

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 2, 2023

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Pastor Chris Grimбилas of New Life Baptist Church in Jay.

PASTOR GRIMBILAS: It is a great privilege to be here and I appreciate the honor. Thank you to Senator Keim for inviting me. Let's pray.

Father, we're so thankful for You and we're so thankful for this Body, this group, who have dedicated their time and their energies to the governance of the great state of Maine. Lord, we pray that You will give each one wisdom in their committee assignments and regarding the work that they do on behalf of the constituents and on behalf of the state of Maine. We pray that You give them the words to say, that they might be influential in making their points and, Lord, we pray that they would work together for the greater good of our state. We're thankful for each one here. We pray You bless this session of the Senate in a great and mighty way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Stacy F. Brenner of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Kristen Mazoki, DO.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Amend Certain Laws Governing Pari-Mutuel Pools on Harness Racing (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 132 L.D. 311

In Senate, January 31, 2023, on motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 209

**JOINT RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE'S REGRET
OVER THE DEATH OF CONNECTICUT STATE
REPRESENTATIVE QUENTIN WILLIAMS**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Quentin Soldier Williams of Middletown, Connecticut, was a Connecticut State Representative serving the 100th House District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a graduate of Bryant University and Villanova University and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest Black fraternity in America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams first served in the Connecticut General Assembly during the 2019 session and was the first-ever Black State Representative for the City of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served as co-chair of the Aging Committee at the start of the 2021-22 session, later becoming a Housing Committee co-chair, and was slated to serve as head of the Labor and Public Employees Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams had taken the Oath of Office for his 3rd consecutive term just before he was tragically killed in a wrong-way, head-on automobile crash after leaving the inaugural ball for Governor Ned Lamont; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our deep regret over the sudden and tragic death of the Honorable Quentin Soldier Williams and the loss of his outstanding public service leadership to the Connecticut General Assembly and the people of Connecticut; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of the Honorable Quentin Soldier Williams and the Connecticut General Assembly.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 224

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023
AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, human trafficking is criminal recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sexual exploitation through the use of force, fraud or coercion, including but not limited to involuntary servitude, sex trafficking, debt bondage, domestic servitude and forced child labor, and can, but does not necessarily, include the physical transportation of a victim from one location to another; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking violates basic human rights, denies victims their personal freedom and knows no geographical boundaries; and

WHEREAS, traffickers target children and adults of all genders, both United States citizens and foreign nationals, isolate them from society and exploit them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking suffer severe emotional, psychological and physical damage at the hands of their traffickers, who instill fear in their victims in order to keep them enslaved, resulting in complex post-traumatic stress disorder and increased rates of disease, drug addiction and other lifelong effects of trauma, and these experiences may require years of specialized health care and mental health services as part of a victim's recovery; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is recognized as one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world, and the International Labour Organization estimates annual profits of \$75,000,000,000 from forced labor internationally; and

WHEREAS, the International Labour Organization estimates that 12% of persons in forced labor are children, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimated in 2022 that one out of every 6 endangered runaways in the United States reported to them was likely a child sex trafficking victim; and

WHEREAS, in a 2015 report commissioned by the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, researchers found that between 200 and 300 people in Maine are victims of human trafficking each year; and

WHEREAS, the work of preventing and combating human trafficking and related crimes in Maine has been undertaken by invaluable organizations such as Survivor Speak USA, founded and led by the late Dianne "Dee" Clarke of Portland; and

WHEREAS, Survivor Speak USA is a Maine-based, survivor-led organization working to end sex trafficking and sexual exploitation through centering the experiences, healing, voices and leadership of survivors; and

WHEREAS, Dee Clarke, a survivor herself of sex trafficking and exploitation, devoted her life to ending sex trafficking by empowering survivors to create social and political change, including by leading the charge to pass LD 1455, An Act To Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation, which was signed into law June 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State is committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through prevention, prosecution, education and awareness, including by amplifying the voices of survivors and those who work tirelessly at the grassroots level to combat it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the month of January 2023 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **MOORE** of Washington requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 54

**THE STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2023

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor
SHS 1, State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Mills:

On behalf of the 131st Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the Budget Address. At your direction, we will call for a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the House Chamber.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 56

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

January 31, 2023

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2-B, §568-B, 1, F, of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Thomas Schwarm of Freeport to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective immediately.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 74

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

February 1, 2023

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I rescind the appointment of Representative Clinton E. Collamore Sr. of Waldoboro from the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 48

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Appointment of Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston as Director of the Office of Affordable Healthcare

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am nominating Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston for appointment as Director of the Office of Affordable Healthcare.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §3122, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 49

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Ralph L. Tucker, Esquire of Brunswick to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Ralph L. Tucker, Esquire of Brunswick to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission as the neutral chair.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 50

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Blue Keim of Dixfield to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Blue Keim of Dixfield for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 51

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of Carlos R. Mello of Camden as the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Carlos R. Mello of Camden for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 58

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2023

Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station,
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

I am honored to accept your invitation to deliver the State of the Budget Address before a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

From expanding health care, to strengthening our economy, to making education more affordable and accessible, we have made real and meaningful progress for Maine people, but there is more to do.

I strongly believe that if we want to build a stronger, more prosperous state where opportunity is available to all, then we must invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. That's what my budget proposal does. It proposes crucial investments in housing, child care, health care, education, and transportation infrastructure that will help us tackle the challenges we face and chart a course for success in the years to come.

I look forward to addressing the Legislature and to working closely with you to enact a budget that will improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 64

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Paul A. Fritzsche as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Paul A. Fritzsche of Kennebunk for reappointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §104, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 65

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Barbara Raimondi as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Barbara Raimondi of Brunswick for appointment as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §157-B, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 66

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME. 04333

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Patrick C. Larson as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Patrick C. Larson of Bangor for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 67

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME. 04333

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Wayne R. Douglas as a
Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Wayne R. Douglas of Ocean
Park for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial
Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this
appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State
Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 68

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Jed J. French - Judge,
Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Jed J. French of Yarmouth for
reappointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA § 157, this reappointment is contingent
on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 69

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Maria A. Woodman -
Judge, Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Maria A. Woodman of Monmouth
for reappointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA § 157, this reappointment is contingent
on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 70

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Michael P. Roberts -
Judge, Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating The Honorable Michael P. Roberts of Bangor for reappointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA § 157, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 71

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of Phillip G. Mohlar, Esq. - Judge, Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Phillip G. Mohlar, Esq. of Readfield for appointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court, and to succeed Judge Charles F. Budd, Jr., whose term expires on February 2, 2023.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA § 157, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 72

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of Tracy J. Gorham, Esq. - Judge, Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Tracy J. Gorham, Esq. of South Portland for appointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA § 157, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 57

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of William G. Ross of Cumberland to Chief of the Maine State Police

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that with the advice and consent of the Governor, I am nominating William G. Ross of Cumberland to Chief of the Maine State Police.

Pursuant to Title 25-A, MRSA §1501, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Michael Sauschuck
Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 52

SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL

January 25, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, Chapter 383, Article 2-A, Section 13083-F, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA).

SCEC is a private, nonprofit, federally recognized economic development organization which works to create jobs and prosperity in Washington County. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

The WCDA continued its incremental work to restore the form the former Cutler Naval Base to productive use.

As indicated in the enclosed report, the WCDA procured GR Roofing LLC to replace the roof on the Base's Chapel Shop and Workshop. Seavee & Mahar Engineering were procured to take samples for hazardous materials for the DEP and EPA. WCDA did not make any significant contributions or changes to policies and procedures in the past year.

Sincerely,

S/Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 53

**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY**

January 27, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Mr. James Cohen
Chairman

S/Ms. Patricia Quinn
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 55

MAINE PORT AUTHORITY

January 30, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required FY 2022 report from the Maine Port Authority due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Burns,
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 59

**STATE OF MAINE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

January 31, 2023

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

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023(2)

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the transmittal letter for the required report from the Workers' Compensation Board due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/John C. Rohde
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 60

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

January 30, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities*

Dear Senate President Jackson,

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2023. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2022 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2022 that exceed \$1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2022, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2022, the Maine Turnpike Authority made over \$122 million in payments to approximately 700 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$110 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$13.5 million in 2022. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,

S/Peter Mills
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 61

MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) due by February 1, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Brian Whitney
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 62

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
94 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332**

February 1, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine due February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Carlos R. Mello
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 63

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

January 30, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report due by Feb. 1, 2023 from the University of Maine System (UMS) documenting our qualifying FY22 sole-source procurements and contributions.

UMS has an estimated \$1.5 billion annual total statewide economic impact, a \$7.50 return for every dollar of State appropriation, and supports nearly 20,000 campus and community jobs. In addition to student and visitor local spending of an estimated \$144 million annually, our System positively impacts the Maine economy by purchasing goods and services – \$86.7 million in FY22 alone – from Maine businesses or those that employ many Mainers.

As it conducts business, UMS is committed to ensuring the greatest value for tuition and taxpayers, and transparency and fairness for our vendors. While competitive procurement is our standard, there are legitimate and well-defined reasons allowed by State law and corresponding UMS policy for which the purchases listed in this report were waived from this process. For example, given its world-class research, economic development and commercialization activities that are of vital importance to our state and beyond, the R1 University of Maine has unique procurement needs, including for specialized equipment or services that may only be available from one vendor. We have sought to provide that importance context within this FY22 report, which reflects a 23% reduction from FY21 in the total value of System procurements for which the competitive process was waived.

If you need any additional information, please contact UMS Director of Government Relations Samantha Warren in my office at samantha.warren@maine.edu. Thank you for your ongoing interest and support of Maine’s public universities.

Sincerely,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor
University of Maine System

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 73

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

February 1, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Daniel E. Brennan
Director

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Improve Harness Racing in Maine by Repealing the Law Governing Standardbred Horses Eligible for Registration"
S.P. 184 L.D. 403

Presented by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York.
Cosponsored by Representative **HALL** of Wilton and Senator: **BLACK** of Franklin.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Presented by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative **MILLETT** of Waterford and Senators: **BLACK** of Franklin, **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **STEWART** of Aroostook, Representatives: **BRENNAN** of Portland, **CLOUTIER** of Lewiston, **PERRY** of Calais, **TERRY** of Gorham, **ZAGER** of Portland.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prevent False Reporting Leading to Evacuation, Shutdown or Lockdown"

S.P. 186 L.D. 405

Presented by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative **DOUDERA** of Camden and Senators: **HARRINGTON** of York, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **LAWRENCE** of York, **LYFORD** of Penobscot, **RAFFERTY** of York, Representatives: **MATHIESON** of Kittery, **POIRIER** of Skowhegan, **ZAGER** of Portland.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges"

S.P. 202 L.D. 447

Presented by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: **LIBBY** of Cumberland, **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **RAFFERTY** of York, Representatives: **BRENNAN** of Portland, **DODGE** of Belfast.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Fully Engage the Efficiency Maine Trust in Mitigating Climate Change by Creating Electrification Programs"

S.P. 193 L.D. 412

Presented by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to Public Utility Customers"

S.P. 195 L.D. 414

Presented by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Net Energy Billing"

S.P. 198 L.D. 417

Presented by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative **ZEIGLER** of Montville.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Setback Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers
S.P. 181 L.D. 400

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Oxford and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, HALL of Wilton, LANDRY of Farmington, PLUECKER of Warren, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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. 200 L.D. 445

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility
S.P. 201 L.D. 446

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Subscribers from Being Overcharged for Health Insurance Premiums"
S.P. 192 L.D. 411

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "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"
S.P. 199 L.D. 444

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative COPELAND of Saco and Senator: RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, NUTTING of Oakland.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Transportation in Maine"
S.P. 182 L.D. 401

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Change Maine's Transportation Laws"
S.P. 183 L.D. 402

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council
S.P. 185 L.D. 404

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Expand Passenger Rail Service"
S.P. 187 L.D. 406

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Representative: O'CONNELL of Brewer.

Bill "An Act to Support Recreational Trails"
S.P. 188 L.D. 407

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, O'CONNELL of Brewer.

Bill "An Act to Expand Bus Service"
S.P. 189 L.D. 408

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Representative: O'CONNELL of Brewer.

Bill "An Act to Improve Pedestrian Safety"
S.P. 190 L.D. 409

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Representative: O'CONNELL of Brewer.

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Upgrade Route 1 from Fort Kent to Van Buren"
S.P. 194 L.D. 413

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative ALBERT of Madawaska and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas"

S.P. 191 L.D. 410

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative CYRWAY of Albion.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine"

S.P. 196 L.D. 415

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: CRAY of Palmyra.

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

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY:** Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, today I'm happy to welcome Nolan Watson of Saco and his family to the Senate Chamber. Nolan is a kindergartener at Young School in Saco and last November Nolan woke his family when he discovered that their house was on fire. To reward Nolan's heroic action, the Saco Fire Department presented a Lifesaving Award to Nolan. He also received a Buzz Lightyear toy which replaced the one that was lost in the fire. Nolan's decisive, quick action sets an excellent example for all of us. His story is also a reminder that heroes come in all shapes and sizes and that any of us can become a hero on any given day. Thank you, Nolan, for setting such a great example for your classmates and your peers. I am proud to have presented you with a Legislative Sentiment that we went over this morning, to you, and recognize you for

your bravery and your courage. Finally, I'd like to thank Lieutenant Karl Finley who helped arrange the Watson Family's visit to the State House today. The Maine State Legislature joins the Saco Fire Department in celebrating this special young man. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would ask if the Sergeant at Arms might be able to walk Mr. Nolan down to the Well of the Senate so that all the Senators could see this great young man and his courage and bravery. The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, obviously, Mr. Nolan Watson and his family: Jen, his Mom; Josh, his Dad. His joined with this two sisters, Natalie and Norah. They're all from Saco and they are the guests today of the Senator of York, Senator Bailey, and obviously a great message, understanding, for all of us. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/31/23) matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Recognizing April 18, 2023 as World Amateur Radio Day

S.P. 98

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **MOORE** of Washington

Pending - **ADOPTION**

(In Senate, January 31, 2023, **READ**.)

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise just briefly to mention how proud I am to be able to submit this Joint Resolution on behalf of the Ham Radio Operators throughout the state of Maine. They are unsung heroes. They come out in times of bad weather and in times of distress among the communities, as well as being involved in the communities, and it's very, very rewarding to actually see all of their work and what they do. I believe they were last recognized in the Senate, I believe, in 2018, that was when Senator Bellows actually submitted the Resolution. I do want to share just a short story. I'll tell my story of just the way that they work and they operate. My first husband was in Boot Camp in San Diego. I was 18 years old and I get this phone call from a gentleman that identifies himself as a ham radio operator and he was just passing a message on to me, to let me know that my husband was doing fine, that he was surviving Boot

Camp, and that I did not need to worry about him. So, I always appreciated that call. It still gives me goosebumps today and that was many years ago that that happened. So, thank you very much, Mr. President, in honoring our ham radio operators today.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Philip Duggan, Brenda Duggin, Brandi Bolen, Michelle Mann, Bill Mann, Cory Golob, and Jose Douglas. They're from the Counties of Washington, Lincoln, Androscoggin, and Kennebec. They're all the guests today of the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore, and the entire Maine Legislature. Would they please all rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/31/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances"
S.P. 178 L.D. 371

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Ingwersen.

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to help present a sentiment to a friend and colleague of mine, and also Senator Deschambault's as well. I'd like to congratulate here today Patricia Boston of Biddeford who was named winner of the Sister Consuela White Award for clinical and professional excellence by American Nurse's Association of Maine at their annual meeting in Bath. The annual awards presentation recognized Pat for the compassionate leadership she has demonstrated throughout her nursing career. As a

compassionate nursing leader, her nursing colleagues frequently hear Pat express her pride in being a nurse. Pat's career includes a spectrum of practice areas as a clinical nurse and a community leader. While she was a President of ANA-Maine she demonstrated the spirit of nursing consistent with the vision exemplified by Sister Consuela White, who was the founding force behind supporting high academic educational standards for all nurses. Most recently Pat Boston led a group of nurses to support the Maine Emergency Management vaccine clinics conducted throughout the COVID pandemic in our own York County. As a friend of Pat's, I can tell you personally that she worked tirelessly at the clinics over the last two years to administer COVID vaccinations. She is truly one of the hidden, silent jewels during this emergency. To quote ANA-Maine President Juliana L'Heureux, 'Patricia is a friend and mentor to all of us who knew her and she's an exceptional role model for nurses because of her professional demeanor, said L'Heureux. 'Her intuitive vision is inspirational to those of us who are providing compassionate and quality nursing care and ethical leadership to our patients and to each other.'

Finally, Pat has been long involved in her Biddeford community. She is a former Biddeford City Councilor and currently serves on the McArthur Public Library's board in Biddeford. She was a member of the Biddeford School Committee from 2005 to 2007. She was on the Biddeford City Council from 2007 to 2011. She was a member of the City Ad Hoc Committees on Community Center, City Theater Planning Oversight, the East Biddeford Fire and EMS Substation which she currently is still on. She is American Nurses Association. She was the Director from 2012 to 2017, as well as being the President from 2015 to 2017. She's a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer from 2017 to present. She's on the Hills Beach Association Board for 20 years, President from 2013 to 2020 and Secretary for many years. She's on the St. Andre's Home Board from 2010 to 2011; the Heart of Biddeford Advisory Council from 2008 to 2011; a member of the York County Democratic Committee; a member of the Biddeford Democratic Committee; and Delegate to the State Democratic Convention.

Pat, I just want to express my sincere congratulations to you and glad you're here. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Pat Boston and her husband, Denis Boston. They are here today with their son, Tim. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulation of the Maine Senate.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade and Replace Emergency Alert System Infrastructure of Maine Public"

S.P. 204 L.D. 450

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond and Senators: BAILEY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, JAUCH of Topsham, KUHN of Falmouth, PERRY of Calais.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 203

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "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. 256 L.D. 423

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 257 L.D. 424

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

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System" H.P. 261 L.D. 428

Bill "An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System" H.P. 262 L.D. 429

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to Establish a Working Group on the Relocation of the Division of Juvenile Services (EMERGENCY) H.P. 266 L.D. 433

Bill "An Act to Allow Death by Suicide to Be Considered a Death While in the Line of Duty" H.P. 272 L.D. 439

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions" H.P. 269 L.D. 436

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor Funding"

H.P. 246 L.D. 395

Bill "An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling"

H.P. 247 L.D. 396

Bill "An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources"

H.P. 250 L.D. 399

Bill "An Act to Ensure Utility Acquisitions Benefit Maine People"

H.P. 254 L.D. 421

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Repeal Provision on Waste-to-energy Renewable Energy Credits"

H.P. 270 L.D. 437

Bill "An Act Regarding Renewable Energy Projects"

H.P. 275 L.D. 442

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Lower the Environmental Impact of Consumers, Increase Food Safety and Strengthen Consumer Choice by Ending the Ban on Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags"

H.P. 258 L.D. 425

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Translation Services for Hospital Patients"

H.P. 263 L.D. 430

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

H.P. 265 L.D. 432

Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 268 L.D. 435

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Fund a Health Program for Medical Professionals"

H.P. 253 L.D. 420

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

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Landowners and Increase Safety on All-terrain Vehicle Trails by Increasing Funding to the ATV Recreational Management Fund"

H.P. 267 L.D. 434

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws"

H.P. 271 L.D. 438

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Recreational Freshwater Fishing with Respect to a Portion of Middle River in Marshfield and Machias"

H.P. 274 L.D. 441

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Customers from Financial Scams by Requiring Retailers to Provide Information on Potential Signs of Financial Scams"

H.P. 273 L.D. 440

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas"
H.P. 264 L.D. 431

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 18 Years of Age"

H.P. 276 L.D. 443

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws"
H.P. 249 L.D. 398

Bill "An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the State Retirement System"

H.P. 259 L.D. 426

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers"
H.P. 255 L.D. 422

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Sponsorship Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities"

H.P. 248 L.D. 397

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Polling Place Security"
H.P. 252 L.D. 419

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

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Pursuant to Statute Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

The **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 241 L.D. 390

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute Department of Education

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 244 L.D. 393

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Education**

The **Department of Education**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 245 L.D. 394

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 243 L.D. 392

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

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Maine Health Data Organization**

The **Maine Health Data Organization**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 251 L.D. 418

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Off Record Remarks

The **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 242 L.D. 391

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State"
H.P. 277 L.D. 448

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder"
H.P. 278 L.D. 449

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.