

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
May 18, 2023

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc County.

Prayer by Pastor John Walsh of Clifton United Baptist Church.

PASTOR WALSH: Good morning. It's the Pastor John P. Walsh of the Clifton United Baptist Church. The distinction of an Irishman, I apologize. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come before You this morning with a heart of praise for the natural beauty of our state and I thank You for the privilege of being able to stand before the Body, this Body of legislators and seek Your wisdom and guidance on their behalf. This Body of Senators represents the will of the people of the state of Maine to serve in the governing of this state. I pray that each one will reflect our national heritage and the wisdom You provided to those who have gone before us and have stood in these same halls and sat in these same seats. Many of those sought Your guidance and protection as they fought against the trials and tribulations of building a strong state within a strong nation, founded upon the principles of a democratic republic with freedom of speech and freedom of religion, that was designed to be enjoyed by all people. Our nation has been richly blessed because of the efforts of those who went before us, who with their guidance laid this foundation for what we have become as a state and as a nation. Our nation is the envy of the world, and we are privileged to live in this country, and especially those of us who enjoy living here in the great State of Maine. I ask You, Father, that these men and women here in Your presence today would seek Your guidance as they govern, and that they would seek wisdom that could only come from the divine, as to govern accordingly. Father, give them the wisdom to do all things in a manner which would be fair and just, in harmony with Your perfect will for all people. Heavenly Father, we are always living in difficult times, when so many topics bring controversy and so often becomes hateful and spiteful. I pray for a blessing upon these senators and that they would be willing to reach across to the other side to negotiate the dangerous waters of contention, the rapids of turmoil, and to work together to find safe waters for all issues. May these distinguished individuals work not for just a few but work together for the interests and the general wellbeing of all the citizens of the state of Maine. Lastly, Father, I ask that you bless each member of this Body and as they strive to lead the state of Maine regardless of affiliation or association, with a gratitude for the responsibility they have been given. May everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, and courteous to all. Season the conversations today and every day with a grace that could only come from Your presence and may there be a reverence for the divine and refinement for order and procedure in all the tasks of this capitol on behalf of the people of the state of Maine. I ask these things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless the state of Maine. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Anne H. Beebe-Center of Knox County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 476

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

May 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, please be advised that I appoint the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Eloise A. Vitelli, to serve as President Pro Tem to convene the Senate on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, under unanimous consent on behalf of Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 801

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 23, 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of Mobile Home Parks"

H.P. 1239 L.D. 1931

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad Companies" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1245 L.D. 1937

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

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

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Yes, I just did not have the opportunity to speak to the other good Senator from Cumberland, but this refers to the Freedom of Access Act and that, I believe, is why the House referred it to Judiciary.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair would like to confirm with the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman. Had you intended this to be referred to the Committee on Judiciary? The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** No and we had a similar bill on this a couple of years ago when I was on the committee, so I guess I would just ask if we can table that for today so we can...

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: Can leadership please approach.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **REFER** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1247

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ON THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS RESTORED
HEADQUARTERS**

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Historical Society has restored its headquarters building; and

WHEREAS, constructed as a brick schoolhouse in 1853, the building served as an elementary school for nearly 100 years before it became the town hall and police station; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Historical Society took occupancy of the building in 1989 and the building was moved to the library grounds in 2020, where it underwent a total renovation; and

WHEREAS, the headquarters now provides a beautiful space for welcoming visitors and displaying the Town of Cumberland's rich history; 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 congratulate the Cumberland Historical Society on the grand opening of its restored headquarters.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 475

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE**

May 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, Chapter 619, Subchapter 2, §6447 of the Maine Revised Statutes, we are pleased to appoint the following members to the Lobster Management Policy Council:

- Representative Anne Perry of Calais – Zone A
- House Republican Leader Billy Bob Faulkingham of Winter Harbor – Zone B
- Representative Holly Eaton of Deer Isle – Zone C
- Senator Cameron Reny of Bristol – Zone D
- Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich – Zone E
- Representative Morgan Rielly of Westbrook – Zone F
- Representative Wayne Parry of Arundel – Zone G

Should you have questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 484

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

May 16, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Hon. Cynthia L. Montgomery as Judge of the Maine District Court
Appointment of Erika S. Bristol, Esq. as Judge of the Maine District Court
Appointment of Katherine E. Tierney, Esq. as Judge of the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Cynthia L. Montgomery for reappointment, and Erika S. Bristol, Esq. and Katherine E. Tierney, Esq. for appointment as Judges of the Maine District Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 485

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

May 16, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable E. Allen Hunter of Westmanland as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable E. Allen Hunter of Westmanland for reappointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 486

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Sascha Deri of Brunswick to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Sascha Deri of Brunswick for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 487

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of James Brann of Wells to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate James Brann of Wells for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 488

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Scott Wardwell of Presque Isle to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Scott Wardwell of Presque Isle for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 489

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Phillip Rench of Waterboro to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Phillip Rench of Waterboro for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 490

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Charles Rudelitch of Harrington to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Charles Rudelitch of Harrington for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 491

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of John Lesko of Portland to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John Lesko of Portland for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 492

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Kristin Sims of Appleton to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Kristin Sims of Appleton for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 493

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Daniel Greisen of Yarmouth to the Maine
Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Daniel Greisen of Yarmouth for
appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on
confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic
Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 494

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Barbara Silber Lamont of Portland to the
Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Barbara Silber Lamont of Portland for
appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on
confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic
Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 495

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Deborah Bronk, PhD of Trevett to the Maine
Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Deborah Bronk, PhD of Trevett for
appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on
confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic
Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 496

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

May 15, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Dawn DeBlasi of Norridgewock to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Dawn DeBlasi of Norridgewock for appointment to the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §13201, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 483

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

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. Stewart of Aroostook, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1600 An Act to Improve Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans

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. 479

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

May 11, 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 734 An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of State and Municipalities to Invest in Gold, Silver and Other Precious Metals

L.D. 1023 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Financial Future in Perpetuity by Establishing the Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Margaret R. Rotundo
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Melanie Sachs
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 480

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

May 12, 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. 1532 An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs

L.D. 1820 An Act to Expand Access to Good Jobs with Better Career and Technical Education

L.D. 1565 Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Provide Grants to Expand Age Eligibility for Life Skills and Vocational Programs in Public Schools

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.**

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. 497

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

May 16, 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. 33 An Act to Expand Access to Career and Technical Education Opportunities for Middle School Students
- L.D. 725 An Act to Add an Adult Education Pathway to a High School Diploma
- L.D. 955 An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff
- L.D. 1144 An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students
- L.D. 1237 An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff
- L.D. 1314 An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals

The Following Communication: S.C. 477

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

May 15, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 242 An Act to Clarify That Animal Health Products Are Exempt from the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Reporting Law
- L.D. 1081 An Act to Impose a Fee on Commercial Water Withdrawn from Lakes and Ponds to Fund Conservation Efforts and Prohibit a Fee on the Sale of Water Withdrawn from a Lake or Pond
- L.D. 1214 An Act to Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination
- L.D. 1273 An Act to Exempt Some Businesses from Certain Laws Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Accordance with the Size of the Business
- L.D. 1658 An Act to Verify the Reduction of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Certain Electric Transmission Line Projects

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 478

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

May 16, 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. 333 An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations
- L.D. 584 An Act to Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Sites
- L.D. 658 An Act to Increase Funding for and Stabilize the Independent Housing with Services Program Under the Department of Health and Human Services
- L.D. 1194 An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program
- L.D. 1226 An Act to Require MaineCare to Give a 60-day Notice Prior to Terminating Benefits
- L.D. 1269 An Act to Empower Patients and Eliminate Welfare Cliffs in the MaineCare Program by Establishing a MaineCare Savings Account Pilot Program
- L.D. 1287 An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers

- L.D. 1317 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health
- L.D. 1339 Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities
- L.D. 1440 Resolve, to Increase the Availability of Community Children's Behavioral Health Services by Providing Training and Career Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals
- L.D. 1448 An Act to Change the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Requirements by Reducing Benefits Commensurate with a Recipient's Salary, Reducing the Special Housing Allowance and Limiting Eligibility for 2-parent Families
- L.D. 1469 Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities
- L.D. 1784 Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1785 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations to Update Laws Governing the Continuum of Long-term Care Options (EMERGENCY)

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. 498

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

May 17, 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. 1429 An Act to Establish a Navigator Position in the Department of Health and Human Services for Families and Children Involved in the Foster Care System
- L.D. 1617 Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci S/Rep. Michele Meyer
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 481

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE
 AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 12, 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1447 Resolve, to Authorize the Training of Nursing Assistants by Certified Nursing Assistants
- L.D. 1546 An Act Regarding Nondiscrimination in Financial Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 482

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE
 AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 15, 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1220 An Act to Require Lyme Disease Vaccine Coverage for State-regulated Health Plans
- L.D. 1404 An Act Requiring Insurance Companies to Cover the Care of Expectant Mothers in Adoption Cases and Provide Notice of That Coverage to Pregnant Women
- L.D. 1665 An Act to Improve Breast Health Care by Providing Coverage for Genetic Counseling and Testing

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
 Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 501

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE
 AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 17, 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 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1890 An Act to Ensure Robust Contracts Between Insurers and Providers by Establishing Dispute Resolution Procedures

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey Senate Chair	S/Rep. Anne C. Perry House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 499

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

May 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 Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 665 An Act to Extend the Date by Which Compliance is Required for Affordable Housing Development, Increased Numbers of Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units
- L.D. 801 An Act to Require Municipalities to Obtain Housing Units for Residents Experiencing Homelessness

- L.D. 1154 An Act Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Municipal Zoning Ordinances

- L.D. 1358 An Act to Clarify Density Requirements for Affordable Housing Developments

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce Senate Chair	S/Rep. Traci Gere House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 500

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

May 15, 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. 1381 An Act to Create Fairness in Maine's Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Basing the Tax on the Sale Price
- L.D. 1445 An Act to Enact a Seasonal Sales Tax to Provide Income Tax Relief to Maine Residents
- L.D. 1486 An Act to Exempt Tractor Trailer Trucks from the Excise Tax

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski Senate Chair	S/Rep. Joe Perry House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 803 L.D. 1969

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, RENEY of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, PLUECKER of Warren.

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 Support Potato Processing in Maine"

S.P. 797 L.D. 1961

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Limit Utility Shut-offs"

S.P. 798 L.D. 1962

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Future of Renewable Energy Transmission in Northern Maine"

S.P. 799 L.D. 1963

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Farming in Maine by Extending the Deadline for Manufacturers of Products Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Report on Those Products"
S.P. 796 L.D. 1960

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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 Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program"

S.P. 800 L.D. 1964

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: BAILEY of York, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENEY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, BOYLE of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, JAUCH of Topsham, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEE of Auburn, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PAULHUS of Bath, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

Sent down 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.

Bill "An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting"

S.P. 795 L.D. 1959

Presented by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot.

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 Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Nancy Crowell, of Scarborough, who is retiring after 45 years of public service as Director of the Scarborough Public Library. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 499

Sponsored by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: **CARNEY** of Cumberland,
Representatives: **GATTINE** of Westbrook, **MURPHY** of Scarborough, **WARREN** of Scarborough.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **Brenner**.

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Madame President. I'm really happy to stand here today and speak about the incredible work of Nancy Crowell, who is - has been the librarian for the last 45 years in Scarborough. In 1977, Nancy started as the Executive Director at the Scarborough Public Library. Back then, the public library was a small wooden building on Black Point Road. In the last 45 years, our small library has grown to be the heart of the town and this growth came out of Nancy's hard work. During the arctic weekend this year, Nancy was instrumental in providing a

warming center for the town of Scarborough. She coordinated with the town to ensure that those who were taking - who were at risk during those dangerous few days were able to find shelter. She is a very inspiring and kind person. She believes in the importance of libraries in our communities, and I want to quote Nancy here; 'libraries are equalizers, they are learning centers, they are business partners, they are advocates for strong schools, they are champions of community organizations, they are resilient and, most importantly, they are essential.' Her contributions to Scarborough will be forever remembered, especially for my family, who spends - has spent many, many days at the library, and it was a form of - I don't want to call it childcare, but my kids would show up at the library every day after school on their own from middle school on, and it's a sort of form of independence and growth and development for them. So, I'm deeply grateful, as well as the entire town of Scarborough for her service and providing such a safe and welcoming place in our town. Thank you, Nancy.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Nancy Crowell, who is the guest today of the Senators from Cumberland, Senator **Brenner**, and Senator **Carney**. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative **DILL** of Old Town and Senators: **BAILEY** of York, **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **KEIM** of Oxford, **POULIOT** of Kennebec, Representatives: **KUHN** of Falmouth, **MORIARTY** of Cumberland, **RECKITT** of South Portland, **SHEEHAN** of Biddeford), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 802

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS LYME DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported over 2,600 probable cases of Lyme disease in 2022; and **WHEREAS**, the actual incidence of Lyme disease in Maine is likely much higher than reported; and **WHEREAS**, Lyme disease disproportionately affects children between 5 and 15 years of age and adults over 65 years of age; and **WHEREAS**, tickborne illness can be prevented by staying in the center of wooded paths, wearing light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, using an insect repellent approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, performing daily tick checks and properly removing ticks; and **WHEREAS**, the 124th Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, An Act To Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease, which designated May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and required the promotion of public awareness and education on Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education are necessary to help reduce tickborne illnesses in Maine by promoting awareness of Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses and the regular use of prevention measures, as illustrated by the 2023 information campaign "Tick Free ME" produced by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; 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 May 2023 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and to respectfully urge all the citizens of Maine to become aware of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of tickborne illnesses.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY**: Thank you, Madame President, and thank you for a moment of your attention, colleagues. I just want to emphasize the importance of taking preventative measures to protect ourselves against Lyme disease and also to spread this information to our constituents. In addition to the preventative measures outlined in the Joint Resolution, we can prevent Lyme disease by choosing wide paths over tall grass when we go for walks. Another tip is to put your clothes in a hot dryer after you've been outdoors to kill the ticks and then, finally, and my favorite preventative measure is also very fashionable, you can tuck your pants into your socks when you go out for a walk in order to prevent ticks from getting into your clothing. I just urge everyone to be careful this summer and ensure that you do everything you can to prevent getting Lyme disease. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation

H.P. 308 L.D. 491

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

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 225 L.D. 374

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

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity and Support Local Agriculture"

H.P. 1037 L.D. 1612

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-126)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-126)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-126) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Financial Audit of a Private School Approved for Tuition Purposes"

H.P. 68 L.D. 100

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-120)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-120) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Translation Services for Hospital Patients"
H.P. 263 L.D. 430

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-121)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-121)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-121) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury"
H.P. 344 L.D. 539

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-138)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-138)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-138) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine"

H.P. 345 L.D. 540

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-137)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-137)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-137) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services
H.P. 750 L.D. 1178

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-136)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-136)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-136) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 584 L.D. 937

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-128)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-128)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-128) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household"

H.P. 298 L.D. 481

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-119)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-119)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-119) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles"

H.P. 613 L.D. 966

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-135)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-135)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-135) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles"

H.P. 821 L.D. 1296

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-139)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-139)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-139) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Madame President. I rise to talk about something that's not yet on our calendar, but I stand before you today to recognize and congratulate the Winthrop High School Field Hockey Team. This talented group of athletes has made their school and community proud by winning back-to-back Class C State Championships and so let us take a moment to acknowledge their outstanding performance and the dedication that they have displayed. The championship game itself was a true testament to the team's tenacity. Trailing one-zip in the third quarter, the Ramblers rallied together and displayed resilience to level the score, thanks to Bella Littler's goal. The game eventually went into overtime, where Madeline Wagner seized the moment and scored the winning goal, securing the championship title for Winthrop High School and defending their Class C title. This victory holds special significance, as it marks Coach Sharon Coulton's fourth championship as head coach. Her dedication and leadership have guided the team throughout the season, culminating in this memorable achievement. As Coach Coulton prepares to retire, this championship serves as a fitting farewell gift and a testament to her incredible legacy and so to the entire Winthrop High School Field Hockey Team, your hard work, perseverance, and teamwork have led you to this great achievement and you have brought honor to your school and to our community. Your victory not only represents your own accomplishments but will serve as an inspiration for future generations of athletes. Madame President, today let us celebrate the Winthrop High School Field Hockey Team and their back-to-back Class C State Championships. Congratulations on your success, and may this victory serve as a steppingstone to even greater achievements in the future. Thank you, Madame President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony of the Chamber the Winthrop Field Hockey back-to-back Class C State Champions and their head coach, Sharon Coulton and assistant coach, Melissa Perkins, from Winthrop High School. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the entire State Senate.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 805 L.D. 1971

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 806 L.D. 1972

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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 Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act"
S.P. 804 L.D. 1970

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DOUDERA of Camden, EATON of

Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERE of Kennebunkport, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham, KUHN of Falmouth, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LEE of Auburn, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PAULHUS of Bath, PERRY of Calais, PLUECKER of Warren, PRINGLE of Windham, RANA of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act"
S.P. 807 L.D. 1973

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, WHITE of Waterville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program"
S.P. 808 L.D. 1974

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland.

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

Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock moved to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock to **REFER** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

H.P. 261 L.D. 428

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-124).**

Signed:

Senators:

- BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
- HARRINGTON of York
- LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

- SALISBURY of Westbrook
- ARDELL of Monticello
- HASENFUS of Readfield
- LAJOIE of Lewiston
- NEWMAN of Belgrade
- NUTTING of Oakland
- PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-125).**

Signed:

Representatives:

- LOOKNER of Portland
- MATHIESON of Kittery
- MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-124)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-124).**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-124)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-124) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on 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

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

Signed:

Senators:

- BRENNER of Cumberland
- CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

- GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
- BELL of Yarmouth
- BRIDGEO of Augusta
- CAMPBELL of Orrington
- DOUDERA of Camden
- HOBBS of Wells
- O'NEIL of Saco
- SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
- WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:

- LYFORD of Penobscot

Representative:

- SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil"

H.P. 341 L.D. 536

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-129)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-129)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-129)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Madame President. I just want to briefly let the Chamber know that L.D. 536 amends current law to add natural organic reduction as another choice Mainers have after death, providing a sustainable alternative to cremation and burial. It will conform to existing deathcare laws and expand upon a precedent that gives Mainers the right to choose their own method of disposition. I would note that eight other states have already adopted this and it was a majority report of the

committee, but we also spent some significant time to go through the environmental issues and also the deathcare issues, and we were satisfied that this is going to be in keeping with our traditional norms in that area. Thank you.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-129) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection in Health Care Facilities"
H.P. 603 L.D. 956

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-127)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-127)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-127)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you. I just briefly want to let the Chamber know some of the work we did in terms of this issue and why it was a bipartisan vote. There are - first of all, federal law requires disclosure, but also it was pretty clear from the testimony that the failure, or the not knowing these issues, by the healthcare provider over a course of time has a very negative impact, potentially, on peoples' treatment. So, one, this only required the collection of information to go to their file and to make sure it was part of their file so that future medical providers would understand whatever the course of medical treatments this person had undergone, whether it was regarding any kind of transition or any other typical medical issue that any one of us would face. So, this is really to help protect peoples' healthcare.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Oxford, Senator **BENNETT**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **LAFOUNTAIN**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **PIERCE**, and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#147)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, NANGLE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, PRESIDENT PRO TEM VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LYFORD, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, JACKSON, LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-127) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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 Allow All Corporations to Self-insure Motor Vehicles" H.P. 511 L.D. 822

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

Signed:

Senators:
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:
PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Signed:

Representative:
NUTTING of Oakland

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency of and Lower Health Care Costs" H.P. 680 L.D. 1085

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals

H.P. 703 L.D. 1107

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)**.

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-134)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-134)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-134) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators"

H.P. 713 L.D. 1117

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:
STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 242 L.D. 391

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-131)**.

Signed:

Representative:
ANDREWS of Paris

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-130)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-130)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-130)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-130) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Lower the Signature Quantity Requirement for Certain Independent Candidates for Elected Office"

H.P. 463 L.D. 694

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-132)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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-133) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters Who Have a Nonphysical Disability and Voters Who Support a Person with a Disability"

H.P. 552 L.D. 886

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-133)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-133)**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures"

H.P. 704 L.D. 1108

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-57)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-57) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

Nine members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 18 Years of Age"
H.P. 276 L.D. 443

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:
MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
HAGGAN of Hampden
RECKITT of South Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representative:
POIRIER of Skowhegan

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "A", **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**.)

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** 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 (#148)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HARRINGTON, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, PRESIDENT PRO TEM VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, CHIPMAN, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, JACKSON, LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-88) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BEEBE-CENTER for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration"

S.P. 421 L.D. 1052

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-103)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-103) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator RAFFERTY for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology"

S.P. 104 L.D. 204

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-107).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-107) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to Public Utility Customers"

S.P. 195 L.D. 414

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-108) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves"

S.P. 38 L.D. 46

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-106) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 88 L.D. 184

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-105) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times"

S.P. 156 L.D. 335

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-101).**

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-101) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Bag Limit for Smelts for Personal Use from 2 Quarts to 4 Quarts"

S.P. 261 L.D. 593

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

Signed:

Senators:

RENY of Lincoln
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

HEPLER of Woolwich
CRAFTS of Newcastle
DILL of Old Town
DOUDERA of Camden
EATON of Deer Isle
GIFFORD of Lincoln
LANDRY of Farmington
STROUT of Harrington
THORNE of Carmel

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

Signed:

Representative:

DAVIS of East Machias

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RENY** of Lincoln, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit"

S.P. 531 L.D. 1313

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LIBBY of Auburn
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements"

H.P. 457 L.D. 688

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions"

H.P. 767 L.D. 1207

Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset

H.P. 778 L.D. 1230

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Dismiss Certain Claims That Do Not Allege Violations of Law or Rules"

H.P. 111 L.D. 170
(C "A" H-113)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Reimbursement to Hospitals for Days Awaiting Placement in Facilities"

H.P. 146 L.D. 225
(C "A" H-118)

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program"

H.P. 804 L.D. 1256
(C "A" H-114)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

S.P. 328 L.D. 769

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board"

S.P. 39 L.D. 47
(C "A" S-90)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Assessment of Fines for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans"

S.P. 75 L.D. 146
(C "A" S-86)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions"
S.P. 90 L.D. 186
(C "A" S-89)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements"

S.P. 103 L.D. 203
(C "A" S-92)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment

S.P. 200 L.D. 445
(C "A" S-94)

Bill "An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors"

S.P. 221 L.D. 504
(C "A" S-96)

Bill "An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds"

S.P. 341 L.D. 782
(C "A" S-93)

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

S.P. 394 L.D. 923
(C "A" S-91)

Bill "An Act Regarding Disabled Motor Vehicles on Public Ways"

S.P. 399 L.D. 980
(C "A" S-100)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab"

S.P. 554 L.D. 1389
(C "A" S-97)

Bill "An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs"

S.P. 614 L.D. 1551
(C "A" S-99)

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 Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs
S.P. 249 L.D. 581
(C "A" S-63)

An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals

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

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

Resolve

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

H.P. 429 L.D. 660

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tem **ELOISE A. VITELLI** of Sagadahoc County.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland,
ADJOURNED, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.