

# 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  
March 2, 2023

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

Prayer by Retired Navy Chaplain, Captain Dana Reed of Windham.

**CHAPLAIN REED:** Would you please join me in a spirit of prayer. Gracious God, grant us freedom with discipline, motivation with understanding, and determination with compassion. Give us the will for self-preservation and the strength and power to help those who are willing to help themselves. Give us insight and patience, wisdom along with a sense of duty, and ability coupled with restraint to adjust to the changes in others and ourselves, and lightness so that we may never be delivered into anger and resentment. Bless us in such a way our service to the State becomes a blessing to all. Bless us in being friendly and generous toward one another. Instill in us faith tempered by knowledge and let all of us have the ability to live at peace within ourselves. By this example may be show the people of our wonderous state the right way to serve and guard the sacredness of all orderly freedoms. May we realize the abundance of riches, both spiritual and natural, You have given us to turn with grateful hearts and minds to accept the responsibilities which they entail. Let this be our work today. Let this be our prayer. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Bradlee T. Farrin of Somerset County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

**Off Record Remarks**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 398

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 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.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Cheering Team, of South Paris, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 173

Sponsored by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator: **KEIM** of Oxford, Representatives: **ANDREWS** of Paris, **HENDERSON** of Rumford, **JACKSON** of Oxford, **MILLETT** of Waterford, **NESS** of Fryeburg, **RISEMAN** of Harrison, **SCHMERSAL-BURGESS** of Mexico, **SOBOLESKI** of Phillips.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members of the Senate, Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Oxford Hills Consolidated High School Cheering Team who, as mentioned, recently won the Class A State Championship. This is the first Class A title for the team since 2000 and it's certainly well deserved. Many people do not fully appreciate the commitment it takes to be on a cheerleading team. I'm one of those people, honestly. But not only do they have to lead the crowd during basketball games and the like, they also must learn an extensive floor routine for their own competition. The routine combines elements of dance, stunts, and they must lead the crowd in a cheer. Their choreography must be in sync and they must act as one unit to impress the judges. Going into the State competition the Oxford Hills team were considered one of the favorites, having just won the Class A North title. The Vikings were the last team to take the mat, which speaks to their ability to perform under pressure. When it was their turn, everyone kept their composure and gave their very best performance from all year. They hit every stunt and pulled off a clean routine, finishing with 89 points. I want to extend my congratulations and the congratulations of the entire Maine Senate to the team members, to their head coach Deb Loveless, and to the assistant coach Jess Brooks. You have made us all very, very proud. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize up in the gallery the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Cheerleading Team. They are all from the town of Paris and the guests of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett. Would they please wave down to the Senate and the Senate please rise and give greetings to the good team from Oxford Hills.

They are the guests today of the Senators from Penobscot, Senator Lyford and Senator Guerin. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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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:

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The Caravel Middle School Boys Basketball Team, of Carmel, which won back-to-back Penobscot Valley Middle School League Championships. The team has won 37 straight games under Coach Don Reynolds. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 174

**SENATE PAPERS**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers

S.P. 407 L.D. 988

Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot,  
Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, THORNE of Carmel.

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, ZEIGLER of Montville.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **LYFORD:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's an honor to rise today to recognize the Caravel Middle School Boys Basketball Team; Coach Don Reynolds; Principal Nicole Middleswart. In addition to winning last years' Penobscot Valley Middle School League Championship, they came back this year and won it again. With 37 straight wins, some might say this team is unstoppable. I believe much of the success can be attributed to the lessons and the skills they have been taught in the classroom and on the basketball court. Lifelong skills such as communication, discipline, teamwork, and goal setting that will strive with them - will stay with them throughout their youth and their adult lives. Congratulations again to back-to-back Penobscot Valley Middle School League Champions. I have a feeling we'll be seeing more of these young men in the near future. Thank you.

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Bill "An Act to Facilitate Employment in the Field of Emergency Medical Services"

S.P. 390 L.D. 919

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

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained in the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride"

S.P. 400 L.D. 981

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, rise in congratulating the Caravel Middle School Boys on their second-in-a-row championship. We grow them right in Penobscot County.

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Safer Communities by Increasing the Punishment for Crimes Involving Fentanyl"

S.P. 405 L.D. 986

Sent down for concurrence.

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade and Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, WHITE of Waterville.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Principal Nicole Middleswart, Coach Dan Reynolds, Tyler Carson, Ryan Carson, tanner Steiyment, Gavin Kealiner, Dominick Pelletier, Zack Kennedy, Caleb Sayahi, Levi Scripture, Ethan Scripture, Carter Dubois, Lane York, and Wyatt Flanders. They are all from the Caravel Middle School in Carmel.

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.

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Bill "An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products"  
S.P. 392 L.D. 921

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve Disclosure of Present and Future Costs to Maine Electricity Consumers"

S.P. 394 L.D. 923

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure

S.P. 395 L.D. 924

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, HARRINGTON of York, LAWRENCE of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BOYLE of Gorham, GUERRETTE of Caribou.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville"

S.P. 396 L.D. 925

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act to Promote Electricity Price Stability for Standard-offer Service"

S.P. 406 L.D. 987

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, FOSTER of Dexter.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners"

S.P. 401 L.D. 982

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.

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Bill "An Act to Improve Maine Public Employees Retirement System Representation"

S.P. 397 L.D. 926

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Holders of Elver Fishing Licenses to Fish on Behalf of Other Elver Fishing License Holders"

S.P. 391 L.D. 920

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time"

S.P. 402 L.D. 983

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HAGGAN of Hampden, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Atlantic Standard Time  
S.P. 408 L.D. 989

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot,  
Representative: KESSLER of South Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

S.P. 403 L.D. 984

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland,  
HASENFUS of Readfield, RANA of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Decrease the Minimum Age to Operate a School Bus"

S.P. 389 L.D. 918

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.

Bill "An Act Regarding Disabled Motor Vehicles on Public Ways"  
S.P. 399 L.D. 980

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions"  
S.P. 393 L.D. 922

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

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

S.P. 404 L.D. 985

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and Senators: MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GUERRETTE of Caribou, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 540

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023  
AS TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome is a chromosomal disorder that involves the lack of all or part of a second X chromosome and that affects one in 2,500 live female births and is characterized by a cluster of symptoms ranging from mild to life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, the cause of Turner syndrome is not presently known but appears to be the result of random error during the formation of either the sperm or the egg; and

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome can be diagnosed early during pregnancy through prenatal testing methods such as amniocentesis; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems and learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, there is presently no cure for Turner syndrome but there are treatment options and support groups available that can help a woman with Turner syndrome to live a happy and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, women with Turner syndrome have a high risk of aortic dissection; and

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome carries an increased risk of nonverbal learning disorders and these impairments can cause problems with math, visual-spatial skills, executive function skills and job retention; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner syndrome research and support; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of Turner syndrome among health care professionals and the public will help to encourage affected girls and women to seek treatment and utilize support groups, to promote early diagnosis and to raise support for organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of people with Turner syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Turner Syndrome Awareness Month will provide the opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media and raise public awareness about Turner syndrome; 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 February 2023 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month.

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

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 140

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

February 28, 2023

Honorable Darek Grant  
Senate Secretary  
3 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333

Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 163, I am pleased to appoint Mal Carey to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board seat 15, representing the public, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have questions about this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 148

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION  
AND FORESTRY**

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of David Adams of Mapleton, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

|        |                 |   |   |
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| YEAS   | Senators        | 3 | Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec   |
|        | Representatives | 6 | Pluecker, B. of Warren, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn |
| NAYS   |                 | 0 |   |
| ABSENT |                 | 4 | Rep. Costain, D. of Plymouth, Rep. Cray, D. of Palmyra, Rep. Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Rep. Jauch, R. of Topsham                      |

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of David Adams of Mapleton, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

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|                                   | Signed,                        |
| S/Henry Ingwersen<br>Senate Chair | S/Bill Pluecker<br>House Chair |

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>ST</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#20)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

Representatives 9

Pluecker, B. of Warren, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Costain, D. of Plymouth

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **David Adams** of Mapleton for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Barbara M. Trafton of Brunswick, for reappointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board be confirmed.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Signed,  
S/Henry Ingwersen S/Bill Pluecker  
Senate Chair House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 145

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

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AND FORESTRY**

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

March 1, 2023

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#21)**

Dear Mr. President:

YEAS: Senators: None

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Barbara M. Trafton of Brunswick, for reappointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board.

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

YEAS Senators 3 Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Barbara M. Trafton** of Brunswick for reappointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 146

**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION  
AND FORESTRY**

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of James P. Norris of Winthrop, for reappointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

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|--------|-----------------|---|--|
| YEAS   | Senators        | 3 | Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec  |
|        | Representatives | 9 | Pluecker, B. of Warren, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn |
| NAYS   |                 | 0 |  |
| ABSENT |                 | 1 | Rep. Costain, D. of Plymouth   |

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of James P. Norris of Winthrop, for reappointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board be confirmed.

Signed,  
S/Henry Ingwersen S/Bill Pluecker  
Senate Chair House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#22)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **James P. Norris** of Winthrop for reappointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 147

**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION  
AND FORESTRY**

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Dr. Mark Neavyn, M.D. of Falmouth, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.



After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

|        |                 |   |  |
|--------|-----------------|---|--|
| YEAS   | Senators        | 2 | Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin   |
|        | Representatives | 9 | Pluecker, B. of Warren, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn |
| NAYS   |                 | 0 |  |
| ABSENT |                 | 2 | Sen. Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Rep. Costain, D. of Plymouth   |

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Dr. Mark Neavyn, M.D. of Falmouth, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

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| S/Henry Ingwersen<br>Senate Chair | S/Bill Pluecker<br>House Chair |
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**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#23)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of Dr. **Mark Neavyn**, M.D. of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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The Following Communication: S.C. 142

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has had under consideration the nomination of William G. Ross of Cumberland, for appointment as the Chief, Maine State Police.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

|        |                 |   |   |
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| YEAS   | Senators        | 3 | Beebe-Center, A. of Knox, Harrington, M. of York, LaFountain, D. of Kennebec  |
|        | Representatives | 9 | Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Ardell, D. of Monticello, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, Lajoie, M. of Lewiston, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Milliken, N. of Blue Hill, Newman, D. of Belgrade, Nutting, R. of Oakland, Perkins, C. of Dover-Foxcroft |
| NAYS   |                 | 0 |   |
| ABSENT |                 | 1 | Rep. Lookner, G. of Portland  |

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of William G. Ross of Cumberland, for appointment as the Chief, Maine State Police be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Beebe-Center  
Senate Chair

S/Suzanne M. Salisbury  
House Chair

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#24)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **William G. Ross** of Cumberland for appointment as the Chief, Maine State Police was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber William Ross of Cumberland. He is joined by his wife, Ethel Ross of Cumberland. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 141

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

February 27, 2023

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has had under consideration the nomination of Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland, for appointment as the State Fire Marshal.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

|        |                 |   |   |
|--------|-----------------|---|---|
| YEAS   | Senators        | 3 | Beebe-Center, A. of Knox,<br>Harrington, M. of York,<br>LaFountain, D. of Kennebec  |
|        | Representatives | 5 | Ardell, D. of Monticello,<br>Lajoie, M. of Lewiston,<br>Newman, D. of Belgrade,<br>Nutting, R. of Oakland,<br>Perkins, C. of Dover-Foxcroft |
| NAYS   | Senators        | 0 |   |
|        | Representatives | 4 | Salisbury, S. of Westbrook,<br>Hasenfus, T. of Readfield,<br>Mathieson, K. of Kittery,<br>Milliken, N. of Blue Hill                         |
| ABSENT |                 | 1 | Rep. Lookner, G. of Portland  |

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and four in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland, for appointment as the State Fire Marshal be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Beebe-Center  
Senate Chair

S/Suzanne M. Salisbury  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#25)**

YEAS: Senators: GROHOSKI, HICKMAN  
NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

2 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Richard M. McCarthy** of Oakland for appointment as the State Fire Marshal was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Richard McCarthy of Oakland, the new State Fire Marshal. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 143

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,  
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

February 17, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Blue Keim of Dixfield, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 2 Curry, C. of Waldo, Guerin, S. of Penobscot  
Representatives 7 Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Walker, M. of Naples, White, B. of Waterville  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 4 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland, Rep. Lanigan, L. of Sanford, Rep. Smith, K. of Palermo

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Blue Keim of Dixfield, for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry  
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. As Chair of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business, I am pleased to support - to stand in support of Mr. Blue Keim's reappointment to the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine. Mr. Keim serves as the Managing Director of SAPI Westbrook Paper Mill and currently, and for the previous 25 years, serves as the Operations Manager and Director of Operational Excellence at ND Paper, formerly Rumford Paper. On the FAME board, Mr. Keim serves on the Board of the Business Committee and the Risk Management Audit Committee, and we received testimony of his - praising his commitment and his talents and perspective. I thank him for his service and for his willingness to continue to share his time and talents on the FAME Board.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's my honor to stand in favor of this re-nomination of Mr. Blue Keim, who is fabulous. Thank you.

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

Senator **GUERIN**: Thank you, Mr. President. We are blessed to have Blue Keim before us for a confirmation vote today. Mr. Keim's vast experience in the forest products segment of our Maine economy makes him an excellent representative to the FAME Board of Directors. Additionally, he is a man of exceptional character and the husband of one of our own esteemed Senators. I endorse his reappointment wholeheartedly.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#26)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LAWRENCE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Blue Keim** of Dixfield for reappointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**THE PRESIDENT**: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Blue Keim from the town of Dixfield and he is the guest today of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim. Would Mr. Keim please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 144

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION  
AND FORESTRY**

February 22, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 108 An Act to Establish a Logger Relations Advocate Within the Maine Forest Service
- L.D. 157 Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities
- L.D. 159 An Act to Facilitate the Construction of a Firehouse by Sinclair Township

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker  
House Chair

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Pursuant to Resolve**

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care" H.P. 570 L.D. 914

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 177, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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

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

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities"

H.P. 137 L.D. 216

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations"

H.P. 155 L.D. 234

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

**SECOND READERS**

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

**House**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants"

H.P. 14 L.D. 10

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

**ENACTORS**

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

**Act**

An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay

S.P. 58 L.D. 119

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

**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.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/14/2023) matter:

Bill "An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services"

H.P. 393 L.D. 616

Tabled - February 14, 2023 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, February 14, 2023, **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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Humane Treatment of Chickens"  
H.P. 617 L.D. 970

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

Bill "An Act to Enhance Privacy and Prohibit Shipping Companies from Maintaining Records of Firearm and Ammunition Shipments"  
H.P. 590 L.D. 943

Bill "An Act to Require Reporting and Training About Domestic Terrorism Threats"  
H.P. 610 L.D. 963

Bill "An Act Regarding Restitution by Persons Convicted of Trafficking in Illegal Drugs"  
H.P. 615 L.D. 968

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition"  
H.P. 591 L.D. 944

Bill "An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children and to Create a Program to Distribute Leftover School Food Within Communities"  
H.P. 594 L.D. 947

Bill "An Act to Create a Liaison Position Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services on Early Childhood Education Matters"  
H.P. 595 L.D. 948

Bill "An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula"  
H.P. 598 L.D. 951

Bill "An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff"  
H.P. 602 L.D. 955

Bill "An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools"  
H.P. 604 L.D. 957

Bill "An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff"  
H.P. 621 L.D. 974

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 Support Environmental Justice by Requiring Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections"  
H.P. 586 L.D. 939

Bill "An Act to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid"  
H.P. 599 L.D. 952

Bill "An Act to Subsidize Hydroelectric Power"  
H.P. 612 L.D. 965

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.

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment  
H.P. 575 L.D. 928

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Food Waste by Grocery Stores"  
H.P. 606 L.D. 959

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Paint Stewardship Assessment Paid by Consumers" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 611 L.D. 964

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Evaluate Strategies for Improving the Returnable Beverage Container Laws  
H.P. 619 L.D. 972

Come 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.

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Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 571 L.D. 915

Bill "An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds"

H.P. 585 L.D. 938

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Removing Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

H.P. 592 L.D. 945

Bill "An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Child Care Facilities"

H.P. 601 L.D. 954

Bill "An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities"

H.P. 603 L.D. 956

Bill "An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program"

H.P. 620 L.D. 973

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients

H.P. 623 L.D. 976

Resolve, to Fund Treatment Services and Certain Transportation Costs for Individuals with Substance Use Disorder

H.P. 626 L.D. 979

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.

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Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion Coverage in Private Insurance"

H.P. 582 L.D. 935

Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 584 L.D. 937

Bill "An Act to Allow Pharmacists to Provide Services Through Telehealth and Vending Machines at Federally Qualified Health Centers"

H.P. 587 L.D. 940

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.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License Holders to Hunt Any Deer as a Part of Their Lifetime License"

H.P. 576 L.D. 929

Bill "An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs"

H.P. 605 L.D. 958

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.

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Bill "An Act Facilitating the Efforts of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Brunswick to Design and Carry Out Improvements to the Storm Water System and Other Infrastructure at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station"

H.P. 588 L.D. 941

Bill "An Act to Define 'Kickboxing' and 'Muay Thai' in the Laws Governing Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing"

H.P. 597 L.D. 950

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.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death"

H.P. 581 L.D. 934

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Collection of Complete Information by Adding a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms"

H.P. 589 L.D. 942

Bill "An Act Regarding the Limits on Civil Remedies Available Under the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 607 L.D. 960

Bill "An Act to Lower the Amount of Seized Currency in a Criminal Asset Forfeiture over Which the Currency May Be Transferred to the Federal Government"

H.P. 609 L.D. 962

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Protections of Persons After a Maine Human Rights Commission Investigation Finds No Reasonable Grounds Exist to Believe Unlawful Discrimination Occurred"  
H.P. 614 L.D. 967

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 Require Disclosure of Pay Ranges and Record Keeping of Pay History"  
H.P. 583 L.D. 936

Bill "An Act Regarding Unemployment Benefits for Part-time Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities"  
H.P. 593 L.D. 946

Bill "An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance"  
H.P. 596 L.D. 949

Bill "An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees"  
H.P. 608 L.D. 961

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.

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Bill "An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 573 L.D. 917

Bill "An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills"  
H.P. 616 L.D. 969

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 Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Transportation Legislation and Agency Rules"  
H.P. 579 L.D. 932

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 **TRANSPORTATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish a Windfall Profits Tax on Electric Utilities to Assist with Residential Heating Costs"  
H.P. 572 L.D. 916

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

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Requiring Proof of a Motorcycle License Endorsement or Learner's Permit in Order to Register a Motorcycle"  
H.P. 580 L.D. 933

Bill "An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles"  
H.P. 613 L.D. 966

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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Bill "An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking"  
H.P. 625 L.D. 978

Come 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.

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**Pursuant to Resolve  
Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make  
Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-  
editing Technology for the Citizens of the State**



The **Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State**, pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 177, section 8 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to Conduct an Independent Assessment Regarding a Proposal to License Genetic Counselors

H.P. 574 L.D. 927

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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Establish the Income Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents"

H.P. 618 L.D. 971

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

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Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 622 L.D. 975

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

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

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Bill "An Act to Allow Only Students of Female Gender to Participate in Women's and Girls' Scholastic Sports"

H.P. 577 L.D. 930

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

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Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Patients Regarding Hospital Price Transparency"

H.P. 600 L.D. 953

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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

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Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes

H.P. 624 L.D. 977

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** 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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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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