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

Off Record Remarks

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
May 11, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Christina Sillari of Unitarian Universalist Community Church in Augusta.

REVEREND SILLARI: Good morning. Let us hold silence for a moment to fully arrive here in our bodies, minds, and spirits. Please join me in the spirit of prayer by taking a deep breath into your heart. O Holy One, known by many names and beyond all names, spirit of life, spirit of love, spirit of community, spirit of justice, we call upon our healthy, vibrant ancestors who came before us, paving the way for our freedom and our democracy. May they bless us. With knowledge we walk and breathe on native land and we honor the tribes of Maine and their ancestors. May they bless us. May we act as good stewards of this land and all her creatures. We ask for blessings on the leaders here today who were called by the citizens of Maine to serve the common good. We are grateful to each one of you for your dedication to our beautiful state, where we live and work and play. Today, as the Senate begins its session, may you, as leaders, remember you are joined in these Chambers with those who have served before you and those who will serve after you, and by all the people who reside in this great commonwealth, who have placed with you a solemn and humble trust. May we remember that all people - gay, straight, transgender, black, white, Native, Hispanic, Asian, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Sikh, atheist - everyone is our neighbor, our sibling, worthy of being treated with worth and dignity. May we all remember, as servants to the people, we are called to protect the least of those among us. Our children, the elderly, the poor, those who are hungry, those who have no homes, those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, the strangers and immigrants in our midst, those who live in the margins, those who are alone, those who are forgotten. May we be granted the wisdom and courage to know and do what is right and good and true. May we speak out when it is time to speak out and listen patiently and receptively when it is time to listen and may we always be guided by the spirit of community, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of love. This we pray in the name of all that we hold sacred and holy. May it be so. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Donna Bailey of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 787

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 16, 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.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Low-income Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1907

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans"

H.P. 1228 L.D. 1912

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

Comes from the House, with the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority"

H.P. 1197 L.D. 1867

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

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

Bill "An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry"
H.P. 1220 L.D. 1905

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

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

Bill "An Act to Improve Affordability and Opportunity for Maine Renters and Landlords"

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1901

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

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

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1222

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 7, 2023 TO MAY 13, 2023 AS
MAINE HOME EDUCATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Maine State Legislature is committed to excellence in education and recognizes the importance of family participation and parental choice in the pursuit of that excellence; and

WHEREAS, families that choose the option of educating students at home make many sacrifices, and the number of students in the State who are being homeschooled has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, with mothers, fathers, grandparents and other caregivers teaching these students; and

WHEREAS, excellent individualized preparation for citizenship and life work can be provided by home education; and

WHEREAS, in May, homeschoolers in the State will be celebrating home education for the 36th consecutive year; 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 declare the week of May 7, 2023 to May 13, 2023 as Maine Home Education Week.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 456

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

May 8, 2023

Honorable Darek M. Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §20065, I am pleased to appoint Representative Nina Milliken of Blue Hill to the *Substance Use Disorder Services Commission*, effective immediately.

Representative Milliken will serve on this commission as a member of the House of Representatives who is also a member of the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters.

If you have any questions, 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. 457

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

May 9, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 23, Ch. 501, §19202.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Laurie Osher of Orono to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions, 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. 458

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

May 9, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 26, Chapter 49, §3802, I am pleased to reappoint the Honorable Margaret Craven of Lewiston to the *Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee*, effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this reappointment, 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. 447

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

May 8, 2023

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

The Honorable Rachel Talbot-Ross
Speaker, State of Maine House of Representatives
#2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot-Ross:

Thank you for your invitation to a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature for the State of the Defense, Veteran's Services, and Emergency Management address to take place on May 9th at 10:45 a.m. in the House Chamber.

I am pleased to accept your invitation.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 451

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

May 9, 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. Pouliot of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 250 An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 452

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

May 9, 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. Hickman of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 356 An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 454

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

May 05, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1398 An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 450

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

May 05, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1059 Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 453

This is notification of the Committee's action.

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry
House Chair

May 05, 2023

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

The Following Communication: S.C. 459

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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

May 8, 2023

L.D. 1437 An Act to Address Poverty by Increasing Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President
MAINE STATE SENATE
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker
MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce Senate Chair
S/Rep. Traci Gere House Chair

The Honorable Mark Lawrence, Senate Chair
The Honorable Stanley Paige Zeigler, House Chair
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Re: *2020/2021 Attorney General Report to the Legislature Under the Petroleum Market Share Act*

The Following Communication: S.C. 455

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

Dear President Jackson, Speaker Talbot Ross, Senator Lawrence, and Representative Zeigler:

May 05, 2023

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

I am pleased to submit this report in accordance with the Petroleum Market Share Act (PMSA), 10 M.R.S.A. § 1677. The PMSA requires the Attorney General to make a report to the Legislature describing the concentration of retail outlets in the State, including a recommendation as to whether additional legislation is needed to further limit or curtail the activity of refiners operating retail outlets.

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Enclosed is a report describing concentration of retail outlets in the State. The report, which is based on data collected from wholesalers of both motor fuel oil and home heating oil, includes maps depicting relative concentration in designated markets throughout the State. This report is also available on the Attorney General's website: Office of the Maine AG: Consumer Protection: Antitrust.

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. 533 An Act to Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax

L.D. 1168 An Act to Adjust Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates

Because no refiners of petroleum products operate retail outlets in this State, we recommend no legislation to limit or curtail such operations.

Sincerely,

S/Aaron M. Frey
Attorney General

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

SENATE PAPERS

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

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State-chartered Credit Unions"

S.P. 783 L.D. 1921

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls"

S.P. 781 L.D. 1919

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs"

S.P. 780 L.D. 1918

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DUCCHARME of Madison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, WHITE of Waterville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge"

S.P. 784 L.D. 1922

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers from Unconstitutional Federal Expenditures"

S.P. 786 L.D. 1928

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HENDERSON of Rumford, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn, QUINT of Hodgdon.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Licensing of and Tax Collection from Remote Retail Sellers of Pipe Tobacco and Premium Cigars"

S.P. 785 L.D. 1923

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

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

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Maddie Ripley, of Owl's Head, a student at Oceanside High School, who won the Class B State Wrestling Championship in the 106-pound Weight Class. Maddie is the first girl in Maine history to win the title wrestling boys. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 469

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland,
MATLACK of St. George.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Beebe-Center.

Senator **BEEBE-CENTER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I am honored to be here today to recognize Maddie and her accomplishments. Maddie is currently a Junior at Oceanside High School in Rockland. Maddie has been wrestling for 13 years, so to say that she has some experience with the sport - with this sport would be an understatement. Due to the pandemic, Maddie was unable to wrestle her freshman year, but she immediately jumped at the opportunity to wrestle again for her sophomore year. During that time, she was the runner-up at the co-ed State Championship, placed first at co-ed Regionals, and was the first girl to ever win the Kennebec Valley All-County Championship in the state. Her success didn't stop there. She was placed fourth at co-ed All-States, placed first in girls States, and won the New England Tournament in the 113-pound weight class. Keep in mind, this was all just her sophomore year. This past year, she entered the 106-pound weight class and once again won the co-ed Regional Championship and was the first girl in Maine's history to win the co-ed State Championship. Not stopping there, she also once again won the girls State Championship, became an All-American, and placed second at Virginia Beach Nationals. She has already accomplished so much, but she continues to aim high and plans to go to school to become a registered nurse. Maddie serves as an inspiration for countless women in Maine. Maddie, I think I speak for everyone here when I say we can't wait to see what you do next.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just had the opportunity to meet Maddie and her family. I apologize that they had the view of the back of my head this morning and got to chat with them just for a second and all of the things that my good colleague just spoke about are just amazing facts of what this young woman has done and what her future holds and I was able to share with her that in 1981, I went to the State Wrestling Championships, and it lasted all of 35 seconds before I was going back home. So, I have great respect for what this young woman has done and just - just very nice to meet them this morning. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Maddie Ripley; joined by her step-father, Jason Yates; her mother, Daphne Ripley; and her brother, Gavin Ripley. They're all from Knox County and they are the guests today of the Senator from Knox, Senator Beebe-Center. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

Carmen Bernier, of Biddeford, who received the 2022 Lorraine M. Fleury Award for her contributions to Maine elections from Maine's Secretary of State. As City Clerk in Biddeford, Ms. Bernier was a statewide leader promoting ongoing absentee voting, conducting a successful pilot project at the city level showing its efficacy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 472

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport,
MALON of Biddeford, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. It is my honor today to recognize this distinguished member of our community, Carmen Bernier, who has made significant contributions to our state's electoral system. Carmen is a former Biddeford City Clerk who has worked tirelessly for the City of Biddeford for 28 years, 15 as a City Clerk, to make sure that our elections are free, fair, and accessible to all. Carmen's dedication to public service has spanned over several years, during which time she has served as an election official, overseeing voter registration drives, and worked on important election reforms alongside Secretary of State Shenna Bellows and with former Speaker of the House Ryan Fecteau. Specifically, Carmen Bernier spearheaded a successful pilot project on absentee voting in Biddeford that proved to be a great help for senior citizens. The results of this initiative were so impressive that it led to the Maine Legislature passing a bipartisan bill based on Bernier's innovative approach. This was just the beginning of her ongoing efforts to improve voting access and convenience. Thanks to her advocacy, a state law was passed that provided for ongoing absentee voting for all of our senior citizens. This law was built on the foundation of a pilot program that she had conducted in Biddeford. Her work on this initiative earned her praise from the Secretary of State Shenna Bellows who credited her with playing a pivotal role in achieving bipartisan support for the legislation. Carmen's expertise, experience, and commitment to democracy have been invaluable to our state and she's been a leading voice in advocating for greater voter access and participation. Her tireless work on issues such as early voting, same-day registration, and automatic voter registration have helped ensure that Maine residents have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. It is

for these reasons that Carmen Bernier recently received the Lorraine M. Fleury Award for her tireless efforts to improve the electoral process in Maine. Each year, the Secretary of State solicits nominations for the award, named for a long-time State Director of Elections, Lorraine M. Fleury. The award is presented to recognize and honor an individual who has made a significant contribution to the election process and who exemplifies the qualities of fairness, experience, knowledge, and service. In recognition for her outstanding contributions to our state, I would like to commend Carmen for her dedication to public service and her tireless efforts to improve the electoral process in Maine. Her commitment to democracy is an inspiration to us all and we are grateful for her service to our state. Carmen is joined here today not just by her family, but by Secretary of State Shenna Bellows and Deputy Secretary of State Julie Flynn.

The Joint Order was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Carmen Bernier and her husband, Jerry. She's joined with her son, Mario, and daughter-in-law, Hannah. They are all from the city of Biddeford. They are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Ingwersen, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit"
H.P. 178 L.D. 280

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-109)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-109)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Workers over 65 Years of Age of Potential High Costs"

H.P. 206 L.D. 308

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-108)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-108)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-108) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.
ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 287 L.D. 470

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-100)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-100)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-100) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond and Stearns Pond in the Town of Sweden"

H.P. 314 L.D. 497

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-99) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow When Operated on Public Ways"

H.P. 327 L.D. 522

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-106)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-106)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-106) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families

H.P. 760 L.D. 1200

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-105)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-105) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions"
H.P. 306 L.D. 489

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **STEWART**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, and the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#133)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, KEIM, STEWART

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Harassment and Assault by Removing Intentional Acts and Omissions from Workers' Compensation Exemptions"

H.P. 28 L.D. 53

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-110)**.

Signed:

Senator:
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
GERE of Kennebunkport
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#134)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, KEIM, STEWART

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-110) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Employers from Providing Earned Paid Leave for Certain Employees"

H.P. 199 L.D. 301

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

Signed:

Senator:
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-111)**.

Signed:
Senator:
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#135)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, KEIM, STEWART

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances"
H.P. 364 L.D. 559

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

Signed:
Senator:
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-112)**.

Signed:
Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#136)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, KEIM, STEWART

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Auditor to Report on Taxpayer Money Funding Maine Nonprofits H.P. 319 L.D. 514

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

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll seek to be uncharacteristically brief on this legislation. Speaking as a co-sponsor of this bill, this is ultimately legislation about transparency in terms of how taxpayer money is being spent. I think as I previously mentioned on different legislation in this Body, there seems to be, and I think has for a long time been a proliferation of the use of our taxpayer dollars with nonprofit agencies that do not have the same - that are not subject to the same standards of accountability and transparency that government agencies are. This legislation simply directs the state auditor to put a report together on where our taxpayer money is going to all these various nonprofits just so that we, as legislators, can have more information in the decisions that we make in terms of how dollars are appropriated. So, that being the case, I will be voting against the Ought Not to Pass motion and voting for a little more transparency to support the Ought to Pass Report. Thank you.

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

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to refer to Treasurer Dunlap's public hearing opposition that this information is broadly - we note that this information is broadly and thoroughly available through the Legislature's own offices, notably the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. It's also important to note that there's 111,456 registered domestic corporations in the state, 23,816 of them are registered as nonprofits. A hospital that the State makes a Medicaid payment to would be considered a nonprofit that would need to be brought into this report and then there's also charitable organizations, soccer association, that would all need to be brought into this report. This report is unnecessary, it's requested to be done with existing resources in a very short timeframe, and when all the information is readily available, there is no need for this legislation.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#137)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, KEIM, STEWART

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Protect Birds and Wildlife in the Construction and Maintenance of Public Buildings"
H.P. 439 L.D. 670

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)**.

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Remove the Annual Filing Requirement in the Property Tax Stabilization Laws"

H.P. 334 L.D. 529

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

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
RANA of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-107)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

LIBBY of Auburn
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18 to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate"

H.P. 339 L.D. 534

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor
ALBERT of Madawaska
ANKELES of Brunswick
CRAFTS of Newcastle
MASON of Lisbon
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
THERIAULT of Fort Kent
WHITE of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-101)**.

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Guilford

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant"

S.P. 563 L.D. 1396

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards"

S.P. 268 L.D. 651

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees"

S.P. 515 L.D. 1278

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster"

S.P. 709 L.D. 1762

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-79)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-79) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Available over the Counter"

S.P. 158 L.D. 351

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-82) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

S.P. 537 L.D. 1318

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-77)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-77) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry

S.P. 347 L.D. 788

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-83)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

CYRWAY of Albion

Reports **READ**.

Senator BAILEY of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

Senator BRAKEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be very brief again. I just wanted to add my two cents that I think this is great legislation. I want to thank the bill's sponsor, Senator Grohoski, for putting it forward, and our committee chairwoman for facilitating a bipartisan process to get this here. You know, our cannabis industry is now the biggest agricultural industry in the state and yet they still, due to federal regulations, do not have access to banking, which is a dangerous situation all around. So, this is just for - calling for a legislative study so hopefully, we can figure this out. So, thank you to the bill's sponsor and thank you to the committee chairwoman for helping to pull the process together.

On motion by Senator BAILEY of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-83) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 451 L.D. 1082

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-78)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representative:

MORRIS of Turner

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

Six members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"B"** that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
SWALLOW of Houlton

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"C"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-81)**.

Signed:

Representative:

ARFORD of Brunswick

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-80)**, **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-80) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

Six members of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals from Urgent Care Facilities"

S.P. 280 L.D. 722

Reported in Report **"A"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-80)**.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond

H.P. 429 L.D. 660

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals"

H.P. 533 L.D. 844
(C "A" H-97)

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses"

S.P. 269 L.D. 652
(C "A" S-70)

Bill "An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places"

S.P. 376 L.D. 879
(C "A" S-74)

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

S.P. 401 L.D. 982
(C "A" S-66)

Bill "An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents"

S.P. 446 L.D. 1077
(C "A" S-76)

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Powerball Tickets

S.P. 459 L.D. 1125
(C "A" S-69)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 420 L.D. 1051
(C "A" S-71)

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net

H.P. 506 L.D. 817
(C "A" H-89)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council

H.P. 678 L.D. 1083

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms

S.P. 637 L.D. 1605

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to Strengthen Temporary Protections for Children Living in Dwellings with Identified Lead Hazards

H.P. 15 L.D. 11

An Act to Improve Access to Children's Behavioral Health Services

H.P. 52 L.D. 82

An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers

H.P. 64 L.D. 96
(C "A" H-90)

An Act to Remove the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates

S.P. 67 L.D. 128
(C "A" S-57)

An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District

H.P. 84 L.D. 138
(H "A" H-95)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations

S.P. 76 L.D. 147
(C "A" S-53)

An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications

H.P. 94 L.D. 153
(C "A" H-85)

An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly

H.P. 160 L.D. 239
(C "A" H-87)

An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License Home-based and Community-based Services for Persons with an Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Related Condition or an Acquired Brain Injury and Define Autism Spectrum Disorder

H.P. 278 L.D. 449

An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board

S.P. 228 L.D. 511

An Act Regarding the Appointment of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions

H.P. 343 L.D. 538
(C "A" H-86)

An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care

H.P. 570 L.D. 914
(C "A" H-83)

An Act Regarding the Transfer of Seized Currency to the Federal Government for Criminal Asset Forfeiture

H.P. 609 L.D. 962
(C "A" H-84)

An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride

S.P. 400 L.D. 981
(S "A" S-48)

An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle

S.P. 435 L.D. 1066
(C "A" S-54)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools

H.P. 690 L.D. 1095
(C "A" H-79)

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

An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers

H.P. 185 L.D. 287
(H "A" H-64 to C "A" H-47)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

S.P. 202 L.D. 447
(C "A" S-58)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

S.P. 237 L.D. 566
(C "A" S-56)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

S.P. 353 L.D. 794
(C "A" S-51)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors

H.P. 505 L.D. 816
(C "A" H-81)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Increase Support for the Community Forestry Fund
H.P. 734 L.D. 1162
(C "A" H-78)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances

H.P. 361 L.D. 556
(C "A" H-82)

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolve

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
(C "A" H-91)

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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 (4/20/23) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings" S.P. 207 L.D. 453

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - April 20, 2023 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In Senate, April 20, 2023, Reports **READ**.)

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-29) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis County
H.P. 1238 L.D. 1930

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.

Bill "An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Waste Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River"
H.P. 1231 L.D. 1926

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

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 Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry"
H.P. 1230 L.D. 1925

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide for Enforcement of Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Laws"
H.P. 1229 L.D. 1924

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

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

Bill "An Act to Create the Rural Prosperity Council"
H.P. 1232 L.D. 1927

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers by Licensing Home Building Contractors"
H.P. 1237 L.D. 1929

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.

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