

# 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  
Tuesday  
February 7, 2023

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

Prayer by Pastor Jason Bailey of Glad Tidings Church in Bangor.

**PASTOR BAILEY:** O' Gracious Heavenly Father, we come to You with grateful hearts. We acknowledge we are a blessed nation with a rich heritage of faith, justice, righteousness, and freedom. Today we give thanks most of all for the ideals of honor and of faith that we inherited from our forefathers, for the decency of purpose, the steadfastness of resolve, and the strength of will with they possess and in which we must seek every day to emulate. Grant that we may be enabled to show gratitude for Your goodness by our endeavors that we may fear and obey You. Bless us with Your wisdom in our councils, with Your blessing and success in our struggles, and let our victories be tempered with humanity. We proclaim freedom throughout the land and may we always have internal strength to defend life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In the words of Thomas Jefferson: 'Save us from violence and discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and endow the spirit of wisdom to those whom You have entrusted the authority of governance, that there may be justice and peace and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth the praise in the earth. In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in day of trouble suffer not our trust in You to fail.' God, we gather in the beauty of Your holiness and the holiness of Your beauty and we seek Your face and Your warm embrace and we petition Your divine favor on this Senate. We need You for in You we discover our common humanity and in our common humanity we will seek out the wounded to bind their wounds, seek healing for those who are sick and diseased, do justly to those who are oppressed, acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness as we reach towards reconciliation. May we seek the good for our neighbors. This is our benediction from these hollowed grounds, less we miss the goal of Your glory and Your righteousness. It is in the name of Jesus we ask these things. We ask for blessing and favor over our meeting. May the Lord bless us and keep us. May he make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. God bless America and God bless Maine.

National Anthem Performed by Shannon Bailey, Faith Bailey, and Ava Bailey of Glenburn.

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

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 2, 2023.

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. 75

**STATE OF MAINE  
131<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, MRSA, §3883, I am pleased to re-appoint Senator Marianne Moore to the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, representing a member of the Senate.

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: S.C. 76

**STATE OF MAINE  
131<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, §3371, I am pleased to re-appoint Senator Matthew Harrington to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 77

**STATE OF MAINE  
131<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, §3371, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Chip Curry to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. With this appointment, he will continue serving in seat number one on the commission, effective the date of this letter.

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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 78

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Jessica D. Linzer (a/k/a Jessica D. Simpson) of Cape Elizabeth to the Maine Retirement Savings Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Jessica D. Linzer (a/k/a Jessica D. Simpson) of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §172, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 79

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Matthew Stephen Colpitts of Winthrop to the Maine Retirement Savings Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Matthew Stephen Colpitts of Winthrop for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §172, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 80

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Barbara M. Trafton of Brunswick to the Land for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am nominating Barbara M. Trafton of Brunswick for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA § 6204, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 81

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of James P. Norris of Winthrop to the Land for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am nominating James P. Norris of Winthrop for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA § 6204, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 82

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Arthur Kyricos, II of York Harbor to the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Arthur Kyricos, II of York Harbor for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §7081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 83

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Ryan D. Pelletier of St. Agatha to the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Ryan D. Pelletier of St. Agatha for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §7081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 85

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Susan P. Herman, Esquire of Mount Vernon to the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Susan P. Herman, Esquire of Mount Vernon for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §7081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 84

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Avery T. Day, Esquire of Yarmouth to the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Avery T. Day, Esquire of Yarmouth for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §7081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.

The Following Communication: S.C. 86

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Holly Pomelow of Vassalboro to the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Holly Pomelow of Vassalboro for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §7081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 87

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Penny Picard of Palmyra to the Workers' Compensation Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Penny Picard of Palmyra for appointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 88

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

February 3, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Glenn W. Burroughs of Winthrop to the Workers' Compensation Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Glenn W. Burroughs of Winthrop for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation 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.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 89

**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST**

January 27, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Re: Annual Report from Quasi-State Agencies  
5 MRS §12023

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Ross:

Pursuant to 5 MRS §12023, I am pleased to deliver this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Efficiency Maine Trust due by February 1, 2023.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Stoddard  
Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 90

**MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY**

January 31, 2023

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

2023 Legislative Annual Report For The Maine Connectivity Authority + Connect Maine Authority

Greetings President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross

Please see the attached annual report to the legislature as required by statute. In summary, I am excited to report that

- Since 2018, Maine has funded \$98M of broadband projects covering 64,000 locations, with the bulk of those in the last 18 months.
- On January 20th, 2023, The MCA board approved \$34M of grants (the single largest investment for broadband in Maine ever) to 12 regional scale public-private partnerships through the first round of our Connect the Ready infrastructure grants. These awards will provide service to 16,000 locations by 2025 and leverage \$17M of private investment.
- MCA is currently deploying and managing \$195M in funding while facilitating federally mandated planning processes to inform an additional infusion of funds expected to be approximately \$230M.
- MCA has contracted with and is supporting Regional & Tribal Broadband partners from every region in the State to coordinate this planning work with a focus around digital equity. These thirteen organizations are great resources for you and your constituents.
- In January 2023 the Maine Connectivity Authority filed 129,000 location and availability challenges (20% of all serviceable broadband locations in the state) where the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) thought there was service, but MCA contends there is not any. The maps that result from the challenge process will form the basis for the federal BEAD funding allocations.

In addition to the primary report please see the related appendices - many of which have been hyper linked in this document for your ease of reference.

S/Andrew Butcher, President  
[abutcher@maineconnectivity.org](mailto:abutcher@maineconnectivity.org)  
207.209.3868

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine System"

S.P. 214 L.D. 460

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Waterford.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Maine Community College System"

S.P. 220 L.D. 503

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies"

S.P. 205 L.D. 451

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance"

S.P. 208 L.D. 454

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, GREENWOOD of Wales, QUINT of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits"

S.P. 216 L.D. 498

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, QUINT of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman"

S.P. 218 L.D. 500

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Require an Application for a Hunting License to Include a Check-off Box Indicating an Applicant's Wish to Be Entered in the Antlerless Deer Permit Lottery"

S.P. 212 L.D. 458

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: DILL of Old Town, LANDRY of Farmington, THORNE of Carmel.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reform the Laws Regarding the Payment of Criminal Fines"

S.P. 206 L.D. 452

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings"

S.P. 207 L.D. 453

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations"

S.P. 213 L.D. 459

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial"

S.P. 209 L.D. 455

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding Private Roads"

S.P. 215 L.D. 461

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich and Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws"

S.P. 211 L.D. 457

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Change Maine's Tax Laws"

S.P. 217 L.D. 499

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Support the Use of Bicycles"

S.P. 210 L.D. 456

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: O'CONNELL of Brewer.

Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

S.P. 219 L.D. 502

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

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

Sent down for concurrence.



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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Greg Dugal, of Lincolnville, on his retirement as Director of Government Affairs for Hospitality Maine after 20 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 91

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we have a legend in our midst today. Most of us know Greg Dugal for his hard work and diligent advocacy for Maine's restaurants and lodging establishments, most recently for Hospitality Maine. Greg's wealth of knowledge came from years of committed service. Greg Dugal was the President and CEO of Maine Innkeeper's Association from 2003 to 2016. In 2014, Greg also became the same for the Maine Restaurant Association. In a change of roles, Greg found himself as Director of Government Affairs for the two combined associations. The name of the combined organizations became Hospitality Maine. Greg has been involved in the tourism and hospitality industry for almost 20 - almost 40 years, most notably at the Samoset Resort where he held a variety of positions in his 16 year tenure, including food and drug - Food and Beverage Director and Director of Sales and Marketing. Dugal also served as the Executive Director of the Camden/Rockport/Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure he was honored with Chamber Executive of the Year by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce in 2002 and received honors as Restaurateur of the Year in 2000 from the Maine Restaurant Association. Greg Dugal was also honored in 2009 to become a member of the Maine Tourism Association Hall of Fame and to receive the Governor's Award for Tourism Excellence in 2016. Greg also served on the Board of Directors for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the Greater Portland Area; the Maine Tourism Association; the International Society of Hotel Association Executives, where he was volunteer chair. He also served on the Board of the American Hotel and Lodging Association for two terms and was past-Chair of the Maine Tourism Commission. What a resume, Greg. We have enjoyed many hours of working together to help Maine's hospitality industry, including the successful effort to restore the Maine Tip Credit. Servers across the state had your cell number on speed

dial. You were always available to take their calls, and mine, day and night. We will always remember your extraordinary commitment to these hardworking Mainers. You are an industry legend, Greg. Thank you for your faithful service. May the Lord bless you with a fabulous retirement.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry.

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to stand and recognize Greg Dugal as an incredible asset to the state of Maine. One of the things that is a great joy in serving as a Senator is you become connected with leaders and stewards of all aspects of Maine society and I have incredibly valued my work with Greg as he presented in front of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee, advocating and educating the committee members around issues around the hospitality. He was an incredible resource, especially during the COVID pandemic, where I regularly was able to connect with Greg and check in on how the industry was doing, what did they need, how were they making it, and just an incredible asset working a huge number of hours. What people may not know is that he's also been a long-time high school sports referee and I was surprised to find him refereeing my daughter's high school soccer game and then we took advantage - we took the opportunity at half time every once in a while, he would attempt to lobby me and educate me on issue and I would lobby him back around his refereeing calling. I greatly - I want to recognize and wish you best wishes for your retirement, both in refereeing and from the hospitality industry. Best wishes.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Greg Dugal and his wife, Donna Dugal. The Chair would also say that he also is very honored to be up here today. I think 20 years of service is a long time. That's what I have here. But whenever I first met you I would not have known that it was your starting days too. You seemed to know what you were doing compared to me, that some people say I still don't know what I'm doing. But I just think, you know, you were very easy to work with and I really appreciate all the service that you did give to the people of the state of Maine. Mr. Dugal and his wife are from the town of Lincolnville and they are the guests today of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin, and the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry. Would the Senate please rise and give congratulations to Mr. Dugal.

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The Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School football team of South Paris which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes:

SLS 1461 (130<sup>th</sup> Legislature)

Zach Louvat, of West Paris, a student and football player at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who has received the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Defensive Lineman Award as the State's top defensive lineman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 96

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: ANDREWS of Paris.

Eli Soehren, of Otisfield, a senior and a football player at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, who has been awarded the James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy. The Fitzpatrick Trophy is given to the top senior high school football player in the State based on voting by the State's coaches and the media. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 92

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: JACKSON of Oxford.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to recognize the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School football team for their Class A State Championship victory. They made the entire community proud and I am so pleased they could be here today to be honored. One player in particular from my district has earned special recognition. Zach Louvat was recently named the 2022 winner of the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Defensive Lineman Award. He made 41-½ tackles with 14 tackles for loss, 6 sacks, and 5 pass deflections and recovered the game clinching fumble in the Class A Championship against Thornton Academy. Well done, Zach, and congratulations.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, fellow members of the Senate, I rise today to recognize the reigning Class A State Football Champions, the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Vikings. Last fall, the Vikings traveled to Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland to take on the Thornton Academy Golden Trojans in a rematch of the 2021 Class A State final. This time the outcome would be different and the Vikings would go home the victors. The team got out ahead early thanks to the hard work of the offense and Fitzpatrick Trophy winner, Senior quarterback Eli Soehren. Then, thanks to their superb defense which forced multiple turn-overs, including a pick-6 by linebacker Hunter Tardiff, the game became out of reach for the Golden Trojans. In the end, Oxford Hills won the game 21 - 7 and finished the season with a perfect record. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this is Oxford Hill's first State Title and I am so proud to recognize them in the gallery today. Congratulations to Coach Soehren and all the team members on a remarkable season. You've made our community extremely proud. Thank you.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize up in the gallery and I believe in the rear of the Chamber Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Football team, including Eli Soehren and Zach Louvat. They are from the County of Oxford. They are the guests today of Senator Bennett and Senator Keim. Would the players and coaches please stand and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 105 L.D. 205

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

The following matter 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.

**JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment**  
Recognizing Danielle Emerson, of Biddeford, a junior at Biddeford High School, who has been named the Varsity Maine Player of the Year in Volleyball. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 65

Tabled - January 24, 2023, by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, January 24, 2023, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Though Danielle isn't here today, I'd like to rise and just speak about the Legislative Sentiment. I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations to Danielle Emerson of Biddeford High School for winning the Maine Varsity Volleyball Player of the Year. Danielle was named Varsity Maine Player of the Year after helping Biddeford win the Maine Class A state title in 2022. The junior improved massively during the off season and rival coaches called her 'the most dominant player in the state.' She led the most dominant team in the state, in my mind, Biddeford High School. Emerson helped Biddeford finish 18 - 0 and defeat Gorham in three sets in the state final. Danielle ended her season with 168 kills, 114 assists, 94 digs, and 53 aces and even added 18 blocks. Congratulations, Danielle.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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Off Record Remarks

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**RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

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

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Off Record Remarks

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport

H.P. 316 L.D. 501

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished Firearms Inventory"

H.P. 310 L.D. 493

Comes 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.

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

H.P. 294 L.D. 477

Resolve, to Amend the Rules Regarding Athletic Director Qualifications

H.P. 302 L.D. 485

Bill "An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions"

H.P. 306 L.D. 489

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Come 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.

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Bill "An Act to Encourage Economic Development Through the Manufacture and Use of Marine Nuclear Power Modules"

H.P. 303 L.D. 486

Bill "An Act to Address Solar Energy Development Decommissioning"

H.P. 313 L.D. 496

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council"  
H.P. 296 L.D. 479

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Bill "An Act to Develop and Enforce Mandatory Recycling of All Solar and Wind Projects"

H.P. 283 L.D. 466

Bill "An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry"  
H.P. 307 L.D. 490

Bill "An Act to Improve Coastal Sand Dune Restoration Projects"  
H.P. 295 L.D. 478

Bill "An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect"  
H.P. 312 L.D. 495

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

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

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

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

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Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age

H.P. 280 L.D. 463

Bill "An Act to Assist Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Areas of High Rent by Seeking a Waiver from the Federal Government"  
H.P. 279 L.D. 462

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 281 L.D. 464

Bill "An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 287 L.D. 470

Bill "An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains"

H.P. 282 L.D. 465

Bill "An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail"  
H.P. 309 L.D. 492

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for a Diabetes Education Program"

H.P. 286 L.D. 469

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Bill "An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects"

H.P. 289 L.D. 472

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program

H.P. 290 L.D. 473

Bill "An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household"  
H.P. 298 L.D. 481

Bill "An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect"

H.P. 291 L.D. 474

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting"  
H.P. 299 L.D. 482

Bill "An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities"

H.P. 292 L.D. 475

Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation  
H.P. 308 L.D. 491

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond and Stearns Pond in the Town of Sweden"  
H.P. 314 L.D. 497

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

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

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Bill "An Act Regarding Regional Law Libraries"  
H.P. 285 L.D. 468

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Court Locations"  
H.P. 293 L.D. 476

Bill "An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services"  
H.P. 311 L.D. 494

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.

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Bill "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

Comes 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.

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Bill "An Act to Establish Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands Regional Planning Commissions"  
H.P. 304 L.D. 487

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RENY** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law"  
H.P. 288 L.D. 471

Bill "An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office"  
H.P. 301 L.D. 484

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.

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Bill "An Act to Require Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations"  
H.P. 284 L.D. 467

Bill "An Act to Clarify Laws Regarding the Placement of Signs on Public Ways"  
H.P. 297 L.D. 480

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Supplemental Guide Signs on Highways for Colleges and Universities"  
H.P. 305 L.D. 488

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

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning.