calm and always had the right information to answer any question. Dave Morton was an avid fisherman and since his retirement a few years ago from the Town of Casco, I'm happy to report that he spent a majority of his time on lakes, streams and ponds all over Maine. This Thursday, Friday and Saturday is Casco Days and David will be missed in the bingo tent and I think he would appreciate me inviting you all to Casco to celebrate all the community spirit that Dave Morton embodied. Come for the fireworks, the games, the Ferris wheel, the parade and come to help us celebrate Dave Morton. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**In Memory of:**

Anne H. Brautigam, of Brunswick, a beloved mother, teacher and contributor to many missions and organizations. In the 1970s, Mrs. Brautigam founded an ecumenical preschool to serve children of low-income families, and she remained engaged in efforts to support early childhood education for three decades. She was a beloved member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brunswick and a national officer of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross. She facilitated the local chapter of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program for many years. In recent years, she turned her focus to advocating for improved housing opportunities for New Mainers. Mrs. Brautigam will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 69 years, Richard, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

(HLS 553)

Presented by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative ANKELES of Brunswick, Representative GOLEK of Harpswell.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Arford.

Representative **ARFORD**: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, As you have heard, Anne Brautigam of Brunswick was a beloved mother, teacher, contributor to many missions and organizations. She was also my constituent and a much-respected and cherished member of the Thornton Oaks St. Paul Episcopal Church and wider Brunswick community. Anne was committed to preschool programs and assisting children as they developed in their early years. What you haven't yet heard is that Anne also cared deeply about our environment and was committed to addressing climate change. I have also recently learned that Anne and I shared a passion; that of advocating for Maine people experiencing homelessness, including the work of Brunswick's Tedford Housing. And as you have heard, Anne was committed to supporting and creating housing opportunities for immigrants.

Anne's son, John, is with us today and I would like to offer him my personal condolences on his loss. His mother was a beloved member of their family. She will be very sadly missed by her husband, Richard, her son who is with us, their four children and all the lives of the many people that she has touched.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Arata, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I was very sad to hear of the passing of the Honorable Fran Head last week. She was a wonderful colleague, a wonderful woman, gracious, had integrity and a lot of faith and we are certainly going to miss her.

And to read a little bit about her from her obituary, I thought this was interesting. She met her husband, David, while working at the Red Top Truck Stop and she married him at The Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. That was kind of a surprise to me. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a beloved member of the Bethel community.

She served on the Bethel Board of Appeals, Budget Committee, Comprehensive Planning Committee, she founded the Crescent Park Reading program, was a director of the Oxford County Soil and Water District and President of the Bethel Seniors Group. She was a business owner along with her husband and she was a State Representative from 2014 to 2022. She proudly championed legislation for first responders, domestic violence, childhood trauma and cancer research. She served on the Health and Human Services Committee and was very proud of that. So, I plan to attend her service this weekend and I hope many of you will be able to join me. Thank you.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Expand Passenger Rail Service"

(S.P. 187) (L.D. 406)

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

ALBERT of Madawaska

ANKELES of Brunswick

CRAFTS of Newcastle

MASON of Lisbon

PARRY of Arundel

THERIAULT of Fort Kent

WHITE of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-439)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

O'CONNELL of Brewer

WHITE of Waterville

Came from the Senate with the Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

**READ.**

On motion of Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(H.P. 422) (L.D. 645) Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-723)**

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

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

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 233)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

July 25, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Maine Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

The report of the Joint Select Committee on Housing for LD 388 was reported ONTP pursuant to Joint Rule 310 in error on 6/1/2023. The report of the committee should have been ONTP (Majority) / OTP-AM (Minority).

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa Pierce

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Require the State and Municipalities to Reimburse Landlords for Unpaid Rent During Eviction Moratoriums"

(H.P. 239) (L.D. 388)

Signed:

Senators:

PIERCE of Cumberland

VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

GERE of Kennebunkport

GATTINE of Westbrook

GOLEK of Harpswell

LOOKNER of Portland

RANA of Bangor

STOVER of Boothbay

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-724)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

CAMPBELL of Orrington

MORRIS of Turner

**READ.**

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

(S.P. 68) (L.D. 129)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 8, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-173)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-173) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-440)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

(H.P. 96) (L.D. 155)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 22, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-622)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-622) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-441)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

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

(H.P. 105) (L.D. 164)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 2, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-41) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-442)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates

(H.P. 149) (L.D. 228)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-380)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-380) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-444)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Provide Emergency Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected by the Crisis in Production Costs (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 235) (L.D. 384)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 3, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-449)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 430)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on May 25, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-121)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-121) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-450)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative RUDNICKI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can I just ask how much money is involved in this particular issue, please?

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question to any Member who cares to respond.

Subsequently, the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 432)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on April 11, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-22)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-22) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-451)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 287) (L.D. 470)

**FAILED OF PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 23, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-100)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-452)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Active Shooter Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Active Shooter Drills for Their Children

(H.P. 294) (L.D. 477)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on May 4, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-453)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Certain Employees Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 483)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-293)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-293) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-454)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

(H.P. 309) (L.D. 492)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 20, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-557)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-557) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-455)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment

(H.P. 321) (L.D. 516)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-317)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-317) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-456)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program

(S.P. 256) (L.D. 588)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on April 20, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-457)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

(S.P. 260) (L.D. 592)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 16, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-320)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-320) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-458)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 595)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 8, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-175)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-175) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-459)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 654)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-177)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-177) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-460)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Persons

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 709)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-616)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-616) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-462)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Modernize Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law

(H.P. 1225) (L.D. 1909)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 22, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-667)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-667) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-497)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program

(H.P. 557) (L.D. 901)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 6, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-225)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-225) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-464)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 957)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 13, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-410)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-410) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-465)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 979)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 14, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-466)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Provide Additional Reimbursement to Maine Veterans' Homes

(S.P. 404) (L.D. 985)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 14, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-244)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-244) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-467)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day

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

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-477)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-477) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-468)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing

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

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-289)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-289) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-469)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

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

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

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 22, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-400)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-400) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-470)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the State

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 1092)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 20, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-574)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-574) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-471)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 1160)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-353)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-353) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-472)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

(H.P. 755) (L.D. 1183)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 12, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-272)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-272) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-473)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund

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

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 14, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-469)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-469) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-474)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1280)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 8, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-475)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century

(S.P. 523) (L.D. 1286)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-476)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers

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

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 26, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-549)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-549) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-477)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

(H.P. 911) (L.D. 1415)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-476)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-476) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-479)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

(H.P. 935) (L.D. 1439)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-494)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-494) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-480)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools

(H.P. 981) (L.D. 1526)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-644)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-644) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-482)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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



**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services  
(S.P. 634) (L.D. 1602)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 20, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-338)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-338) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-484)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities  
(S.P. 640) (L.D. 1608)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 6, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-128)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-128) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-485)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Update Criminal Indictment Procedures and Expand the Provision of Counsel to Certain Indigent Defendants  
(S.P. 642) (L.D. 1625)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-221)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-221) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-486)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

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)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 1, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-145)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-145) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-487)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance  
(S.P. 674) (L.D. 1687)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-383)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-383) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-488)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts  
(H.P. 1118) (L.D. 1739)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 22, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-672)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-672) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-489)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Develop and Provide Technical Assistance for Meat Slaughtering and Processing  
(H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1767)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-484)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-484) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-490)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma  
(H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1783)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-635)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-635) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-492)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 724) (L.D. 1799)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 22, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-395)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-395) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-493)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program

(H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1844)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-586)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-586) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-495)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts to Protect Soils and Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat from Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws

(H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1881)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 26, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-493) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-711)** thereto)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-493) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-496)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

The Chair ordered a quorum call.

More than half of the members responding, the Chair declared a Quorum present.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors

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

(C. "A" S-366)

**FAILED** of **FINAL PASSAGE** in the House on June 21, 2023.

Came from the Senate **FINALLY PASSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just like to speak in favor of the pending motion. This bill comes out of the Committee with a Unanimous Report. This is a bill that right now; currently, the Maine Constitution is out of compliance with the United States Constitution as far as electors. This bill will bring our Constitution in line with the United States Constitution and I support the pending motion.

Subsequently, this being a Constitutional Amendment, a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 84 voted in favor of the same and 12 against, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program

(S.P. 573) (L.D. 1455)

(C. "A" S-424)

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on June 26, 2023.

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on June 27, 2023, in concurrence.

- **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 845.

Came from the Senate with the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources

(S.P. 766) (L.D. 1895)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 23, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-420)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-420) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-503)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative FOSTER of Dexter **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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 Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In reviewing the most

recent and rather late amendment to this bill, I can find that there's no reason that I should support it even with the changes made. As a matter of fact, I found that very little has actually changed to improve what I consider to be issues with the bill originally. I did note one change, that there was language that seems to be different that would allow any organization that is providing labor for this project, such as a union hall, to go outside of the State of Maine, go out to the rest of New England to find bodies that could do the work according to the labor agreements in the pending motion.

But I still stand on the issue that the offshore wind progress that had been planned for the State of Maine was to have an experimental model and then to have an offshore wind research array which would give us more information to find out if this is really something that is going to be worth the cost of Maine ratepayers to, so to speak, hang our hat on for future renewable energy resources. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you follow my light and vote against the pending motion.

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

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I echo the statements of the Good Representative from Dexter. This bill that is before us now, it was the same bill that the Chief Executive vetoed up until two weeks ago when an amendment was dropped in the Appropriations Committee at 9:30 at night two weeks ago. We were told that that was a good amendment that some of the parties had agreed upon. Apparently, that was not a good amendment because it was changed again last night to an amendment, over 20-page Amendment which, from my understanding, I haven't read the entire 20 pages of it but brings the bill pretty much back in line with where it began, which was not a good bill.

And I've been hearing the sentiment, which is the same sentiment that I repeatedly hear from the offshore wind enthusiasts, that if we don't get going on this now, we'll lose out on funding, that there is some mythical funding that we will lose out on if this is not enacted by September. That is not the case, Madam Speaker. This is the same repeated lie that we hear from the offshore wind enthusiasts that if we don't hurry up, we won't get involved in all this free money that's out there. This rush to do this, this insistence, seems to be getting to a point of desperation with the offshore wind enthusiasts because the opposition to offshore wind is gaining traction and some people are waking up to this boondoggle.

This bill also feels like a huge stab in the back to the bipartisan work that happened in the last Legislature. I know that I worked closely with Members of the other side; the Honorable Seth Berry, the Senator from Hancock in the other Body when she was here, Representative Grohoski, the Governor's Energy Office, many parties; we worked together to come to a compromise bill which combined my bill last Session to prohibit offshore wind with the Chief Executive's bill to delay it 10 years. And we prohibited offshore wind in Maine waters permanently and we implemented a plan where offshore wind could move cautiously and methodically. And that included an offshore wind consortium which had a group of stakeholders, as well as exemptions for a practice site at Monhegan and an offshore wind array of 12-15 turbines which we were supposed to move forward with that and gain information as to whether this boondoggle is a good idea or a bad idea. And now not once but twice, the Senator, I believe from York County, has decided to cut the line again with this wind procurement bill and it's a big rush to do it.

This is an absolutely disastrous bill, there is no reason to do this, we are almost into the eighth month of the year, we're going to be coming back here, believe it or not, in a short five months, and there's no reason why we should be passing this bill at this point in the Session. This should not have been brought off the table especially in the manner that it was with all these last-minute amendments. I would urge the Members on this side as well as the Members especially on the other side to listen to the words I'm saying and vote against the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **GEIGER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Good Women and Men of the House. I rise in support of LD 1895 and its critical importance to the State of Maine. This is not a conversation on whether to have offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. The Gulf of Maine is under federal jurisdiction. In December 2024, the Biden Administration will award contracts for offshore wind. The question before us is whether we will cede the Gulf offshore wind, thousands of well-paying jobs to other states. The question is not will there be offshore wind in the Gulf, the question is will Maine have a seat at the table to meet its own climate goals, to protect Maine's fisheries, to ensure that thousands of jobs associated with offshore wind will be Maine jobs, well-paying jobs to provide a good living for Maine families for years to come.

LD 1895 provides for a fishing community low-income ratepayer protection plan; it establishes a fishing community protection tax incentive to make sure that any Maine procurement takes place outside of the most fertile fishing areas. It has strong labor protections, strong environmental protections and a strong research component which can help drive decisions by the federal government as they procure offshore wind contracts so critical to preventing further damaging climate change.

There are hundreds of millions of dollars of federal funds on the table. Will those funds go to our neighboring states, who are competing mightily for this opportunity, or will they come to Maine in a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create thousands of jobs, stabilize our electrical rates, grow a new industry in Maine; that is the question before us. I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise briefly because I don't feel it had been mentioned yet. Just maybe a point a little bit between these poles on the point that I think brings us here today with the Amendment as it's offered to us.

As we seek to fight climate change in all the ways that we must, and in the way that it's hard for, I think, those of younger generations like myself to maybe understand or have the same trust in doing things the way that we've done them up to this point, I just feel it's important for someone on this floor to reflect briefly on the point about a just transition here and the idea that the removal of project labor agreements, the removal of, I think, the level of standards of economic prosperity, of good-paying jobs and a sustainable industry, I think is more in question today than it was in previous versions of either legislation as it could've been before us and has been before us in past weeks.

I don't know that I feel every piece of this bill, in all of its amended pieces, has been fully vetted in the way that I would've liked because, in part, as a Member of the Energy Committee, I was given an opportunity to support a bill that had extremely strong labor protections and also strong labor opportunities both

for higher pay and great benefits and the bill that, as it's been amended before us today, I think puts us behind other states, I think it's less than what Maine people deserve. I hope in the future that we can move further towards a more just transition and I think in some ways, this model of seeking a compromise that I think works against working people, both those in our State now and those that we would hope come here and make a home here in coming years and perhaps decades, I think we do them a disservice with this compromise.

I am supporting the bill as it's been amended because I like to think of myself as pragmatic and I understand that this is the opportunity before us and I think it is necessary but, in many ways, insufficient when it comes to economic justice. I wanted to acknowledge that there are also very good reasons to question and to be perhaps cynical to this process. I think this bill and its accompanying one are both examples of that. I think both in the purpose of economic justice as well as tribal sovereignty, as well as our fishing and lobstering communities, I think there are good faith questions and I do echo some of the points expressed about the research array. We don't have all answers to every question and though I understand that the Federal Government is moving in a certain direction, sometimes states or individual communities are left behind as we move forward, maybe sometimes too fast, faster than justice would demand of us. So, again, though I support this bill, I want to acknowledge that in past weeks we've made national headlines for putting a clean energy transition over a just transition in the interests of working people and I think it's appropriate that we mention that here tonight as we vote in this way for a compromise that is the best before us now, understanding that perhaps justice and hopefully in future work, working people deserve better. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Albion, Representative Cyrway.

Representative **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just have concerns environmentally. I think that, you know, we're talking about how well this will do and everything for our green solutions and how it will save energy and whatever but what we're not looking at is the other piece of it, which was mentioned that we haven't done the research necessary and I think it's very early stages when we have 32 whales that have died in areas where there is wind power. There's three countries that are looking at dismantling theirs because of sonar problems with their ships and their submarines. When I was a fairly young person, I remember how many porpoises went to shore because of the sonar echoing from the submarines that was causing them to go to the shores and it killed many. And it seemed like a good idea for the sonar and trying to locate other ships and whatever and everything but we did harm our shores and our oceans with it and we are at risk of our whales. If you think about it, we are almost close to considering them an extinct species and we gave such a hard time to our lobstermen just because of their gear, when we didn't lose any because of the gear. But now we're looking at putting up wind that when you saw 32 whales have died and not even question it. I don't understand that.

So, I think it's very important that we take the time and we make sure that we get this study done before we go and just vote on something that we think is going to make us money. I think that's a wrong thing to do for what God has created, such a godly thing as a whale. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Gere.

Representative **GERE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the pending motion. I was

a mandatory co-sponsor of LD 1895 because I had sponsored a similar bill coming into the 131st Legislature. Working with a constituent who spent 20 years as a commercial fisherman out of several ports in Maine and then several years working with BOEM on offshore wind projects in Maryland and then overseas in the UK, where these projects have worked very successfully with fishing communities. I sponsored the section of the bill designed to support fishing communities in taking advantage of new opportunities. The fishing community investment plan in the bill requires that the plan will support innovation and adaptation for coastal communities, adapting the fishing fleet so that folks can continue to fish successfully. Madam Speaker, it's important that we also note that there are investment funds that will be available to support coastal communities and also an advisory board that will include representation from coastal communities.

Madam Speaker, we have a very important and singular responsibility today to make sure that Maine is able to benefit from the offshore wind procurements that will be occurring. I urge my colleagues to support the pending motion and take this responsibility seriously so that my constituents who are getting training to work on offshore wind projects are able to have good jobs in Maine and not elsewhere and that our coastal communities are able to adapt for the future and be prepared for the change that is to come. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, I rise in support of LD 1895. As we have heard from many folks today, the legislation will allow our State to take full advantage of one of the largest economic development opportunities Maine will see in this century. An opportunity that we simply cannot afford to pass up. Whether we like it or not, offshore wind is coming to the waters of the Gulf of Maine. The federal leasing process is already underway. The question before us now is whether Maine will be competitive with New Hampshire and Massachusetts in this process. This is about jobs, jobs, jobs. The creation of a brand-new industry in our waters provides endless potential for high-quality, good-paying jobs that will utilize Mainers' technology and talent and support Maine families. There are protections for the workforce that we will be developing for this.

We must act now and without delay. If we wait, we will miss the federal deadline to participate in this burgeoning industry and lose out on an incredible opportunity. We talk often in this Chamber about the importance of job creation and how we can make Maine's economy more competitive both now and for future generations. Right now, we have a transformational opportunity to do just that. The way I see this vote, we are either voting for good-paying quality jobs to stay in Maine or we're voting to send those jobs to New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Please join me in supporting this legislation and job creation in the State of Maine.

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

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pose a question to the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is what assurances do we have that these good-paying jobs that we hear of will go to Maine workers? And the only reason I know that is because I go across the State and I talk to many workers that are from other states that are working

on windmills, that are working on solar panels, so, my question is what assurances do we have that these good-paying jobs will go to Mainers? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Member has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who cares to answer.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 357**

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Brennan, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Hasenfus, Jauch, Kuhn, Lajoie, Landry, LaRoche, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Connell, Perry A, Pluecker, Rana, Reckitt, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Ardell, Blier, Boyer, Campbell, Carlow, Carmichael, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Henderson, Hymes, Javner, Libby, Lyman, Mason, Millett H, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmursal-Burgess, Simmons, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Walker, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Babin, Bagshaw, Boyle, Bradstreet, Collamore, Costain, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Dhalac, Eaton, Fredericks, Galletta, Gifford, Gramlich, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Hepler, Hobbs, Jackson, Kessler, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Mathieson, Moonen, Morris, O'Neil, Osher, Paul, Perkins, Perry J, Poirier, Pringle, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Sampson, Shaw, Skold, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Underwood, White B, Williams, Worth.

Yes, 59; No, 40; Absent, 51; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

59 having voted in the affirmative and 40 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 51 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 136) (L.D. 315)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on April 27, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-27)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-27) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-446)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending the motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland to **RECEDE AND CONCUR** and later today assigned.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center

(S.P. 141) (L.D. 320)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 8, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-168)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-168) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-447)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools

(H.P. 217) (L.D. 343)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 1, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-448)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 595)

(S. "A" S-459 to C. "A" S-175)

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.

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**Acts**

An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

(H.P. 96) (L.D. 155)

(S. "A" S-441 to C. "A" H-622)

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

(H.P. 105) (L.D. 164)

(S. "A" S-442 to C. "A" H-41)

An Act to Provide Emergency Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected by the Crisis in Production Costs

(H.P. 235) (L.D. 384)

(S. "A" S-449 to C. "A" H-53)

An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers

(H.P. 265) (L.D. 432)

(S. "A" S-451 to H. "A" H-22)

An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

(H.P. 309) (L.D. 492)

(S. "A" S-455 to C. "A" H-557)

An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment

(H.P. 321) (L.D. 516)  
(S. "A" S-456 to C. "A" H-317)

An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program

(S.P. 256) (L.D. 588)  
(S. "A" S-457)

An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

(S.P. 260) (L.D. 592)  
(S. "A" S-458 to C. "A" S-320)

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.

**Resolves**

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

(S.P. 68) (L.D. 129)  
(S. "A" S-440 to C. "A" S-173)

Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates

(H.P. 149) (L.D. 228)  
(S. "A" S-444 to C. "A" H-380)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 430)  
(S. "A" S-450 to C. "A" H-121)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Active Shooter Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Active Shooter Drills for Their Children

(H.P. 294) (L.D. 477)  
(S. "A" S-453 to C. "A" H-63)

Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 654)  
(S. "A" S-460 to C. "A" S-177)

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

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

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 1160)  
(S. "A" S-472 to C. "A" H-353)

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.

**Acts**

An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties

(H.P. 287) (L.D. 470)  
(S. "A" S-452)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Certain Employees Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 483)  
(S. "A" S-454 to C. "A" H-293)

An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 957)  
(S. "A" S-465 to C. "A" H-410)

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

(S.P. 432) (L.D. 1063)  
(S. "A" S-470 to C. "A" S-400)

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.

**Resolves**

Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Persons

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 709)  
(S. "A" S-462 to C. "A" H-616)

Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program

(H.P. 557) (L.D. 901)  
(S. "A" S-464 to C. "A" H-225)

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 979)  
(S. "A" S-466 to C. "A" H-458)

Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes

(S.P. 404) (L.D. 985)  
(S. "A" S-467 to C. "A" S-244)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day

(H.P. 638) (L.D. 1002)  
(S. "A" S-468 to C. "A" H-477)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing

(H.P. 654) (L.D. 1018)  
(S. "A" S-469 to C. "A" H-289)

Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

(H.P. 687) (L.D. 1092)  
(S. "A" S-471 to C. "A" H-574)

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities

(S.P. 724) (L.D. 1799)  
(S. "A" S-493 to C. "A" S-395)

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.

**Acts**

An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

(H.P. 755) (L.D. 1183)  
(S. "A" S-473 to C. "A" H-272)

An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1229)  
(S. "A" S-474 to C. "A" H-469)

An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1280)

(C. "A" S-162; S. "A" S-475)

An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

(H.P. 911) (L.D. 1415)  
(S. "A" S-479 to C. "A" H-476)

An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

(H.P. 935) (L.D. 1439)  
(S. "A" S-480 to C. "A" H-494)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services

(S.P. 634) (L.D. 1602)  
(S. "A" S-484 to C. "A" S-338)

An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities

(S.P. 640) (L.D. 1608)  
(S. "A" S-485 to C. "A" S-128)

An Act to Update Criminal Indictment Procedures and Expand the Provision of Counsel to Certain Indigent Defendants

(S.P. 642) (L.D. 1625)  
(S. "A" S-486 to C. "A" S-221)

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)  
(S. "A" S-487 to C. "A" H-145)

An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance

(S.P. 674) (L.D. 1687)  
(S. "A" S-488 to C. "A" S-383)

An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts

(H.P. 1118) (L.D. 1739)  
(S. "A" S-489 to C. "A" H-672)

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.

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Continue Certain Limited-period Positions Until Full Funding Is Provided

(H.P. 422) (L.D. 645)  
(C. "A" H-723)

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.

**Acts**

An Act to Require the University of Maine to Provide Education Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing

(H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1767)  
(S. "A" S-490 to C. "A" H-484)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma

(H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1783)  
(S. "A" S-492 to C. "A" H-635)

An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program

(H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1844)  
(S. "A" S-495 to C. "A" H-586)

An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts to Protect Soils and Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat from Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws

(H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1881)  
(S. "A" S-496 to C. "A" H-493)

An Act to Modernize Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law

(H.P. 1225) (L.D. 1909)  
(S. "A" S-497 to C. "A" H-667)

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.

**Resolves**

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century

(S.P. 523) (L.D. 1286)  
(S. "A" S-476 to C. "A" S-296)

Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers

(H.P. 878) (L.D. 1364)  
(S. "A" S-477 to C. "B" H-549)

Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools

(H.P. 981) (L.D. 1526)  
(S. "A" S-482 to C. "A" H-644)

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

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

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

An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 136) (L.D. 315)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative TERRY of Gorham pending the motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

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After Midnight

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

An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes (EMERGENCY)  
(S.P. 263) (L.D. 595)  
(S. "A" S-459 to C. "A" S-175)

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

On motion of Representative SACHS of Freeport, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-459)** thereto.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-727) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is simply to remove the emergency preamble and I will be doing this with several other bills, just to let the Body know what I'm doing. Thank you so much.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-727) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)** was **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-727)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-727)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

**ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 732) (L.D. 1160)  
(S. "A" S-472 to C. "A" H-353)

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

On motion of Representative SACHS of Freeport, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-353) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-472)** thereto.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-353)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-725) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-353)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-353) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-725)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-353) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-725)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

**ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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

An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 724) (L.D. 1799)  
(S. "A" S-493 to C. "A" S-395)

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

On motion of Representative SACHS of Freeport, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-395) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-493)** thereto.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-726) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-395) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-726)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-395) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-726)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

**ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model

(H.P. 453) (L.D. 684)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 1, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-154)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-154) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-461)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office

(S.P. 314) (L.D. 756)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 16, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-308)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-308) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-463)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Include Certain Volunteer Firefighters in the Tax Credit for Employers of Individuals Who Are Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Municipal Emergency Medical Services Persons

(S.P. 727) (L.D. 1802)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-356)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-356) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-494)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus

(S.P. 817) (L.D. 1988)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 14, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-240)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-498)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees

(S.P. 60) (L.D. 121)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 4, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-49)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-49) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-504)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Provide Funding to Emergency Medical Services Organizations (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 331) (L.D. 526)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 20, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-528)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-528) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-500)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 204)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 1, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-107)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-107) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-443)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

(H.P. 665) (L.D. 1029)

**FINALLY PASSED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-624)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-624) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-501)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

**ENACTORS**

**Acts**

An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center

(S.P. 141) (L.D. 320)

(S. "A" S-447 to C. "A" S-168)

An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools

(H.P. 217) (L.D. 343)

(S. "A" S-448)

An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources

(S.P. 766) (L.D. 1895)

(S. "A" S-503 to C. "A" S-420)

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.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities  
(H.P. 177) (L.D. 279)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 15, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-467)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-467) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-502)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab  
(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1389)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on May 25, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-97)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-97) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-478)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics  
(S.P. 576) (L.D. 1458)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 13, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-193)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-193) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-481)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund  
(S.P. 615) (L.D. 1552)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 8, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-161)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-161) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-483)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1781)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in the House on June 21, 2023. (Having previously been **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-618)**)

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-618) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-491)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

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**ENACTORS**

**Act**

An Act to Provide Funding for Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers

(S.P. 136) (L.D. 315)

(S. "A" S-446 to C. "A" S-27)

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

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 847)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that the following specified matters be held over to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

S.P. 17, L.D. 25 - An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks

H.P. 192, L.D. 294 - An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority

S.P. 247, L.D. 579 - An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers

S.P. 267, L.D. 650 - An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems

S.P. 511, L.D. 1274 - An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations

H.P. 863, L.D. 1349 - An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People

H.P. 966, L.D. 1511 - An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station

S.P. 739, L.D. 1823 - An Act to Respect and Protect the Right to Food

S.P. 759, L.D. 1886 - Resolve, to Construct a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent

S.P. 778, L.D. 1916 - An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services

S.P. 814, L.D. 1985 - An Act to Authorize Removal of Requirements of Forest Certification Systems from the State's Forest Management Plans

S.P. 818, L.D. 1989 - Resolve, to Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley to Allow for Workforce Housing

S.P. 821, L.D. 1996 - An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

H.P. 133, L.D. 212 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings

H.P. 157, L.D. 236 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support the Economic Development of the Fishing Industry and the Portland Harbor Dredging Project

S.P. 174, L.D. 367 - An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation

S.P. 197, L.D. 416 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization

H.P. 256, L.D. 423 - An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

H.P. 260, L.D. 427 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Research, Development and Commercialization in Maine's Marine Technology and Aquaculture Sector

S.P. 204, L.D. 450 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade and Replace Emergency Alert System Infrastructure of Maine Public

S.P. 214, L.D. 460 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine System

S.P. 220, L.D. 503 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Maine Community College System

H.P. 423, L.D. 646 - An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government

S.P. 307, L.D. 749 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

H.P. 568, L.D. 912 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings

S.P. 443, L.D. 1074 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households

H.P. 728, L.D. 1156 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation

H.P. 735, L.D. 1163 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Improvements for Arts and Cultural Facilities

S.P. 481, L.D. 1185 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund

S.P. 575, L.D. 1457 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Jail in Caribou

S.P. 601, L.D. 1480 - An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries

H.P. 1112, L.D. 1733 - An Act to Require the Revenue Forecasting Committee to Prepare Economic Impact Statements for Certain Legislation

S.P. 755, L.D. 1871 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine

S.P. 782, L.D. 1920 - An Act to Authorize a Supplemental Benefit Relief Payment

H.P. 1259, L.D. 1957 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure

S.P. 811, L.D. 1982 - An Act Regarding Appropriations and Allocations to Support the State of Maine

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

S.P. 83, L.D. 179 - An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine

H.P. 186, L.D. 288 - An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes

H.P. 407, L.D. 630 - An Act to Ensure Rural Law Enforcement Services in Maine

H.P. 567, L.D. 911 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Law Enforcement Interactions and Tools for Determining Residency During Conflict Resolution

H.P. 569, L.D. 913 - An Act to Support First Responders

H.P. 578, L.D. 931 - An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment

H.P. 873, L.D. 1359 - An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles

H.P. 969, L.D. 1514 - An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities

H.P. 970, L.D. 1515 - An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services

H.P. 1006, L.D. 1561 - An Act to Restore Firearm Rights and Hunting Privileges to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes

S.P. 650, L.D. 1633 - An Act to Establish a Community-based Reentry Program in All Department of Corrections Facilities

H.P. 1121, L.D. 1742 - An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support

H.P. 1142, L.D. 1779 - An Act to Develop a Continuum of Care for Youth Involved in the Justice System and to Develop Alternatives for Juveniles Incarcerated in Long Creek Youth Development Center

S.P. 714, L.D. 1789 - An Act to Remove All Marijuana-related Provisions from the Maine Criminal Code and Expunge All Convictions Involving Marijuana

H.P. 1218, L.D. 1903 - Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses

H.P. 1271, L.D. 1978 - An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act

Education and Cultural Affairs

H.P. 23, L.D. 19 - An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees

S.P. 120, L.D. 254 - An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum

H.P. 219, L.D. 345 - An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs

H.P. 497, L.D. 808 - An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools

S.P. 498, L.D. 1217 - Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification

S.P. 521, L.D. 1284 - An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma

H.P. 897, L.D. 1402 - An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population

H.P. 917, L.D. 1421 - An Act to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District

H.P. 1052, L.D. 1642 - An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools

H.P. 1136, L.D. 1773 - An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

H.P. 1279, L.D. 2001 - An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Require Funding for African American Studies

H.P. 1280, L.D. 2002 - An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services

Energy, Utilities and Technology

S.P. 61, L.D. 122 - An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project

H.P. 161, L.D. 240 - An Act to Increase Public Access to Utilities

H.P. 195, L.D. 297 - An Act to Reduce Electric Rate Increases Due to Renewable Energy Credits

S.P. 193, L.D. 412 - An Act to Fully Engage the Efficiency Maine Trust in Mitigating Climate Change by Creating Electrification Programs

S.P. 198, L.D. 417 - An Act to Facilitate Net Energy Billing

S.P. 257, L.D. 589 - An Act to Ensure That the Maine Electric Grid Provides Additional Benefits to Maine Ratepayers

H.P. 452, L.D. 683 - An Act to Reduce Electricity Rates

H.P. 468, L.D. 699 - An Act to Reduce Future Energy Costs

H.P. 707, L.D. 1111 - An Act Concerning Contracts and Agreement for Large-scale Water Extraction

S.P. 584, L.D. 1465 - An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing

S.P. 638, L.D. 1606 - An Act to Finance Clean Energy and Infrastructure in Maine

H.P. 1138, L.D. 1775 - An Act to Establish a Clean Hydrogen Pilot Program

S.P. 746, L.D. 1830 - An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals

S.P. 764, L.D. 1889 - An Act to Provide Authorization to Aroostook County to Use the Statewide Radio and Network System

H.P. 1240, L.D. 1932 - An Act to Require Broadband Internet Access Service Providers to Prorate Customer Bills

S.P. 798, L.D. 1962 - An Act to Limit Utility Shut-offs

S.P. 799, L.D. 1963 - An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine

H.P. 1264, L.D. 1967 - An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements

S.P. 838, L.D. 2016 - An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group

Environment and Natural Resources

H.P. 175, L.D. 277 - An Act Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

H.P. 193, L.D. 295 - An Act Regarding Plastic Pollution

H.P. 204, L.D. 306 - An Act Related to Water

S.P. 362, L.D. 865 - An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis

H.P. 645, L.D. 1009 - An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste

H.P. 914, L.D. 1418 - An Act Concerning Single-use Disposable Water Bottles and Water Refill Stations

S.P. 590, L.D. 1471 - An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

S.P. 610, L.D. 1537 - An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding

S.P. 665, L.D. 1660 - An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling

H.P. 1224, L.D. 1908 - An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act

S.P. 796, L.D. 1960 - An Act to Support Farming in Maine by Extending the Deadline for Manufacturers of Products Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Report on Those Products

Health and Human Services

H.P. 25, L.D. 50 - An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being

S.P. 47, L.D. 75 - An Act to Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels Under the State's Drinking Water Rules to Prohibit Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

S.P. 117, L.D. 251 - Resolve, to Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Facilities

H.P. 197, L.D. 299 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services

S.P. 149, L.D. 328 - An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine

S.P. 160, L.D. 353 - An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education

H.P. 268, L.D. 435 - Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities

S.P. 218, L.D. 500 - An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman

H.P. 396, L.D. 619 - An Act to Ensure Coordination of Care for MaineCare Members

H.P. 402, L.D. 625 - An Act to Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities

S.P. 302, L.D. 744 - Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder

S.P. 338, L.D. 779 - An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services

H.P. 510, L.D. 821 - Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services

H.P. 514, L.D. 825 - An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities

H.P. 527, L.D. 838 - An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains

S.P. 354, L.D. 857 - An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding

S.P. 375, L.D. 878 - An Act to Improve Child Welfare

H.P. 562, L.D. 906 - An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases

H.P. 710, L.D. 1114 - An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities

S.P. 505, L.D. 1224 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

H.P. 922, L.D. 1426 - An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance

H.P. 1020, L.D. 1575 - An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities

H.P. 1073, L.D. 1675 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement and to Establish a Working Group

H.P. 1111, L.D. 1732 - An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program

S.P. 696, L.D. 1751 - An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services

S.P. 713, L.D. 1788 - An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection

S.P. 743, L.D. 1827 - An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality

H.P. 1202, L.D. 1877 - An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families

S.P. 785, L.D. 1923 - An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars

H.P. 1257, L.D. 1955 - An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care

H.P. 1266, L.D. 1975 - An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs

S.P. 820, L.D. 1995 - An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate

S.P. 830, L.D. 2009 - An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

S.P. 71, L.D. 132 - An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

H.P. 148, L.D. 227 - An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

H.P. 205, L.D. 307 - An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs

S.P. 199, L.D. 444 - An Act to Designate First Responders and Other Public Safety Professionals as a Special Risk Population for the Purposes of Improving Insurance Coverage for the Effects of Trauma

H.P. 432, L.D. 663 - An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome

H.P. 485, L.D. 796 - An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services

H.P. 737, L.D. 1165 - An Act to Enhance Cost Savings to Consumers of Prescription Drugs

H.P. 765, L.D. 1205 - An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives

H.P. 903, L.D. 1407 - An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers

H.P. 949, L.D. 1494 - An Act to Help Address the Worker Shortage in Behavioral Health Care Services by Allowing Provisional Licensure and Providing for Reimbursement for Out-of-state Licensees

H.P. 953, L.D. 1498 - An Act to Create an Advocacy and Complaint Process for Health Care Providers Within the Bureau of Insurance

H.P. 988, L.D. 1533 - An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers

H.P. 1022, L.D. 1577 - An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing

H.P. 1119, L.D. 1740 - An Act to Support an Insured Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices

S.P. 718, L.D. 1793 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Discounted Insulin Manufactured and Distributed by Civica Rx

S.P. 745, L.D. 1829 - An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring Reference-based Pricing

H.P. 1164, L.D. 1832 - An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services

S.P. 783, L.D. 1921 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions

H.P. 1258, L.D. 1956 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists

H.P. 1273, L.D. 1990 - An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement

Joint Select Committee on Housing

S.P. 135, L.D. 314 - An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine

H.P. 211, L.D. 337 - An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing

H.P. 238, L.D. 387 - An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers

H.P. 379, L.D. 602 - An Act to Provide Regional Support to Deliver State and Federal Programs to Cities and Towns in the State

S.P. 279, L.D. 721 - An Act to Preserve Historic Buildings and Promote Affordable Housing

S.P. 331, L.D. 772 - An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants

H.P. 543, L.D. 853 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing

S.P. 378, L.D. 887 - An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks

H.P. 720, L.D. 1134 - An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Site Location of Development Laws

H.P. 805, L.D. 1257 - An Act to Increase Housing Capacity and Protect the Municipal Tax Base and Working Lands

H.P. 819, L.D. 1294 - An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals

H.P. 960, L.D. 1505 - An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act

H.P. 1070, L.D. 1672 - An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting Process

H.P. 1071, L.D. 1673 - An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program

H.P. 1099, L.D. 1710 - An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program

S.P. 684, L.D. 1721 - An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State

S.P. 697, L.D. 1752 - Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types

H.P. 1150, L.D. 1787 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes

H.P. 1194, L.D. 1864 - 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. 1197, L.D. 1867 - An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority

S.P. 789, L.D. 1940 - An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities

H.P. 1267, L.D. 1976 - An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

H.P. 104, L.D. 163 - An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances

H.P. 391, L.D. 614 - An Act to Provide a Free Antlerless Deer Permit to Certain Landowners Who Allow the Public to Hunt on Their Property

H.P. 406, L.D. 629 - An Act to Improve, Protect and Defend the Individual Civil Right to Bear Arms Through Exemption of Firearms and Ammunition from Taxation

H.P. 484, L.D. 795 - An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permittees

H.P. 624, L.D. 977 - Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes

S.P. 418, L.D. 1049 - An Act to Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish

H.P. 856, L.D. 1342 - An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species

S.P. 781, L.D. 1919 - An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

H.P. 167, L.D. 262 - An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce

H.P. 182, L.D. 284 - An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute

H.P. 228, L.D. 377 - An Act to Relieve Student Debt

S.P. 518, L.D. 1281 - An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits

S.P. 608, L.D. 1487 - An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices

S.P. 619, L.D. 1555 - An Act to Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program

I.B. 3, L.D. 1677 - An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair

H.P. 1105, L.D. 1716 - An Act to Establish a Repairability Index for Consumer Electronic Products

S.P. 731, L.D. 1806 - An Act to Require Online Used Car Dealers to Be Licensed

H.P. 1161, L.D. 1815 - An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers

H.P. 1227, L.D. 1911 - An Act Concerning Automotive Right to Repair

H.P. 1232, L.D. 1927 - An Act to Create the Rural Prosperity Council

H.P. 1237, L.D. 1929 - An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors

S.P. 810, L.D. 1981 - An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund

S.P. 819, L.D. 1994 - An Act to Provide for Increased Academic Research by Allowing the Gathering of Data or Statistics by Telephone

S.P. 822, L.D. 1997 - An Act to Implement Critical Reforms to the Department of Environmental Protection Outlined in the State COVID-19 Reopening Plan

S.P. 823, L.D. 1998 - An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum

Judiciary

H.P. 24, L.D. 20 - An Act to Further Protect Survivors of Economic Abuse

H.P. 59, L.D. 91 - An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code

S.P. 270, L.D. 653 - An Act to Support Constitutionally Required Public Defense by Creating the Maine Office of Public Defense Services

S.P. 305, L.D. 747 - An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification

S.P. 306, L.D. 748 - An Act to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons in Law Enforcement Custody

S.P. 339, L.D. 780 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy

S.P. 367, L.D. 870 - An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

S.P. 425, L.D. 1056 - An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata

H.P. 945, L.D. 1490 - An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Eliminating Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy

S.P. 613, L.D. 1550 - An Act to Authorize the Expungement of Records of Nonviolent Crimes

H.P. 1021, L.D. 1576 - An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence

S.P. 627, L.D. 1596 - An Act to Facilitate the Creation of an Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court

H.P. 1085, L.D. 1696 - An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearms

H.P. 1094, L.D. 1705 - An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data

H.P. 1114, L.D. 1735 - An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care  
 S.P. 710, L.D. 1763 - An Act Regarding Trustee Duties to Beneficiaries  
 H.P. 1135, L.D. 1771 - An Act Regarding Speedy Trials  
 H.P. 1166, L.D. 1834 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations  
 H.P. 1167, L.D. 1835 - An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified  
 H.P. 1195, L.D. 1865 - An Act Establishing the Maine Sentencing Guidelines Commission  
 H.P. 1217, L.D. 1902 - An Act to Protect Personal Health Data  
 H.P. 1219, L.D. 1904 - An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act  
 H.P. 1245, L.D. 1937 - An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies  
 S.P. 807, L.D. 1973 - An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act  
 H.P. 1270, L.D. 1977 - An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act  
 H.P. 1287, L.D. 2007 - An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations  
Labor and Housing  
 S.P. 142, L.D. 321 - An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers  
 S.P. 143, L.D. 322 - An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System  
 S.P. 145, L.D. 324 - An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers  
 S.P. 179, L.D. 372 - An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations  
 S.P. 180, L.D. 373 - An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers  
 S.P. 230, L.D. 513 - An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Maine Workers  
 H.P. 330, L.D. 525 - An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining  
 H.P. 355, L.D. 550 - An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits  
 S.P. 296, L.D. 738 - An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System  
 S.P. 397, L.D. 926 - An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation  
 S.P. 479, L.D. 1152 - An Act to Make Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage Available to Public Employees  
 H.P. 920, L.D. 1424 - An Act to Remove the Age Requirement for Correctional Staff Retirement Under the 1998 Special Plan  
 S.P. 583, L.D. 1464 - An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System  
 S.P. 604, L.D. 1483 - An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers  
 H.P. 951, L.D. 1496 - An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses  
 S.P. 719, L.D. 1794 - An Act to Enhance the Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees  
 S.P. 767, L.D. 1896 - An Act to Index Workers' Compensation Benefits to the Rate of Inflation

Marine Resources  
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 H.P. 479, L.D. 710 - An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund  
 S.P. 472, L.D. 1145 - An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission  
 S.P. 775, L.D. 1915 - Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans  
 S.P. 825, L.D. 2003 - An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone  
State and Local Government  
 S.P. 167, L.D. 360 - An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter  
 S.P. 178, L.D. 371 - An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances  
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 H.P. 288, L.D. 471 - An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law  
 S.P. 374, L.D. 877 - An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China  
 H.P. 565, L.D. 909 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature  
 H.P. 566, L.D. 910 - An Act to Amend the Laws of Maine  
 S.P. 402, L.D. 983 - An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time  
 H.P. 781, L.D. 1233 - An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission  
 H.P. 905, L.D. 1409 - An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality  
 H.P. 928, L.D. 1432 - An Act to Amend the Law Governing Racial Impact Statements  
 H.P. 1065, L.D. 1667 - An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State  
 S.P. 689, L.D. 1725 - An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records  
 H.P. 1252, L.D. 1948 - An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data  
 S.P. 812, L.D. 1983 - An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act  
 S.P. 834, L.D. 2011 - An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities  
Taxation  
 S.P. 95, L.D. 191 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits  
 S.P. 211, L.D. 457 - An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws  
 S.P. 217, L.D. 499 - An Act to Change Maine's Tax Laws  
 H.P. 410, L.D. 633 - An Act to Dedicate Revenue from Alcohol Tax to Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment  
 H.P. 420, L.D. 643 - An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing the Research Expense Tax Credit  
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 H.P. 572, L.D. 916 - An Act to Establish a Windfall Profits Tax on Electric Utilities to Assist with Residential Heating Costs  
 H.P. 631, L.D. 996 - An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax  
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H.P. 663, L.D. 1027 - An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes  
 S.P. 444, L.D. 1075 - An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives  
 H.P. 725, L.D. 1153 - An Act to Allow Municipalities to Tax Personal Solar Energy Equipment Under 5 Megawatts  
 S.P. 480, L.D. 1184 - An Act to Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies from Sales Tax  
 S.P. 503, L.D. 1222 - An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer-supported Tax Credit  
 H.P. 779, L.D. 1231 - An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets  
 H.P. 823, L.D. 1298 - An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing  
 H.P. 849, L.D. 1335 - An Act to Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law  
 H.P. 851, L.D. 1337 - An Act to Require a Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement  
 H.P. 859, L.D. 1345 - An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors  
 H.P. 901, L.D. 1405 - An Act to Change How Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated  
 S.P. 572, L.D. 1454 - An Act Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax  
 S.P. 611, L.D. 1538 - An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units  
 H.P. 1060, L.D. 1648 - An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law  
 H.P. 1084, L.D. 1685 - An Act to Increase Acreage Eligibility and Change Requirements for Filing Plans Under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law  
 H.P. 1116, L.D. 1737 - An Act to Provide up to \$5,000 in Property Tax Relief to Veterans  
 H.P. 1137, L.D. 1774 - An Act Exempting Certain Emergency Distributions and Emergency Savings Accounts from Taxation  
 S.P. 729, L.D. 1804 - An Act to Provide Transparency and Accountability for Corporate Tax Expenditures  
 H.P. 1155, L.D. 1810 - An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit  
 S.P. 757, L.D. 1873 - An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts  
 H.P. 1212, L.D. 1891 - An Act to Support Maine Businesses Through a Child Care Tax Credit and a Pass-through Entity Tax  
 H.P. 1214, L.D. 1893 - An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals for the Benefit of That Municipality  
 S.P. 772, L.D. 1900 - An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder  
 S.P. 797, L.D. 1961 - An Act to Support Potato Processing in Maine  
 S.P. 808, L.D. 1974 - An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program  
 H.P. 1277, L.D. 1999 - An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Military Retirement Plan Income  
 H.P. 1278, L.D. 2000 - An Act to Change the Taxation of Rental Tangible Personal Property to Make It Consistent with the Predominant Method in Other States' Rental Industry Laws for Sales and Use Tax  
 H.P. 1285, L.D. 2005 - An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax

S.P. 828, L.D. 2006 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation

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H.P. 38, L.D. 63 - An Act to Clarify That Certain Imported Motor Vehicles Are Not Off-road Vehicles  
 H.P. 156, L.D. 235 - An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor  
 S.P. 176, L.D. 369 - An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads  
 S.P. 182, L.D. 401 - An Act to Improve Transportation in Maine  
 S.P. 183, L.D. 402 - An Act to Change Maine's Transportation Laws  
 H.P. 332, L.D. 527 - An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits  
 S.P. 357, L.D. 860 - An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study  
 S.P. 372, L.D. 875 - An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State  
 H.P. 579, L.D. 932 - An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules  
 H.P. 724, L.D. 1138 - An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards  
 H.P. 770, L.D. 1210 - An Act to Establish a Maine Highway Capital Fund to Provide Consistent Funding for the Construction and Repair of Maine's Roads and Bridges  
 S.P. 573, L.D. 1455 - An Act to Establish the Weighing Point Preclearance Program  
 S.P. 657, L.D. 1640 - An Act to Require Industry Training and Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation for Bridges  
 S.P. 695, L.D. 1750 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Complete a Service Plan and Determine the Scope of Work for Restoration of Rail Use of the Berlin Subdivision Rail Corridor from Downtown Portland to Auburn

Veterans and Legal Affairs

S.P. 705 - JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE APPLICATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONAL INTEGRITY AND PROPOSE AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS AND ADDRESSING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM  
 S.P. 32, L.D. 40 - An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws  
 S.P. 40, L.D. 48 - An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing  
 S.P. 96, L.D. 192 - An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding  
 S.P. 112, L.D. 246 - An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws  
 S.P. 114, L.D. 248 - An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws  
 S.P. 153, L.D. 332 - An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws  
 H.P. 522, L.D. 833 - An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists

H.P. 972, L.D. 1517 - An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry

H.P. 985, L.D. 1530 - An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products

H.P. 1023, L.D. 1578 - An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote

S.P. 621, L.D. 1590 - An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources

S.P. 682, L.D. 1695 - An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers

S.P. 703, L.D. 1757 - An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis

H.P. 1140, L.D. 1777 - An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming

S.P. 734, L.D. 1819 - An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board

S.P. 774, L.D. 1914 - An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act

H.P. 1248, L.D. 1944 - An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming

H.P. 1254, L.D. 1952 - An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption

S.P. 795, L.D. 1959 - An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting

H.P. 1263, L.D. 1966 - An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act

H.P. 1274, L.D. 1991 - An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections

H. P. 1275, L.D. 1992 - An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States

S.P. 836, L.D. 2014 - An Act Regarding Spirits Price Regulation

; and be it further

ORDERED, that following specified matters on the Special Appropriations Table not finally disposed of be held over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature:

H.P. 31, L.D. 56 - An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes

H.P. 45, L.D. 70 - An Act to Eliminate the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made

H.P. 61, L.D. 93 - An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in Public Restrooms

H.P. 79, L.D. 111 - An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage

H.P. 81, L.D. 113 - An Act to Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem

H.P. 88, L.D. 142 - An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work

H.P. 89, L.D. 143 - An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism

H.P. 95, L.D. 154 - An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units

S.P. 89, L.D. 185 - An Act to Reduce the Benefit Penalty Imposed on Career Educators Who Retire After 35 Years of Service

S.P. 90, L.D. 186 - An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions

H.P. 129, L.D. 208 - An Act Concerning Home Care Services

H.P. 131, L.D. 210 - An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax

H.P. 141, L.D. 220 - An Act to Support Maine's Potato Farmers and Processors

H.P. 144, L.D. 223 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules Regarding Pharmacy Services

H.P. 146, L.D. 225 - An Act to Expand the Reimbursement to Hospitals for Days Awaiting Placement in Facilities

H.P. 147, L.D. 226 - An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

H.P. 170, L.D. 265 - An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine

H.P. 171, L.D. 273 - An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912 Scholarship Fund

H.P. 178, L.D. 280 - An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit

H.P. 185, L.D. 287 - An Act to Support Parents by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers

S.P. 156, L.D. 335 - An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times

H.P. 222, L.D. 348 - An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools

S.P. 162, L.D. 355 - An Act to Refocus the Purpose and Duties of the Cannabis Advisory Commission

S.P. 168, L.D. 361 - An Act to Increase the Reimbursement for Electronic Consultations Through Medicaid

H.P. 259, L.D. 426 - An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System

S.P. 200, L.D. 445 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment

S.P. 202, L.D. 447 - An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges

H.P. 289, L.D. 472 - An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

H.P. 290, L.D. 473 - Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program

S.P. 221, L.D. 504 - An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors

S.P. 222, L.D. 505 - An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes

S.P. 229, L.D. 512 - An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students

H.P. 341, L.D. 536 - An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil

H.P. 344, L.D. 539 - An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury

H.P. 345, L.D. 540 - An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine

S.P. 237, L.D. 566 - An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

S.P. 239, L.D. 568 - An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives  
 S.P. 245, L.D. 577 - An Act to Increase Availability of Election Information on Local Government Websites  
 S.P. 248, L.D. 580 - An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure  
 S.P. 255, L.D. 587 - Resolve, to Automatically Increase a Residential Care or Nursing Facility Resident's Personal Needs Allowance Under the MaineCare Program When the Consumer Price Index Increases  
 S.P. 259, L.D. 591 - An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees  
 H.P. 376, L.D. 599 - An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons  
 H.P. 387, L.D. 610 - An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner  
 H.P. 409, L.D. 632 - An Act to Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program  
 H.P. 428, L.D. 659 - An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism  
 H.P. 435, L.D. 666 - An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations  
 H.P. 438, L.D. 669 - An Act to Create the Public Art Fund  
 H.P. 464, L.D. 695 - An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax  
 S.P. 299, L.D. 741 - An Act to Prohibit Training Repayment Agreements by Employers  
 S.P. 346, L.D. 787 - An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development  
 S.P. 350, L.D. 791 - An Act to Support the Maintenance of Historic Fort George in Castine  
 S.P. 353, L.D. 794 - An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women  
 H.P. 505, L.D. 816 - An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors  
 H.P. 516, L.D. 827 - An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules  
 H.P. 518, L.D. 829 - An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools  
 H.P. 529, L.D. 840 - An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program  
 S.P. 368, L.D. 871 - An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State  
 H.P. 560, L.D. 904 - An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine  
 H.P. 563, L.D. 907 - An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses  
 H.P. 583, L.D. 936 - An Act to Require Disclosure of Pay Ranges and Record Keeping of Pay History  
 H.P. 585, L.D. 938 - An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds  
 H.P. 596, L.D. 949 - An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance  
 S.P. 407, L.D. 988 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers

H.P. 628, L.D. 993 - An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine  
 H.P. 633, L.D. 997 - Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine  
 H.P. 635, L.D. 999 - An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave  
 H.P. 642, L.D. 1006 - An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing  
 H.P. 657, L.D. 1021 - An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease  
 H.P. 664, L.D. 1028 - An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care  
 S.P. 433, L.D. 1064 - An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary  
 H.P. 691, L.D. 1096 - An Act to Help Retired Teachers and State Employees Keep Pace with Inflation by Matching the Cost-of-living Adjustment for Social Security Benefits  
 H.P. 695, L.D. 1100 - Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building  
 H.P. 703, L.D. 1107 - Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals  
 S.P. 465, L.D. 1128 - An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools  
 S.P. 466, L.D. 1139 - An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy  
 H.P. 733, L.D. 1161 - An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics  
 H.P. 734, L.D. 1162 - An Act to Protect the Environment by Funding Ash Tree Management  
 H.P. 749, L.D. 1177 - An Act to Assess a Slip Fee on Megayachts Registered in Overseas Tax Havens  
 H.P. 750, L.D. 1178 - Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services  
 S.P. 486, L.D. 1190 - An Act to Ensure a Fair Workweek by Requiring Notice of Work Schedules  
 H.P. 775, L.D. 1227 - An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation  
 H.P. 782, L.D. 1234 - An Act to Provide Reimbursement for Health Care Expenses of Retired State Police Law Enforcement Dogs  
 H.P. 784, L.D. 1236 - An Act to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas and to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services  
 H.P. 806, L.D. 1258 - An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery  
 H.P. 811, L.D. 1263 - An Act to Require School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide Prevention Hotline  
 S.P. 513, L.D. 1276 - An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses  
 S.P. 522, L.D. 1285 - An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program  
 H.P. 826, L.D. 1301 - An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails  
 H.P. 828, L.D. 1303 - An Act to Exempt Boats and All-terrain Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax

H.P. 830, L.D. 1305 - Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health  
H.P. 847, L.D. 1333 - An Act to Protect Children by Modernizing Internet and Digital Media Filtering Requirements for Education  
H.P. 889, L.D. 1375 - An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta  
H.P. 890, L.D. 1376 - An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage  
S.P. 549, L.D. 1384 - An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis by Basing the Excise Tax on the Tier of a Cultivation Facility  
H.P. 908, L.D. 1412 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law  
H.P. 918, L.D. 1422 - An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Housing Voucher Program and Providing Site-based Housing Services  
H.P. 937, L.D. 1441 - An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources  
H.P. 938, L.D. 1442 - An Act to Recognize an Association of Early Childhood Educators as an Educational Advisory Organization  
S.P. 568, L.D. 1450 - An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council  
S.P. 595, L.D. 1475 - An Act to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development by Establishing a Tax Credit  
S.P. 598, L.D. 1478 - An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services  
H.P. 943, L.D. 1488 - An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells  
H.P. 946, L.D. 1491 - An Act to Support Rural Education  
H.P. 947, L.D. 1492 - An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center  
H.P. 948, L.D. 1493 - An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing  
H.P. 961, L.D. 1506 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State  
H.P. 965, L.D. 1510 - An Act to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies  
H.P. 975, L.D. 1520 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Secondary Schools  
H.P. 982, L.D. 1527 - An Act to Promote the Community School Program  
H.P. 984, L.D. 1529 - An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging  
H.P. 990, L.D. 1535 - An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute and Increasing Funding for Meetings of the Institute  
H.P. 992, L.D. 1540 - An Act to Create the Stable Home Fund Program  
H.P. 1003, L.D. 1558 - An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies  
H.P. 1018, L.D. 1573 - An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Under the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows and the Maine Climate Corps

H.P. 1029, L.D. 1584 - An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Temporarily Restore Benefits Being Reduced by the Federal Government  
H.P. 1046, L.D. 1621 - An Act Regarding Environmental Justice  
S.P. 669, L.D. 1664 - An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program  
S.P. 671, L.D. 1666 - An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives  
H.P. 1066, L.D. 1668 - An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions  
H.P. 1081, L.D. 1682 - An Act to Create the Maine Experiential Education Program  
H.P. 1083, L.D. 1684 - An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming  
S.P. 678, L.D. 1691 - An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses  
H.P. 1101, L.D. 1712 - An Act Regarding Driver's Licenses for Individuals in Foster Care  
H.P. 1103, L.D. 1714 - An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue  
H.P. 1107, L.D. 1718 - An Act to Encourage Participation in Maine's Essential Support Workforce Through Access to Higher Education  
S.P. 683, L.D. 1720 - An Act to Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities  
S.P. 701, L.D. 1755 - An Act to Exempt All Youth Development Nonprofit Organizations from Sales Tax and the Service Provider Tax  
S.P. 707, L.D. 1760 - An Act to Include Certain Crisis Outreach and Crisis Services Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement  
S.P. 708, L.D. 1761 - An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement  
H.P. 1133, L.D. 1769 - An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live  
S.P. 717, L.D. 1792 - Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force  
S.P. 722, L.D. 1797 - An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities and Providing Tax Credits  
S.P. 732, L.D. 1817 - An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program  
H.P. 1169, L.D. 1837 - An Act to Increase Oral Health Services  
H.P. 1187, L.D. 1857 - An Act to Create the Public Safety Health and Wellness Reimbursement Fund to Benefit Public Safety Workers and Volunteers  
H.P. 1188, L.D. 1858 - An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage  
H.P. 1193, L.D. 1863 - An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities  
H.P. 1243, L.D. 1935 - An Act to Promote Workforce Development by Establishing a Workforce Development Program

S.P. 791, L.D. 1942 - An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State

H.P. 1256, L.D. 1954 - An Act to Address the Recent Mill Closure in the Town of Jay by Providing Funds to Offset Property Tax Loss

H.P. 1260, L.D. 1958 - An Act to Provide the Mi'kmaq Nation with Sales Tax Revenue for Sales Occurring on Mi'kmaq Nation Territory

; and be it further

ORDERED, that the following specified matter on the Special Study Table not finally disposed of be held over on the Special Study Table to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature:

H.P. 829, L.D. 1304 - Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity

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ORDERED, that the following specified matters, which are tabled in the Senate or the House of Representatives, be held over to any special or regular session of the 131st Legislature:

H.P. 575, L.D. 928 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment

H.P. 595, L.D. 948 - An Act to Create a Liaison Position Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services on Early Childhood Education Matters

H.P. 621, L.D. 974 - An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff

H.P. 681, L.D. 1086 - An Act to Define the Term "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing a Jail or Correctional Facility

S.P. 496, L.D. 1215 - An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products

H.P. 874, L.D. 1360 - An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences

H.P. 1001, L.D. 1549 - An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State

S.P. 656, L.D. 1639 - An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care

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

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Our boards do not match what is on our screens. My screen has been synchronized, there is no Supplement 34 on my screen, Madam Speaker. I don't know what Supplement 34 is.

The SPEAKER: The Chair thanks the Member and asks for a brief moment to reconcile the issue that has been raised.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. On March 30th --

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The motion of which the Member refers to has already been voted on.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Request unanimous consent to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I had risen in opposition to that motion. On March 30th, this Body voted on a partisan budget, claiming that all of its work was done, then we pretended to adjourn sine die. Not one Republican voted to adjourn that evening because we knew our work wasn't done. The following day, just a few hours later, the Chief Executive ordered us back by emergency declaration. I hand-delivered a letter to the Chief Executive asking for clarification as to what emergency occurred between 11:30 Thursday, March 30th, and the following morning. I have yet to receive a response.

Here we are, under the cover of darkness, Madam Speaker, it's obvious that our work was not finished on March 30th, it still isn't finished on July 26th. This carry-over Order again signals that our work is not finished. The current motion on the carry-over Order is an insult to the people of Maine who sent us here to do our job for all of the people of Maine. We are 35 days past what would've been Statutory adjournment. Madam Speaker, we failed to do our job then and we fail to do our job now. Thank you.

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## ENACTORS Acts

An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Legislative Employees

(S.P. 60) (L.D. 121)  
(S. "A" S-504 to C. "A" S-49)

An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 204)  
(S. "A" S-443 to C. "A" S-107)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program

(H.P. 331) (L.D. 526)  
(S. "A" S-500 to C. "A" H-528)

An Act to Limit Changes to the Resource Coordination Agreement Between the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and Require Annual Reporting Regarding Resource Coordination Agreements

(S.P. 314) (L.D. 756)  
(S. "A" S-463 to C. "A" S-308)

An Act to Include Certain Volunteer Firefighters in the Tax Credit for Employers of Individuals Who Are Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Municipal Emergency Medical Services Persons

(S.P. 727) (L.D. 1802)  
(S. "A" S-494 to C. "A" S-356)

An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus

(S.P. 817) (L.D. 1988)  
(S. "A" S-498)

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.

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**Resolves**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model

(H.P. 453) (L.D. 684)  
(S. "A" S-461 to C. "A" H-154)

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

(H.P. 665) (L.D. 1029)  
(S. "A" S-501 to C. "A" H-624)

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

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

**Acts**

An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities

(H.P. 177) (L.D. 279)  
(S. "B" S-502 to C. "A" H-467)

An Act to Establish the Companion Animal Sterilization Program in the Maine Revised Statutes

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 595)  
(H. "A" H-727 and S. "A" S-459 to C. "A" S-175)

An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1389)  
(S. "A" S-478 to C. "A" S-97)

An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

(S.P. 576) (L.D. 1458)  
(S. "A" S-481 to C. "A" S-193)

An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund

(S.P. 615) (L.D. 1552)  
(S. "A" S-483 to C. "A" S-161)

An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities

(S.P. 724) (L.D. 1799)  
(H. "A" H-726 and S. "A" S-493 to C. "A" S-395)

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.

**Resolves**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 1160)  
(H. "A" H-725 and S. "A" S-472 to C. "A" H-353)

Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1781)  
(S. "A" S-491 to C. "A" H-618)

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

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

The Speaker appointed Representative TERRY of Gorham on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House is ready to adjourn without day.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon her Excellency, Governor JANET T. MILLS, and inform her that the House is ready to adjourn without day:

- Representative SACHS of Freeport
- Representative FAY of Raymond
- Representative COLLINGS of Portland
- Representative MATLACK of St. George
- Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
- Representative GATTINE of Westbrook
- Representative MILLETT of Waterford
- Representative DUCCHARME of Madison
- Representative BLIER of Buxton
- Representative CARLOW of Buxton

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator DAUGHTRY of that Body, informing the House that the Senate is ready to adjourn without day.

Subsequently, Representative TERRY reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to take a very brief moment to thank each and every one of you for your patience, your hard work and your commitment to serve your constituents, to in fact serve all Mainers, each and every day with dignity and respect and to express, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, our sincere gratitude to the staff for their service to the people of the State of Maine.

On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the House adjourned without day at 4:57 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2023.