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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 25, 2023

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

Prayer by Chaplain Kate Braestrup of the Maine Warden Service.

CHAPLAIN BRAESTRUP: Join me as you will in a spirit of prayer. Dear God, we pause before our work commences to be filled and fortified by You, mind and body, heart and soul. It is a privilege to be here, and we are here, and this makes us privileged, or as some prefer to think of it, we are blessed. Thank You, God, for Your blessings. For the blessings of constancy and for the blessings of disruption, for that which we can with confidence predict and for all that upends our expectations. For the blessing of that which vexes and perplexes us and for that which in its clear and simple virtue takes our breath away. Thank You for the miracles we are able to recognize and those we have not learned quite yet to see and name for what they are. We are abundantly, absurdly, ridiculously blessed. May we accept our blessings humbly and be blessings in our turn. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Russell J. Black of Franklin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 824

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 30, 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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Bolster Maine's Workforce and Economy by Increasing Assistance for Parents Pursuing Education and Employment and by Indexing Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate
S.P. 820 L.D. 1995

In Senate, May 23, 2023, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **INSIST**.

Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook moved the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

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

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by same Senator to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**. (Roll Call Ordered)

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

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)

In Senate, May 16, 2023, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-71)**.

Comes from the House, **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-71)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

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

Senator **BRAKEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to attempt today to do a better job of following Senator Grohoski's past advice on brevity on this legislation. I will just say, as a reminder, we did pass this before. We kicked it to the other Chamber. They can't seem to make up their mind after four votes, you know, I - I hope that we will kick it back to them. Just as a reminder, all this does is repeal a double tax. Another member of this Body asked me for more clarification the other day in the hall. Just to be absolutely clear, gold and silver coinage and bullion are already taxed under the income tax, like stocks and bonds, but they are also being taxed under the sales tax like a commodity. The Taxation Committee, a majority agreed, including both chairman of the committee agreed, that it made sense to repeal the sales tax and to treat it the same as an investment in our tax code. I hope that we will, especially in times of inflation like these when our constituents are hurting and need vehicles to be able to preserve their savings and their paychecks, I hope that we will kick it back to the House as we did once before. Thank you very much, and so that would be to vote no on the motion to Recede and Concur.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CHIPMAN**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **LAFOUNTAIN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion to Recede and Concur. 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 (#166)

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, CHIPMAN, LAFOUNTAIN

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR PREVAILED**.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act"
H.P. 1270 L.D. 1977

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement"
H.P. 1273 L.D. 1990

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

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

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

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1269

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2023 AS NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY

WHEREAS, as of 2017-2018, 63.5% of households in the State owned a pet, with 43.8% of households owning a cat and 35.9% of households owning a dog; and

WHEREAS, pets give individuals love, companionship and comfort, encourage outdoor exercise and help to build social connections; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000,000 pets end up homeless every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are 143 animal shelters and animal rescue organizations in the State, whose organizers and employees work tirelessly to rehome and care for homeless, abandoned, abused and rescued animals; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters and animal rescue organizations cannot operate without the help of volunteers who provide support for homeless pets through donations of time, goods and funds; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters and animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement agencies, veterinarians and other community organizations to find a home for every pet, encourage responsible pet ownership, educate the public on the proper care and well-being of animals, devote personal time and resources in helping to rescue animals, reunite families with lost pets and help to protect the welfare of helpless animals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 30, 2023 as National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day and encourage all citizens of the State to join in supporting, volunteering or adopting a pet from a local animal shelter or animal rescue organization.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 531

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

May 22, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA 20065, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission, effective the date of this letter.

Senator Joe Baldacci
Senator Marianne Moore

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 532

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

May 24, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of James A. Carlson of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority.

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

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

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of James A. Carlson of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to briefly address the nomination of James Carlson of Gorham. We are blessed to have someone of Jim's expertise and experience to agree to consideration to appointment to the Maine Connectivity

Authority. Mr. Carlson served as Chief Operating Officer of Unitel in Unity for 15 years. He has a wealth of expertise to share with us and the state. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, we share a wonderful grandson, Felix, who is in the Chamber today.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#167)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, CHIPMAN, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **James A. Carlson** of Gorham for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber James and Karen Carlson; Liz Carlson; and Senator Guerin's grandson, Felix. They are from the cities of Gorham and Portland and they are the guests today of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 533

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

May 24, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Hannah Carter of Orono, for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority.

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

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

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Hannah Carter of Orono, for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#168)

YEAS Senators 1 Tipping, M. of Penobscot

YEAS: Senators: None

Representatives 6 Drinkwater, G. of Milford,

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 6 Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Hannah Carter** of Orono for appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Allyson Coombs of Brunswick, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

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

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

The Following Communication: S.C. 534

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

May 23, 2023

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

Dear Mr. President:

The Secretary opened the vote.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Allyson Coombs of Brunswick, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

ROLL CALL (#169)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Allyson Coombs** of Brunswick for reappointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Allyson Coombs. She's from the city of Brunswick. She's the guest today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry, and the entire Maine Senate. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 535

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of David J. Dunning of Orrington, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	5	Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland
NAYS		0	

ABSENT 6 Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of David J. Dunning of Orrington, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **NANGLE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#170)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN, NANGLE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **David J. Dunning** of Orrington for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber David J. Dunning of Orrington. Would he please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 536

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Jennifer M. Fullmer of Biddeford, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	6	Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips
NAYS		0	

ABSENT 6 Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Jennifer M. Fullmer of Biddeford, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#171)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN, NANGLE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Jennifer M. Fullmer** of Biddeford for reappointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 537

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Al Harris of Waterville, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	6	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Al Harris of Waterville, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#172)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Al Harris** of Waterville for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Al Harris of Waterville. He's the guest today of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator LaFountain. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 538

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Colleen Hilton of South Portland, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	6	Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		6	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Colleen Hilton of South Portland, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#173)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Colleen Hilton** of South Portland for reappointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 539

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Tinan Melissa Hue of Portland, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5

Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Tinan Melissa Hue of Portland, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#174)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Tinan Melissa Hue** of Portland for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 540

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of John M. Leavitt of Saco, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5 Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of John M. Leavitt of Saco, for reappointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#175)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John M. Leavitt** of Saco for reappointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 541

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Alexander Rodman Rogers of Manchester, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Alexander Rodman Rogers of Manchester, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#176)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Alexander Rodman Rogers** of Manchester for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Alexander Rodman Rogers of Manchester, the guest today of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman. Would he please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 542

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Michael Tyler of Camden, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	6	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips

NAYS 0

ABSENT

6

Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Michael Tyler of Camden, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#177)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Michael Tyler** of Camden for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 543

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Briana Warner of Cumberland, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Briana Warner of Cumberland, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#178)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Briana Warner** of Cumberland for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 544

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Corinne Watson of Oakfield, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Tipping, M. of Penobscot
	Representatives	6	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips

NAYS 0

ABSENT		6	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport
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Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Corinne Watson of Oakfield, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#179)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Corinne Watson** of Oakfield for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 545

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Tuesdi Woodworth of Searsmont, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	5	Geiger, V. of Rockland, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips

NAYS 0

ABSENT		6	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Rep. Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Rep. Galletta, J. of Durham, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport
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Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Tuesdi Woodworth of Searsmont, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you. I want to briefly address an omission that occurred during the confirmation hearing. I know the committee heard extensively about Ms. Tuesdi Woodworth's extensive business career, but they did not hear about her extensive curling career. She is an outstanding curler and member of the Belfast Curling Club, and I wish to thank her for her leadership and thank her on the Senate Floor for being willing to return to the Workforce Development Board and serve again. Thank you very much.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#180)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Tuesdi Woodworth** of Searsmont for appointment to the State Workforce Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Tuesdi Woodworth of Searsmont. The guest today of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry. Would she please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 526

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

May 19, 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 Spkr. Talbot Ross of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1949 An Act to Establish an Affirmative Defense to the Crime of Criminal Trespass and Aggravated Criminal Trespass That the Person Was Unhoused and Seeking Shelter

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 525

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

May 23, 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 Rep. Lookner of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 705 An Act Concerning the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and Expenditures by the Maine State Housing Authority

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. 529

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

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1812 An Act to Provide a Source of Funding for the Construction and Implementation of a Food Security Hub (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 546

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

May 23, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 433 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to Establish a Working Group on the Relocation of the Division of Juvenile Services (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1133 An Act Regarding Emergency Management Funding for Municipal Shelters

L.D. 1545 An Act to Reduce Drug Overdoses and Death by Expanding the Crime of Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs by Including Compounds, Mixtures or Substances

L.D. 1878 Resolve, to Create the Council to Transition Long Creek Youth Development Center

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 530

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

May 23, 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. 303 An Act to Provide Health Insurance, Reduce Administrative Burdens, Reduce Costs and Improve Health Outcomes
- L.D. 590 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Health Care
- L.D. 1387 An Act to Ensure That All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Single-payer Health Care Insurance to All Children

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 528

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

May 22, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 585 An Act to Allow Equitable Tolling of Post-conviction Review Filings
- L.D. 848 An Act to Expunge Certain Nonviolent Drug Crimes

L.D. 1536 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Governor's Power to Reprieve, Pardon and Commute Sentences and Remit Penalties

L.D. 1637 An Act to Prohibit the Revocation of a Professional or Occupational License for Lapsed Child Support Payments

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

L.D. 1764 An Act Regarding the Charge for Research Time by State Agencies for Freedom of Access Act Requests

L.D. 1870 An Act to Require the Payment of Child Support by an Intoxicated Driver Who Kills a Parent

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney Senate Chair
S/Rep. Matt Moonen House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 547

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

May 23, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 1734 An Act to Clarify the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Short-term Rentals
- L.D. 1772 An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 548

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

May 23, 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. 1631 An Act to Establish the Gas Tax Fairness Credit
- L.D. 1681 An Act to Encourage Residential Water Testing by Providing an Income Tax Deduction

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 549

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

May 23, 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. 667 An Act to Impose a Tax Surcharge on Certain Incomes
- L.D. 971 An Act to Establish the Income Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents
- L.D. 1268 An Act to Provide for a Local Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons
- L.D. 1651 An Act to Reduce the State Income Tax
- L.D. 1717 An Act to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for All Veterans over 62 Years of Age

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 527

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

May 22, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 365 An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

L.D. 1331 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change Term Limit Time Periods and the Frequency of Elections of Legislators

Lily Boulanger, of Rumford, a freshman at Mountain Valley High School, who won the Class B State Giant Slalom Title, was runner-up in the Class B State Slalom event and won the Mountain Valley Conference Slalom Title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 532

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone"
S.P. 825 L.D. 2003

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **KEIM:** Good morning, Mr. President, and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It's my honor today to honor two sisters from Rumford, Jaden and Lily Boulanger. Jaden is a junior and Lily a freshman, they attend Mountain Valley High School. The sisters' friends and rivals have them dubbed the M&M duo, standing for measured and mature, by their coach, Todd Papianou. Jaden and Lily are also both top notch students. These sisters also had a great ski season. Jaden won the Mountain Valley Conference Giant Slalom title, got runner-up in the Class B State Giant Slalom event, and won the Class B State Slalom title. Lily won the Mountain Valley Conference Slalom title, won the Class B State Giant Slalom title, and was runner-up in the Class B State Slalom event. Despite their success in competitions, many have noted that both sisters are very humble. It is my privilege to honor these outstanding student athletes here today and to welcome them and their families for this recognition. I thank you for your time.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Jaden Boulanger, of Rumford, a junior at Mountain Valley High School, who won the Class B State Slalom Title, was runner-up in the Class B State Giant Slalom event and won the Mountain Valley Conference Giant Slalom Title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 531

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Jaden and Lily Boulanger. They are joined by their parents, Steve and Amy Boulanger; and their sister, Alice. They are all from the city of Rumford. They are the guests today of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations and greetings of the Maine Senate.

Mapleton Girl Scout Troop 1133, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 557

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

The Joint Order was **READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber, all the way down from Mapleton in Aroostook County, Laurie Amero, Katelyn Amero, Amanda Winslow, Nancy Winslow, Maddie Buzza, and Jennifer Buzza. They are all from Mapleton. They are down and the guests today of the Senator from Aroostook, myself, Senator Jackson, and the entire Maine Senate. It's a huge honor to have you recognized here today. Thank you for coming down. Would the Senate please rise and give congratulations to these fine young people.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect"

H.P. 291 L.D. 474

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry"

H.P. 307 L.D. 490

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds"

H.P. 132 L.D. 211

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-191)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-191)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-191) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor Funding"

H.P. 246 L.D. 395

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-187)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-187) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling"

H.P. 247 L.D. 396

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-188)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-188)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Study the State Natural Gas Supply Pursuant to the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act"

H.P. 467 L.D. 698

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-185)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 138 L.D. 217

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-200)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-200) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource

H.P. 1051 L.D. 1641

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-197)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-197)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-197) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds"

H.P. 585 L.D. 938

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-181)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-181)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-181) **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 Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 555 L.D. 899

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-202)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202) **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 Allow Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses"

H.P. 895 L.D. 1400

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-203)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-203)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-203) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Create a Program for Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19"

H.P. 159 L.D. 238

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-171)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-171)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-171) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Define 'Kickboxing' and 'Muay Thai' in the Laws Governing Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing"

H.P. 597 L.D. 950

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 622 L.D. 975

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-169)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-169)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-169) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding Unemployment Benefits for Part-time Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities"

H.P. 593 L.D. 946

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-174)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-174)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-174) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors"
H.P. 37 L.D. 62

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-190)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George
H.P. 233 L.D. 382

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-189)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-189)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-189) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources"
H.P. 937 L.D. 1441

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)**.

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
BLACK of Franklin
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

PLUECKER of Warren
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HALL of Wilton
HEPLER of Woolwich
JACKSON of Oxford
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

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

Signed:

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
CRAY of Palmyra

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-175)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-175)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-175) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Require All Police Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty"
H.P. 672 L.D. 1036

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-176)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-177)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-176)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-176)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-176)** 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: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Harrington.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in opposition to the motion, not because I don't think police officers should carry Narcan. I am a police officer, I carry Narcan. I've administered Narcan several times. This bill title is misleading, however. Police officers in Maine are already carrying Narcan. This changes a very key word in statute from 'may administer Narcan' to 'shall administer Narcan' and, while I believe all police officers in Maine are administering Narcan when they think it's safe to do so, I think this blurs the lines a little too much, and I think police officers need to focus on being police officers first and if it's safe to do so, administer Narcan. I don't want to see a situation - I think a lot of people forget that police officers are introducing firearms to these

very volatile scenes, and I think police officers need to focus on being police officers first and, if it's safe to do so, administer Narcan, and this takes away all discretion. It says you shall administer Narcan, and I - you know, I've talked to several fire chiefs this morning who agree that, you know, we could - this could lead to a situation where police officers are going to get tunnel vision. They're going to be so focused on administering Narcan, they're going to forget their 18 weeks of training they received at the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program, and they're going to be going into administering Narcan and not their core function of being police officers, and I'm worried that this could get police officers injured. So, I would ask that you follow my light and go with the other report. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-176) 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 (#181)

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-176)** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-176) **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 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Development of a Course Regarding the Use of Manufactured Wood Products

H.P. 547 L.D. 881

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
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:

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-182)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-182)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-182) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, to Conduct a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses

H.P. 324 L.D. 519

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BOYLE of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-186)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-186)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-186) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care"

H.P. 71 L.D. 103

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-168)**.

Signed:
Senator:
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:
ROBERTS of South Berwick
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
CROCKETT of Portland
LANIGAN of Sanford
LaROCHELLE of Augusta
NESS of Fryeburg
SAYRE of Kennebunk
WALKER of Naples
WHITE of Waterville

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

Signed:
Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representative:
SMITH of Palermo

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-168)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-168)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-168) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Regional Law Libraries"
H.P. 285 L.D. 468

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

Signed:
Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:
MOONEN of Portland
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
POIRIER of Skowhegan
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)**.

Signed:
Senator:
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not To Pass** Report.)

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance"
H.P. 596 L.D. 949

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)**.

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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173)**.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I've looked at this in a cursory fashion and I frankly don't understand this bill and what it does and I'm wondering if one of the sponsors or committee members could enlighten me. Thank you.

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

Senator **TIPPING:** Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you for the question. This bill is meant to address an issue that we've seen more lately. It's been exacerbated as more folks work from home, starting with the pandemic, where employers have been turning on cameras without employees' knowledge on their computers and monitoring them in their own homes. So, this would prohibit audio and video monitoring in homes and private vehicles. It would also allow employees to decline to install surveillance software on their personal devices - it wouldn't affect company devices at all - and it would also require some basic notification if employers are going to start monitoring employees.

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

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to pose another question through the Chair, if that would be admissible.

The **PRESIDENT:** The Senator from Aroostook may proceed.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. So, I just want to - this bill had a number of questions in caucus and so I think I understand the intent, which is to protect employees when they're working from home, from their own devices being, you know, used somehow by the employer. Does - but at the same time, there's been a drive to have some accountability metric baked into the work from home dynamic post-COVID. So, is it the case that this bill would simply say we're not saying that we can't

monitor your work from home but just that if we are going to do that, first off, you know, you have to be in agreement to that on a personal device and you can't do it without some sort of notice to the employee. Is that - am I understanding the bill correctly?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart, has posed a series of questions through the Chair to anyone who may answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Tipping.

Senator **TIPPING:** That's essentially correct. It provides this ability to decline to install software on their own devices. It doesn't, as I said, affect company devices, and that would be protected, as I understand it, under the retaliation provisions of the employment statutes. I would also note that there were some concerns raised during the public hearing about this affecting fleet monitoring and some other aspects of certain businesses and this was heavily amended to address those specific concerns.

THE PRESIDENT: 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#182)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LYFORD, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN

28 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Municipal Buildings"

H.P. 184 L.D. 286

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representative:

HASENFUS of Readfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-180)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-180)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Cumberland, 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 Cumberland, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this bill, and the amendment to this bill, refines the authorized use of tax increment financing funds and by proposing that the construction or renovation of a government municipal office may be made and the funds 50% of the capital costs can't exceed

15% of the captured assessed value. It sounds pretty good. The thing about this bill is that it really relates back to an issue I was involved with back in the 1990s. Probably the - one of the best things that I was ever associated with in my years of public service was the Poland Spring company had looked at six different locations for a new site and so the Poland Spring company, one of them was Hollis, right in the middle of my Senate district, so I was pretty excited about that, you can imagine. Well, part of this was, and we had just authorized in a previous year the use of tax increment financing. So, we talked to the company, which was owned by Nestle at that point, and we decided to support the project and we developed a TIF. So, like a lot of TIFs that you're familiar with, some of them have been around for 30 years, so they're coming to an end. So, what happens at the very end of a TIF is sometimes there's balances left at the end. Well, those balances still should be spent on what was agreed upon with the TIF. So, in other words, in this particular TIF, costs associated with roads and other implements to help that business, they're paid for by that captured value, and the assessment is frozen, as you know, locally. So, what a TIF does is it keeps your costs down to county and to schools by freezing your town's assessed value. Because if you think of it, a tiny town like Hollis to have a 1-million square foot plant with 400-some-odd employees, I mean, you talk about an increase in assessed value in a town, you've got it right there. In fact, it was groundbreaking. So, I was excited about that. But we entered into an agreement, and we had the local vote and the vote came out, you know, probably 150-something to eight, everybody was in favor of it except a very few people. Well, now, though, it seems that the town of Hollis - and that's what this - where this bill came from - wants to go back and use their TIF funds that are left over to build themselves a new town hall. The problem that I have from that, from a personal standpoint, is it was against the law to do that when we put the TIF together. It's in the law. You may not construct a municipal building. And so, this would change that. And, you know, I'm kind of a contract law guy, if you enter into an agreement, you honor the agreement. You follow it, you don't go back and retroactively change the contract, which is kind of what this would do, in my opinion. So, you know, there's a majority of Senators are on the Minority Report, I want you to notice, and we - I think we firmly believe that maybe if it was perspective or something like that, but in this particular case, it seems kind of odd. And then, in addition to that, town funds for projects, you know, it's kind of fungible so, I mean, if a town wants to build a municipal building, the town of Hollis, they're going to be able to do it. And, you know, spend these funds on a road project related to the truck route like we're supposed to and, you know, as opposed to - and find funds elsewhere for the municipal new town office. I don't see why we should ever support something like this. It's retroactively changing an agreement that was made, and that's the reason for me to oppose this Ought to Pass as Amended and I hope you will oppose it, and I hope you'll join me in supporting the Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Grohoski.

Senator **GROHOSKI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, I'm pleased to speak in support of this motion, and I thank the Good Senator for Cumberland for helping us with the history so that I don't have to, because TIFs are not always the most fun topic to talk about. I wanted to let you all know why I

support this bill. I think it is - it's very restrictive. For instance, we're only allowing 15% of the captured assessed value to go towards supporting renovations or construction of a town's office. That's the exact same percent that we allow to go to supporting those same sort of improvements for public safety. Now, in the town that I live in, the public safety, such as fire and police, are in the town office. Also in the town office is our economic development director and our code enforcement officer. These are all people and services that help with economic development and so I think it is entirely appropriate for us to allow this small percentage of value to go to supporting a community's ability to make its own choices, to have local control around the use of this money, to increase their economic development potential by having what is a safe, welcoming, modern town office. Because I think if you were a business and you went to a town office and found that it was falling apart, you may not want to invest in that town. The Taxation Committee found that it would be helpful to know that the town itself has skin in the game, which is why we require that only 50% of the money could come from TIFs. So, we want - that 50% would come from taxation of the community, and 50% could come from TIFs. So, we think this is a really important way to show that they are fully bought into this as well. So, the bill was amended with those two restrictions. I would add that 26 states and the District of Columbia allow this already and I would just ask that this Chamber recognize that there have been many changes made to the TIF program over the years. This is a reasonable extension of changes that were already made, and what it does is it supports our local municipalities in making decisions for themselves rather than having the State stand in the way of what makes sense for them for their economic development and for keeping their property taxes under control. Thank you.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, this bill, to be clear, is a bill to basically help one town, the town of Hollis, that would like to build a new town hall and use TIF money they have from Poland Spring to do it as opposed to paying for it the way all the other towns in the state do. I can understand why they might want to do that, and I think, while some may be able to argue that any project can be considered economic development, this is not economic development. This is not what TIF money was intended for, and we should not create the loophole that this bill would create. And I do agree that police and fire departments are part of town halls in some cases, but that doesn't mean that the portion of the building that's not related to police and fire should be financed with TIF funds. Yes, businesses do go to town halls to conduct business once in a while, but that doesn't mean that building a new town hall with TIF money is economic development and there are many states that do not allow this. We should not create a new loophole with this bill, and I hope you'll vote against the bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't planning on speaking to this bill but I felt that I had to as a former town councilor. TIF funds are the only tool that cities and towns have

for economic development in Maine and it also is a way to protect the taxpayers and the tax burden. We all talk about how we want to lower property taxes and this is a tool where a city or town can defer some of their property tax burden. Is this a change? Yes and I call it progress. A city or town should be able to - we're talking about a town hall or a town administrative building. We're not talking about libraries, schools, anything other than that, just a simple town hall, where the economic development director may reside. So, this would be something that would come under the classification of economic development and I hope you support the motion.

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

Senator **INGWERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to emphasize a couple of points the good Senator from Hancock made. There's some good guardrails to this bill, which is one of the reasons I'm in support of it. Funds can only be spent for 50% of the capital cost of construction, of renovation, of a central administrative office if they can't exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district. But most of all, to me, this is a local control issue. Local leaders deciding how to use their resources. Yes, it might not be common. Not only the town of Hollis will take advantage of this. You know, there may be other rural districts that need to take advantage of this that just don't have the resources. And I guess finally what I'd like to say is that reducing the tax burden from rural communities, in itself, is economic development for a lot of people in rural communities that don't have the advantages of our more urban districts. So, thank you, and I hope you'll support this.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, men and women of the Senate. I just rise to bring to your attention the fact that the use of TIF funds for the construction of a town hall is illegal and so you'd want to ask yourself why was it illegal, why was it illegal in the first place? And I don't think I need to spell out to you why it was illegal, I think you can probably figure out why. And I believe that that's a pretty good check. I can't disagree with all of my good colleagues' speeches in here about economic development and the importance of it, for sure, and that's what TIFs are for. Another TIF, another project, you know, that - that could also be utilized in a town like Hollis or anywhere else. But to get in recovery from that a new town hall, that's, you know, that's why the law was made the way it was, and it is still the law today. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: 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 Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#183)

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

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, BRAKEY, CHIPMAN, DUSON, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, LAFOUNTAIN, POULIOT

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-180) **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 Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

H.P. 151 L.D. 230

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
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
HYMES of Waldo
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-183)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-183)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-183) **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 Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration"

H.P. 158 L.D. 237

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

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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)**.

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 NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the
Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** 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 Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland,
Senator **DAUGHTRY**, and further excused the same Senator
from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#184)

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN,
GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD,
MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN,
POULIOT

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators
having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the
motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the
Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence,
PREVAILED.

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An
Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks"
S.P. 378 L.D. 887

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the
Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An
Act to Remove All Marijuana-related Provisions from the Maine
Criminal Code and Expunge All Convictions Involving Marijuana"
S.P. 714 L.D. 1789

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES
AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for
Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings"
S.P. 659 L.D. 1654

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES
AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Kennebec
Sewer District Charter"
S.P. 680 L.D. 1693

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability
Requirements for the MaineCare Program"
S.P. 51 L.D. 84

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility
S.P. 201 L.D. 446

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Enter into Certain Leases
S.P. 664 L.D. 1659

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-121) **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 Promote Electricity Price Stability for Standard-offer Service"
S.P. 406 L.D. 987

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-127) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Automatically Increase a Residential Care or Nursing Facility Resident's Personal Needs Allowance Under the MaineCare Program When the Consumer Price Index Increases
S.P. 255 L.D. 587

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-131)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-131) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment"
S.P. 334 L.D. 775

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) **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 Decrease Barriers for Preventive Health Services by Allowing Pharmacy Technicians to Administer Vaccines"
S.P. 478 L.D. 1151

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-126) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality"

S.P. 293 L.D. 735

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-123) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Establishing a System to Appeal Administrative Actions or Management Plans of the Bureau of Parks and Lands"

S.P. 499 L.D. 1218

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

Signed:

Senator:
BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:
COSTAIN of Plymouth
CRAY of Palmyra
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HALL of Wilton
HEPLER of Woolwich
JACKSON of Oxford

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

Signed:

Senators:
INGWERSEN of York
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:
PLUECKER of Warren
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

Reports **READ**.

Senator **INGWERSEN** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#185)

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, POULIOT

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Establish Rights for Holders of Certain Leases and Easements on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands"

S.P. 500 L.D. 1219

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

Signed:

Senators:
INGWERSEN of York
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:
PLUECKER of Warren
HEPLER of Woolwich
JAUCH of Topsham
OSHER of Orono
SHAW of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-120)**.

Signed:

Senator:
BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:
COSTAIN of Plymouth
CRAY of Palmyra
GUERRETTE of Caribou
HALL of Wilton
JACKSON of Oxford

Reports **READ**.

Senator **INGWERSEN** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#186)

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, POULIOT

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities"
S.P. 640 L.D. 1608

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

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-128) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund"

S.P. 91 L.D. 187

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

Signed:

Senators:
LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
BOYLE of Gorham
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
PAUL of Winterport
WARREN of Scarborough

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-134)**.

Signed:

Representative:

RUNTE of York

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-133)** Report.

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 AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-133)** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services" S.P. 598 L.D. 1478

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-122)**.

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#187)

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

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, POULIOT

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-122) **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 Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care"

S.P. 348 L.D. 789

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

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
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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-130).**

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-129)** Report **ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-129) **READ and ADOPTED.**

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 Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis"

H.P. 360 L.D. 555

Bill "An Act Regarding Limits on Medication in Vending Machines"

H.P. 1040 L.D. 1615

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

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 245 L.D. 394

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-102) **READ and ADOPTED.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-102).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency of and Lower Health Care Costs"

H.P. 680 L.D. 1085

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-125) **READ and ADOPTED.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-125).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Update Provisions of the Department of Corrections Laws Regarding Operation and Administration of Jails, Women's Services and Juvenile Detention"

H.P. 8 L.D. 4
(C "A" H-141)

Bill "An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units"

H.P. 95 L.D. 154
(C "A" H-153)

Bill "An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Administering the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation"

H.P. 128 L.D. 207
(C "A" H-150)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion"

H.P. 169 L.D. 264
(C "A" H-160)

Bill "An Act to Add Gray Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 336 L.D. 531
(C "A" H-146)

Bill "An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education"
H.P. 389 L.D. 612
(C "A" H-155)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program"
H.P. 409 L.D. 632
(C "A" H-156)

Bill "An Act to Support Community-based Volunteer Organizations"
H.P. 435 L.D. 666
(C "A" H-151)

Bill "An Act to Protect Birds and Wildlife in the Construction and Maintenance of Public Buildings"
H.P. 439 L.D. 670
(C "A" H-102)

Bill "An Act to Implement Pilot Programs with Publicly Funded Day Care and Early Childhood Education"
H.P. 453 L.D. 684
(C "A" H-154)

Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association
H.P. 486 L.D. 797
(C "A" H-144)

Bill "An Act Regarding Low Success Rates for Moose Hunting"
H.P. 520 L.D. 831
(C "A" H-148)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine"
H.P. 628 L.D. 993
(C "A" H-143)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program"
H.P. 741 L.D. 1169
(C "A" H-157)

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests"
H.P. 768 L.D. 1208
(C "A" H-161)

Bill "An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 833 L.D. 1308
(C "A" H-159)

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Records of Disciplinary Actions Against Public Employees"
H.P. 892 L.D. 1397
(C "A" H-162)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law"
H.P. 1068 L.D. 1670
(C "A" H-145)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 385 L.D. 893

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication"
S.P. 692 L.D. 1728

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code"
S.P. 31 L.D. 39
(C "A" S-112)

Bill "An Act to Add Electric Bicycles to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program"
S.P. 122 L.D. 256
(C "A" S-114)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Its Environmental Permitting Laws
S.P. 225 L.D. 508
(C "A" S-118)

Bill "An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure"
S.P. 248 L.D. 580
(C "A" S-84)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Signature Requirements on Issuance of General Fund Bonds"
S.P. 318 L.D. 760
(C "A" S-110)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings"
S.P. 332 L.D. 773
(C "A" S-109)

Bill "An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services in Rural and Other Areas"
S.P. 557 L.D. 1390
(C "A" S-113)

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:

Emergency Measure

An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties
H.P. 287 L.D. 470
(C "A" H-100)

Comes from the House, **FAILED ENACTMENT.**

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program
S.P. 451 L.D. 1082

Comes from the House, **FAILED ENACTMENT.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-135) **READ and ADOPTED.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-135).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Acts

An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints
H.P. 111 L.D. 170
(C "A" H-113)

An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Accessible from a Pharmacist
S.P. 158 L.D. 351
(C "A" S-82)

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

An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements
H.P. 457 L.D. 688

An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals During Urgent Care Visits
S.P. 280 L.D. 722
(C "A" S-80)

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
(C "A" S-79)

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions
H.P. 767 L.D. 1207

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)

An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees
S.P. 515 L.D. 1278

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

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

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

An Act Regarding Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities
H.P. 146 L.D. 225
(C "A" H-118)

Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services"
H.P. 1280 L.D. 2002

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

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

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

Resolves

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

Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters
S.P. 537 L.D. 1318
(C "A" S-77)

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters 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 (5/16/23) matter:

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

Tabled - May 23, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

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

(In Senate, May 16, 2023, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, May 18, 2023, that Body **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Require Funding for African American Studies"
H.P. 1279 L.D. 2001

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/23/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements"
H.P. 1264 L.D. 1967

Tabled - May 23, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, May 18, 2023, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/23/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Permit Recordings of a Protected Person to Be Admissible In Evidence"

S.P. 324 L.D. 765

Report "**A**" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-115)** (7 members)

Report "**B**" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-116)** (3 members)

Report "**C**" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-117)** (1 member)

Report "**D**" - **Ought Not to Pass** (1 member)

Tabled - May 23, 2023 by Senator Carney of Cumberland

Pending - Acceptance of Any Report

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-115)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-115) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.