

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
April 13, 2023

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

Prayer by Father Paul Dumais of St. Joseph's in Farmington and St. Rose of Lima in Jay.

FATHER DUMAIS: Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, You have revealed Your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through You, authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. We pray for Governor Mills, the Governor of this state, for the Members of the Legislature, and you, the Maine State Senate. For judges, elected officials, and all others who are entrusted to guard our political welfare. May they be enabled by Your powerful protection to discharge their duties with honesty and ability. We likewise commend to Your unbounded mercy all citizens of the state of Maine, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Your holy law. May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. We pray to You who are Lord and God forever and forever. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Teresa S. Pierce of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 12, 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. 672

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 18, 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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"

H.P. 1052 L.D. 1642

Bill "An Act Regarding Instructional Materials, Surveys, Analyses, Evaluations and Events at Public Schools"

H.P. 1053 L.D. 1643

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.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit All State Subsidies for Electric Vehicles"
H.P. 1048 L.D. 1623

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Environmental Justice"
H.P. 1046 L.D. 1621

Bill "An Act to Reduce Plastic Packaging Waste"
H.P. 1055 L.D. 1645

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.

Bill "An Act to Streamline the Process for Amending a Birth Certificate of an Adult When Genetic Parentage is Not Disputed"
H.P. 1049 L.D. 1624

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

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Same Senator requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his motion to **REFER** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws"
H.P. 1044 L.D. 1619

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation"
H.P. 1045 L.D. 1620

Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee
H.P. 1047 L.D. 1622

Bill "An Act to Vacate or Adjust Sentences and Expunge Arrests, Convictions and Adjudications for Cannabis-related Offenses"
H.P. 1056 L.D. 1646

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination Against Cannabis Establishment Owners and Employees and Cannabis Users"
H.P. 1057 L.D. 1647

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

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

Bill "An Act to Permit the Expenditure of Accumulated Tax Increment Revenues"
H.P. 1054 L.D. 1644

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.

Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource
H.P. 1051 L.D. 1641

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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1050

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023
AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects all communities in Maine and people of all races, genders and economic backgrounds, and over 14,000 people in Maine are sexually assaulted each year and one in 5 Maine citizens will experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the effects of sexual violence have wide-ranging public health ramifications and societal costs, and survivors and their loved ones can experience consequences including mental health crises, substance use disorder, homelessness, lost wages and health care costs, among others; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects certain groups more often, and that disproportionate impact is related to historical experiences of marginalization and oppression, providing the evidence that sexual assault is a tool of control and power; and

WHEREAS, systems of support for survivors of sexual assault often have inadequate resources, do not provide adequate options for justice and healing and retraumatize survivors; and

WHEREAS, widespread stigma and misconceptions around sexual violence result in low rates of reporting of crimes, increased isolation and shame for victims and the continuation of cultures of violence; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness in our communities about the causes of and solutions to sexual violence can lead to long-term positive cultural and systemic changes, and building a future free from sexual violence requires us to commit to making those changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to express our support for and encouragement of all those affected by sexual violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault as a token of our respect and support.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Duson.

Senator **DUSON**: Thank you, Mr. President. May I proceed? Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to speak on the Joint Resolution recognizing April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As you -- am I out of order?

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART**: Thank you, Mr. President. Pose a question to the Good Member from Portland. I think she would like to present the referendum first, correct?

THE PRESIDENT: I believe because it was a House Resolution, it was presented there, so it's just on our calendar, yep. That's fine.

Senator **STEWART**: My bad. We were confused up in the corner here. That's our bad, so, sorry about that.

THE PRESIDENT: So, we're on 1-20, the Joint Resolution recognizing April '23 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and it came down from the House, and the Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Duson.

Senator **DUSON**: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator, I appreciate the - we all know I'm relatively new to this, so. I just have a few comments on the Resolution. I would like to remind that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. One in five Maine adults have reported they've been the victim of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault at some point in their lives. People in Maine can call or text at 1-800-871-7741 to get help or advice in the event of being aware of, being a victim of, or being aware of someone who's a victim of this kind of behavior. Nationally, the CDC reports that more than one in three women and nearly one in four men have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives. A majority of sexual assault victims report that they knew their attacker. I wanted to rise today and ask that our - that folks join me in being that person who if you see something, you say something. If something seems out of sort, you ask someone if they're okay. Thank you very much.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 314

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

April 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3, §430-B, (5), I am appointing Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the *Surface Water Ambient Toxic Monitoring Program*, effective immediately.

Representative Hepler will serve on this program as a nonvoting member who is a member of the House of Representatives and who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.
Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 317

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of each of the four proclamations referring the initiative petitions certified by the Secretary of State to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2023.

The initiatives to be voted on include:

- "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing"
- "An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair"
- "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution"
- "An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility"

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PLACEMENT ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 318

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 68,807 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PLACEMENT ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 319

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 74,686 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a

proposed measure entitled "An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PLACEMENT ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 320

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 67,550 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on February 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that "An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PLACEMENT ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 321

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the **Secretary of State of Maine**, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 69,735 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on February 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so

that "An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PLACEMENT ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 312

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 11, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Brian Langley of Ellsworth, for appointment of the Maine Charter School Commission.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Worth, J. of Ellsworth

NAYS Senators 0
 Representatives 1 Dodge, J. of Belfast
 ABSENT 3 Sen. Pierce, T. of
 Cumberland, Rep. Millett, R.
 of Cape Elizabeth, Rep.
 Sargent, H. of York

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Brian Langley of Ellsworth, for appointment of the Maine Charter School Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
 Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **LYFORD**, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, 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 131st Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#79)

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, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LYFORD, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Brian Langley** of Ellsworth for appointment of the Maine Charter School Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 310

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 11, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust 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:

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	8	Zeigler, S. of Montville, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Boyle, J. of Gorham, Dunphy, L. of Embden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Paul, R. of Winterport, Runte, W. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Warren, S. of Scarborough

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 Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

Signed,
S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#80)

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, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LYFORD, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Kenneth A. Colburn** of Bar Harbor for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 311

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 11, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Mark Isaacson of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust 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:

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	8	Zeigler, S. of Montville, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Boyle, J. of Gorham, Dunphy, L. of Embden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Paul, R. of Winterport, Runte, W. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Warren, S. of Scarborough

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 Mark Isaacson of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,
S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#81)

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, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, LYFORD, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Mark Isaacson** of Cumberland for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 313

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 10, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Maine State 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Chipman of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 455 An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 307

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 07, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 486 An Act to Encourage Economic Development Through the Manufacture and Use of Marine Nuclear Power Modules

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 308

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

April 10, 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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 742 An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine Lobster

L.D. 961 An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 309

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 10, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1005 Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions
- L.D. 1047 An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 315

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

April 10, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 89 An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older
- L.D. 149 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws
- L.D. 167 An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption
- L.D. 805 An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles
- L.D. 843 An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 316

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 10, 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1221 An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System"
S.P. 661 L.D. 1656

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Scarborough.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings"
S.P. 659 L.D. 1654

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Consumer-owned Water Utilities"
S.P. 660 L.D. 1655

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204

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

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors and to Protect All Electors from Harassment and Intimidation

S.P. 658 L.D. 1653

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, RENEY of Lincoln, Representatives: MONTELL of Gardiner, RIELLY of Westbrook, 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.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Daniel Minter, of Portland, who was nominated for Outstanding Literary Work - Children at the NAACP Image Awards for his illustrations in Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond's book "Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky." We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 383

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I stand today to recognize and honor an incredible member of my community, Daniel Minter, who is here with his wife, Marseea. Daniel's contributions to the arts community throughout our state have been immeasurable. Today, we're honoring him for a nomination at the recent NAACP Image Awards. Together with author Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond, he brought the story of the history of the color blue to life. For their

hard work on this insightful book, they were nominated for Outstanding Children's Literary Work. Both Daniel and Marseea are cofounders of the Indigo Arts Alliance, which is an important entity based in my neighborhood of East Bayside in Portland. It's a real honor to welcome Daniel and his wife here today and to give him the recognition that he deserves. So, thank you so much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Duson.

Senator **DUSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. President Jackson and esteemed colleagues of the Senate, it's my pleasure to join the senior Senator from the city of Portland and members of the Portland delegation who may be speaking to this in the other Body, to recognize an artist, innovator, mentor, and my long-time friend, Daniel Minter, who is here today because of his NAACP Image Award nomination. His reach in our community has been wide and deep. He has been instrumental in supporting and nurturing black and brown artists all over the state. He also shares the history of the African diaspora by uplifting artists who tell their stories like he recently did at the Center for Maine's Contemporary Art in Rockland. Daniel is here today with his esteemed partner, Marseea. They are an inspirational couple in our city and in our region. I have the honor of serving on the advisory council for their organization, Indigo Arts Alliance. I've been a long-term supporter of their work and it's wonderful that they're being recognized for their legacy here today. I am a groupie for the Minters and I appreciate this opportunity to speak to you and present them to you. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to echo the good Senator for Portland, the good Senator from Portland. The Minters are an inspiration. As a watercolor painter, I would be remiss if I did not stand to congratulate Mr. Daniel Minter on this amazing recognition by the NAACP. And I will simply close to say I was even more honored to have him eating my collard greens at my dining room table not that long ago.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Daniel and Marseea Minter. They're from the city of Portland and the guests today of the Senators from Cumberland, Senator Chipman, Senator Duson, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations and greetings of the Maine Senate.

Andrew Casares, of Auburn, a member of the Edward Little/Leavitt Swim Team, who won the 200-yard Individual Medley and 100-yard Butterfly Events at the Class A Boys State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 384

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

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am pleased to recognize Andrew Casares for his tremendous success this past swim season. While some aspects - while in some aspects swimming is an individual sport, Andrew helped his team attain great success this past season. Along with teammates, they set new school records in the 200 Medley Relay and the 200 Freestyle Relay. He helped lead the Edward Little/Leavitt Red Eddies to a KVAC championship and placed second as a team in the Class A State Championship. In his senior year, Andrew excelled in the pool personally, too, as he set school records in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Butterfly. And I can tell you all, speaking as a former swimmer myself who always ranked on the slower end of the swim team, that's quite an accomplishment. He was named the Most Outstanding Male Swimmer at the KVAC Championship and concluded his swim career at EL winning two state titles and being named the Sun Journal's All-Region Boys Swimmer of the Year for the third consecutive season. Andrew, I know that I join your friends, family, teammates, and coaches in congratulating you on your tremendous success this past season and wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter of your swimming career at the College of New Jersey. Thank you for being here today and making all of us in the Auburn community very proud.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Andrew Casares and his father, Peter Casares, of Auburn; Edward Little Swim Coach Scott Morrison of Lewiston; and Edward Little Athletic Director Todd Sampson of Auburn. They are the guests today of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws"

H.P. 13 L.D. 9

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 58 L.D. 90

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)**.

Signed:

Representative:

THORNE of Carmel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises"

H.P. 87 L.D. 141

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-29)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

RISEMAN of Harrison

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-29)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-29)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-29) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

Senate

House As Amended

Ought to Pass

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers"
S.P. 227 L.D. 510

Bill "An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 11 L.D. 7
(C "A" H-27)

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

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 45 L.D. 70
(C "A" H-24)

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act"

H.P. 65 L.D. 97
(C "A" H-25)

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem"

H.P. 81 L.D. 113
(C "A" H-26)

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes"
S.P. 222 L.D. 505

Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

H.P. 170 L.D. 265
(C "A" H-23)

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**.

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-22) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

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

S.P. 256 L.D. 588

SECOND READERS

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

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

House

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 213 L.D. 339

Bill "An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

S.P. 93 L.D. 189
(C "A" S-21)

Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity"

H.P. 476 L.D. 707

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement

H.P. 145 L.D. 224
(C "A" H-21)

An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors

S.P. 310 L.D. 752
(C "A" S-16)

An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels

S.P. 313 L.D. 755

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

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 (4/12/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Establish the Gas Tax Fairness Credit"
S.P. 648 L.D. 1631

Tabled - April 12, 2023 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases

S.P. 664 L.D. 1659

Presented by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Certain Sexual Offenses"

S.P. 662 L.D. 1657

Presented by Senator **BAILEY** of York.

Cosponsored by Representative **PERKINS** of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: **HARRINGTON** of York, Representatives: **ARDELL** of Monticello, **HASENFUS** of Readfield, **SALISBURY** of Westbrook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Verify the Reduction of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Certain Electric Transmission Line Projects"

S.P. 663 L.D. 1658

Presented by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative **GRAMLICH** of Old Orchard Beach.

Bill "An Act to Provide That Advanced Recycling Facilities Are Subject to Solid Waste Regulation and That Advanced Recycling Does Not Constitute Recycling"

S.P. 665 L.D. 1660

Presented by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 669 L.D. 1664

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, DUSON of Cumberland, HARRINGTON of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DAVIS of East Machias, HEPLER of Woolwich, MEYER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives"

S.P. 671 L.D. 1666

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: OSHER of Orono.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Breast Health Care by Providing Coverage for Genetic Counseling and Testing"

S.P. 670 L.D. 1665

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston and Senator: INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, WHITE of Waterville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Study the Adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 667 L.D. 1662

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Bill "An Act to Add Political Affiliation as a Protected Class to the Maine Human Rights Act"

S.P. 668 L.D. 1663

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require a Liability Automobile Insurance Policy to Cover the Costs of Towing and Storing Certain Vehicles"

S.P. 666 L.D. 1661

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Freeport High School Theater cast. They're all from the city of Freeport, town of Freeport, and they're the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate. The Chair missed the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry's, light. So, the Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am so happy to welcome the Freeport High School Theater cast who won the Maine Drama Festival Class C State Title for the first time in over a decade. Their one-act play, The Tinderbox, won awards for outstanding costumes, set design, lighting design, and acting. The Tinderbox is a play based on Hans Christian Andersen's dark fairytale of love, loss, and magic. While the whole cast and crew were recognized for their best ensemble work, and I know how important that is - I mean, let's be honest, the Senate really is kind of an ensemble piece itself - I'd also like to give a shout out to a few individuals. Zane Aguiar and Jojo -- I'm so sorry for messing up your last name -- Mezzapelle were recognized for excellence in acting. Will Spaulding and Gordan Foye were recognized for set design. River Pike, Allison Peterson, Madison Collins, and Jojo, again, and Zion Mezzapelle were recognized for costume design. Enoch Boudreau was recognized for light design as well. As a former theater student myself, I am so incredibly proud of the artistry, creativity, and hard work that the students put into their production. As a theater kid from Brunswick, I always wished I'd

gotten to do the one acts and was able to see them throughout the years that Freeport has had consistent amazing plays. Although the play is just 40 minutes, theater students often stay late after school into the evening and even go on the weekends during the months leading up to the big show. They do all of this while juggling homework assignments, studying for exams, working, and spending time, if they're lucky, with their families and friends. Congratulations to all of you on your well-deserved awards. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Once again, the Chair would like to recognize the Freeport High School Theater cast.

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

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to come before the Senate today and make sure we all recognize some guests that are here with us this morning. Andre Dallaire of Biddeford, who is a member of Troop 308, has just attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and it's given to excellence in the skills development, leadership, and the personal growth and community service. I'd like to extend my sincere congratulations. Having been a Scout myself, and not getting anywhere near Eagle Scout, I realize how much discipline and hard work it takes to stay with the Scouting demands in the midst of a very busy life of school and family and many other commitments. I know that Andre is a plus to his community and will - and in life going forward will continue to achieve lots of success. So, congratulations, Andre.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Andre Dallaire, a member of Troop 308, for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He's joined by his proud mother, Staci Dallaire, and troop leader, Rick Rousseau. All of the city of Biddeford. They are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Ingwersen, and the entire Maine Senate. Would Andre and his guests please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Support Local Governments in Responding to Freedom of Access Act Requests"

H.P. 1061 L.D. 1649

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

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

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Farm and Open Space Tax Law"

H.P. 1060 L.D. 1648

Bill "An Act to Create a Tiered Senior Resident Homestead Exemption"

H.P. 1062 L.D. 1650

Bill "An Act to Reduce the State Income Tax"

H.P. 1063 L.D. 1651

Come 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.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Environmental Protection**

The **Department of Environmental Protection**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1064 L.D. 1652

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

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

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

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Permission to read poetry?

THE PRESIDENT: So moved.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you. This by Maya Angelou at the courtesy of Senator from Oxford. It's called Kin, it's for Maya Angelou's brother, Bailey, who left home at 16 to be in the Merchant Marine.

We were entwined in red rings of blood and loneliness before the first snows fell, before muddy rivers seeded clouds above a virgin forest, and men ran naked, blue and black skinned into the warm embraces of Sheba, Eve, and Lilith. I was your sister. You left me to force strangers into brother molds, exacting taxations they never owed or could ever pay. You fought to die, thinking in destruction lies the seed of birth. You may be right. I will remember silent walks in the southern woods and long talks in low voices, shielding meaning from the big ears of overcurious adults. You may be right. Your slow return from regions of terror and bloody screams races my heart. I hear again the laughter of children and see fireflies bursting tiny explosions in an Arkansas twilight.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President, Men and Women of the Senate. I request to address the Senate on the record.

THE PRESIDENT: So moved.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. And on a more somber note, I've spoken before, years ago, on this anniversary in the Senate, but I just wanted to note that this week is 60 years ago today when the USS Thresher was lost off the coast of Kittery. The USS Thresher was built - designed and built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It was a class of submarine well ahead of its class, the technology on it was far in advance. And as usual on test runs - it was three years after its christening - and as usual on test runs, it carried not only the sailors onboard, who I believe numbered 122, but it carried 13 workers from the shipyard who were going out to participate in the test, participate in the diagnostics of what was going on, and four additional people from contractors like Sperry and other companies. When it went out off the coast, it went into a deep dive and was unable to right itself and imploded under the water, losing all 129 members. So, I just add this this week that we keep them in their memory, the families in their memory, many of who still live in the town of Kittery and who lost parents. I know families who lost parents, friends of mine from high school who lost their parents in that tragedy, and I ask you to keep them in your minds this week. Thank you.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, in memory of the USS Thresher.