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

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
May 30, 2023

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

Prayer by Poet Laureate Julia Bouwsma of New Portland.

MS. BOUWSMA: As a poet, the prayer today is in the form of a sestina.

Prayer after another hard winter. Now all I crave is the verdant alchemy of trees. I can offer no blessing that doesn't begin or end in limbs clambering skyward. Leaves so green when you breathe their scent you cannot distinguish sweet from sharp. The cut branches' bright bubble of sap at the end of my pruning shears. This heart is a woods road, marked by so many footprints in soft-set mud. These hands are farmer's hands, calloused among the plums, lopping shoots of blossoms, pink and pungent with promise. Here is what I know about blossom. It fills you as fast as it fades, perfume lingering as petals wither, blessing and loss lifting into the air together. A scent you could hold in your hands, it's that palpable. The urge to survive, our fear of being crushed by all this green beauty, fear that maybe we'll fail to open ourselves wide enough, that the heart can't possibly bear another flood or windstorm, spring snowsquall that cuts through the daffodils, bowing their yellow heads to the earth. That cuts and splinters a branch from the apple tree I just planted, already blossom heavy in my mind, already picturing the Black Oxford held like a dark heart in my palm, each bite of pulp and sugar and tannin and juice a blessing, spilling the mouth. For perhaps prayer is simply a spilling over. That green surge of peepers' song that overflows my hilltop bog and leaves my hands trembling under the cacophony of it all. Sometimes, I have the urge to hand this too much feeling off, to pass it along and stop walking the world cut side out, though I don't, I won't, there's too much to do. The soil green already with the weeds to be pulled, eggplant seedlings purpling and to blossom on the picnic table, ready to be planted, which is the only kind of blessing I know. Tuck everything I love into the soft clench of earth, root my heart to the page, against the blank white page a thicket of vines. My heart will grow tendrils, words coil sinew by emerald sinew. Take my hand, stranger. Let's grow, stranger, together here in this bramble. What a blessing to know that somewhere, someone is listening. At the lilac bush I cut a lush bouquet then pound the stem ends with a hammer. Blossoms scatter my countertop. The split bark peels back to expose green skin heartwood. I'm told the flowers drink deeper that way. I'm still green to these tricks, but learning, and grateful for the chance to feel new, heart hungry for cycle and season, even after all we've lost. Can we blossom another word for prayer from our pain? Can we stand hand in hand and try? My people don't name death when we pray for those cut from us, we don't name our grief, we just keep unfurling our blessing louder, higher, past our own green song, past the bowl of the sky, hands aloft, hearts in our hands, knowing each

wound, each place we've been cut is a spot where blessing might set. Our voice, our work rising as blossom.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Eric L. Brakey of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures
H.P. 704 L.D. 1108
(C "A" H-57)

In Senate, May 23, 2023, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators
H.P. 713 L.D. 1117

In Senate, May 23, 2023, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **INSIST**.

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

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#188)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, VITELLI

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR FAILED**.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1281

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING APRIL 2023 AS THE 29TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENOCIDE AGAINST
THE TUTSI IN RWANDA**

WHEREAS, genocide is a human tragedy inspired by the most repugnant elements of hatred, intolerance and inhumanity; and

WHEREAS, the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda has been internationally recognized as the massacre of nearly 1,000,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu in Rwanda; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that genocide, millions of men, women and children were murdered or experienced forced migration; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the world has commemorated the genocide against the Tutsi in April to honor the memory of the men, women and children who died and to express solidarity with the survivors; and

WHEREAS, the genocide against the Tutsi has left a solemn reminder that we must work together to protect the vulnerable, uphold human rights and prevent genocide; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing, remembering and educating ourselves in all cases of past and ongoing genocide, we help protect historic memory, ensure that similar atrocities do not occur and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, recognizing April as Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month preserves the memory of its victims, honors survivors, assists the struggle against future genocides and fosters a peaceful coexistence between diverse communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2023 as the 29th Anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and as Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month, and we invite the citizens of the State to join in activities commemorating this solemn observance and to recognize how much more we must do in the struggle against this evil crime against humanity.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1282

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND
RECOGNIZING MAY 29, 2023 AS MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

WHEREAS, after World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members killed in all of our Nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and in 1971 Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May; and

WHEREAS, as we observe Memorial Day, it is important to reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our armed forces have made in upholding the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the heroic men and women who perished as a result of their service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 29, 2023 as Memorial Day and encourage all citizens to honor those men and women who lost their lives while serving to protect our Nation.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 551

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

May 25, 2023

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, Chapter 1683, Subchapter 1, §8718, I have appointed the Honorable Poppy Arford of Brunswick to serve as the House member, seat 3, on the *Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 557

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

May 26, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing Representative Michael Lemelin of Chelsea to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, replacing Representative Lucas Lanigan of Sanford, effective May 26, 2023. This appointment will expire at the end of the day on May 26, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this temporary appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 552

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

May 25, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Linda J. Conti, Esquire of Augusta, for appointment as the Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection.

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	Bailey, D. of York
	Representatives	9	Arford, P. of Brunswick, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Cyrway, S. of Albion, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Morris, J. of Turner, Nutting, R. of Oakland, Pringle, J. of Windham, Swallow, G. of Houlton

NAYS 0
ABSENT 3 Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin, Sen. Reny, C. of Lincoln, Rep. Perry, A. of Calais

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 Linda J. Conti, Esquire of Augusta, for appointment as the Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** 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 (#189)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, VITELLI

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Linda J. Conti**, Esquire of Augusta, for appointment as the Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very, very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Linda Conti, the new Superintendent. Would she please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 554

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

May 24, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 992 An Act to Create a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects
- L.D. 1113 An Act to Require Transparency Regarding School Construction Spending
- L.D. 1567 An Act to Create a Training Program for School Board Members and Establish School Board Meeting Standards
- L.D. 1571 An Act to Provide Meaningful Public Participation at Local School Board Meetings
- L.D. 1697 An Act to Implement Background Checks for School Board Members
- L.D. 1842 Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 553

Sincerely,

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

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

May 24, 2023

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 556

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 182 An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents
- L.D. 183 An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs
- L.D. 268 An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs
- L.D. 364 An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources
- L.D. 454 An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance
- L.D. 715 An Act to Strengthen Child Protection
- L.D. 1174 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products
- L.D. 1321 An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives
- L.D. 1382 An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease
- L.D. 1972 Resolve, to Improve Long-term Care for the People of Maine (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

- L.D. 126 An Act to Improve the Fairness of Adaptive Management Study Moose Hunt Permits by Exempting Those Permittees from the 4-year Limitation on Receiving Another Permit
- L.D. 1534 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species
- L.D. 1563 An Act to Allow a Resident of Agricultural Land to Enlist License Holders to Hunt on the Land (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1599 An Act to Create an Outfitter License for Owners and Operators of Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Businesses That Are Not Maine Guides
- L.D. 1924 An Act to Provide for Enforcement of Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 555

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

May 25, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 1746 An Act to Require Responsible Contracting Practices for Public Construction Projects

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 187

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

May 25, 2023

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
131st Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby it accepted the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Restoring Gold and Silver as Legal Tender" (S.P. 507) (L.D. 1270) and Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-64).

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Carter Roughton, of Saco, a member of Troop No. 371, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 577

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco,
GATTINE of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, men and women of the Senate, today I'm happy to welcome Carter Roughton and his father, Kevin, to the Senate Chamber. Earlier this year, Carter attained the rank of Eagle Scout for Boy Scout Troop 371. The honor of Eagle Scout is the highest rank that the Boy Scouts of America offers. It is an honor given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth, and community service. Only 5% of Boy Scout members ever attain this rank, and I did find out this morning that Carter's father in fact attained the rank in his younger days. For his service project, Carter coordinated the making of a new stretch of trails in the Moses Woodman Preserve for the Saco Valley Land Trust. He also built primitive benches in woodland habitats with the trail debris. Throughout the project, Carter sought financial support, materials, and volunteers, all while overseeing each component of the work. During Carter's Eagle Scout Court of Honor, he shared that one of his favorite scouting memories was attending the Scout Masters Camporee at West Point in 2022. He also mentioned camping at Camp Hinds, Piazza Rock, and co-troop leader Leo DeLima's backyard. Family and friends will go on more camping trips over the summer. At school, Carter is active in the Classics Club and the National Honor Society at Thornton Academy. He's graduating this year and will attend Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, where he will study game design. Thank you, Carter, for your contributions and service to our community. I'm proud to present you with Legislative Sentiment to you and to recognize you for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. The character, friendships, lessons, and values that you acquired through the Boy Scouts of America will carry you through graduation from Thornton Academy, on to college, and beyond. I'm very proud of you, I wish you the very best, and I know that

you have a bright future ahead of you. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Carter Roughton and his father, Kevin Roughton. They are from the city of Saco and they are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Bailey, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Mal Leary, of Augusta, the longtime dean of the Maine State House press corps. Mr. Leary was one of the most trusted people in the State House and was well-liked by politicians and aides for his old-school approach. Chronicling state politics for more than 45 years, he reported across all mediums in a career that started during the tenure of independent Governor James Longley. His contributions to journalism in Maine were tremendous. Mr. Leary will be long remembered for his integrity and commitment to transparency in Maine's government and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 576

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
 Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, KEIM of Oxford, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ADAMS of Lebanon, ALBERT of Madawaska, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BAGSHAW of Windham, BELL of Yarmouth, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Portland, CYRWAY of Albion, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of East Machias, DHALAC

of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Embden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GALLETTA of Durham, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Watford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PAULHUS of Bath, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, POMERLEAU of Standish, PRINGLE of Windham, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE of Carmel, WALKER of Naples, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues of the Senate, Mal Leary was an excellent reporter. He was fair, thorough, and deeply committed to ensuring the people of Maine knew what was happening within their state government. Mal seemed to know everything that was going on within the State House and missed very little in his reporting. I got to know him during the 14 years I served on the Appropriations Committee. Mal would monitor our meetings from his tiny press corps office in the basement of the Cross building and, like clockwork, turn up in our committee room a few minutes after the committee adjourned, whether it was 5:00 in the afternoon or 1:00 in the morning, and

he had a way of positioning himself between the horseshoe and door so you could not avoid him and avoid giving him a comment.

I always appreciated and respected Mal's commitment to the public's right to know about the work of their government. He was a driving force in the establishment of the Right to Know Advisory Committee, which has done such important work in bringing forward legislation that allows the public greater freedom of access to information. While I will miss Mal here in the State House, his standard of excellence in journalism and his commitment to the freedom of access to information will continue to inspire and inform all who knew him and all who will follow him. Thank you.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow Members of the Senate, there are five words in this sentiment which I want to draw your attention to: trusted, well liked, old school, integrity, transparency. It's really hard to have been involved for a number of decades, as some of us have been involved, in Maine politics and government without getting to know Mal Leary. I worked with him back when I was President of the Senate on this passion of his to create a Maine-Span, a Maine version of C-Span. This was before we had really a well-functioning internet and cameras everywhere, and we have the kind of facility that we now have, to get our work out to the public, where they can participate and observe everything we do. Mal was way ahead of the curve there, trying to make sure that transparency was utmost in the work of the public that we do here.

Mal was one of the people that you never have felt shy about talking to because he always received the information that was given to him respectfully, thoughtfully, and nonjudgmentally. He took it as part of an unfolding tapestry of work that we're all involved with and, as a result, he had perhaps the keenest insights about what was going on here in the State House of everybody I ever met. In fact, he sometimes seemed to know better about what I was doing than I did.

I learned from Mal that the simple act of talking with other people, listening to them, rather than pre-judging, making assumptions, actually listen to people and hear what they have to say, is - is really critical to getting our work done, and I fear that not as much of that is being done these days. So, with Mal's passing, we see the passing of an age in Maine politics, and I will do my part, and I ask you all to do the same, to honor his memory by sustaining the qualities embedded in those five words: trusted, well liked, old school, integrity, and transparency. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I want to echo the thoughts of both my colleagues who spoke on this Resolution and to provide my perspective on Mal, because he was both a great reporter and somebody I would consider a friend, and with Mal, you had to be always on your toes. He's not somebody you could shmooze, he's not somebody you could try to steer in a direction. He was nonpartisan, he didn't engage in personalities in the Legislature, and he had a very - his reporting was very deep, and he would go very deep into the issues and dig out what he felt the truth was

and what was often the truth in legislation. We have a citizens' legislature here in the State of Maine and our citizens' legislature operates very well. It operates because we have citizens serving in the Legislature who go outside and work, but it also operates very well because we have a very strong press corps, and a strong press corps that digs deeply into issues, and Mal was a leader of that, that's why he was seen as a dean of the press corps. Mal never took sides on issues. He always presented things with clarity and with reasonableness, and he didn't represent anybody, any side here in the Legislature. Who he represented was the public, and the public's right to know, and the public's right to know the details of what was going on.

I will tell one humorous story about Mal. You know, Mal used to - we would have caucuses and Mal - we tried to keep confidential what was in the caucuses - both sides did - and Mal would often know, even before the door of the caucus opened, what had taken place in the caucus. He had such great sources around the State House. And there was a recent Facebook post, I think it was from the President's secretary that was on Facebook, about a bat being in the State House and the bats that live in the State House and occasionally appear, and there was speculation that Mal had trained one of them to go into our caucuses and eavesdrop so that he would know. That's who Mal was. He had such great contacts around the State House and was so trusted. There's very little that took place in this State House that he did not know and make available to the public. And we will sorely miss having his conscience here in the State House. Thank you.

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

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise just to join in the chorus here. As a young person in the Legislature, I didn't get a lot of time with Mal, certainly not as much as some of you, but I really enjoyed the opportunity that I did have to work with him. I thought, to the Senator from York's point, he would really dig in on some complex policy issues, and you don't really see that all too often in this business. Oftentimes, it's - it could be about clickbait or other motives that are driving some work that's done, but not with Mal. Mal was really committed to getting the truth out there, regardless of how difficult or complex it might be and how challenging that might be to somebody on the outside trying to figure out what's happening, you know, under the dome. And he really, he wasn't on the outside, he was a staple of the institution. Even in the short time that I knew him, that was made blatantly clear to me. And I just - my only regret is that I don't have more time to see him work and to see the products that he would produce and try to help educate the people of Maine. And so, he will be sorely missed by all, and thoughts are certainly with his family.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits"

H.P. 355 L.D. 550

Reported that the same be referred to the committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs

H.P. 1077 L.D. 1678

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-211)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-211)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-211) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Promote Equity in the Permitting Appeals Process"

H.P. 140 L.D. 219

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-204)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-204)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-204) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of 'Significant Wildlife Habitat' Under the Natural Resources Protection Act"

H.P. 794 L.D. 1246

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-205)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-205)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-205) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program"

H.P. 51 L.D. 81

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-218)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-218)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-218) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Invest in the Health and Wellness of Older Maine Residents by Expanding Coordinated Community Programming"
H.P. 1083 L.D. 1684

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-206)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-206) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Producer Licensing Act to Authorize Licensure as a Pet Insurance Producer"
H.P. 814 L.D. 1266

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-219)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-219)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-219) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 829 L.D. 1304

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-220)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-220)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-220) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation"
H.P. 837 L.D. 1322

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-213)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-213) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared"
H.P. 55 L.D. 87

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-212)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-212)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-212) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery"
H.P. 806 L.D. 1258

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-215)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-215)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-215) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program"
H.P. 442 L.D. 673

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

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
ARDELL of Monticello
HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-217)**.

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representative:

NEWMAN of Belgrade

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox 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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to the motion in front of us. This is a piece of legislation that was put forward by both myself and Representative Mike Lajoie of Lewiston from the other Chamber, seeking to address what is a very real acute problem I'm sure that many of our communities are experiencing, which is the - a real shortage of law enforcement officers for the need that's out there. It's gotten so bad that communities are bidding law enforcement officers away from each other. I know that in Auburn, where I reside, and our neighboring city of Lewiston, where Representative Lajoie resides, we've often been in a bidding war against each other for law enforcement personnel. Now, the proposal before us - and I will note that the alternate report waters it down to just a study, which would be a good step - but the bill in front of us was a proposal that came to me from both the Auburn Chief of Police and the Auburn City Manager, who's a former Chief of Police for the city. And what they've observed is that right now, under our current system, where there's only one pathway for training and certification to become a law enforcement officer in the state through the residential academy, this has become a bottleneck, where we can't get enough officers trained quickly enough to fill the roles, and it's also a deterrent for those who perhaps they've got a family, and they can't take months away from their family to go into a residential training program. So, all this is looking to do is examine perhaps in our community colleges, for example, would it make sense to have a nonresidential training program where we can train people through - with all the same standards to qualify to be a law enforcement officer and help with the shortage that we're experiencing right now. So, if you recognize the shortage, as I'm sure we all do, and you think that creating some easier pathways to have nonresidential training would be a way to alleviate that, as the heads of law enforcement in my community believe, then I hope that you will vote against the pending motion and support the minority - the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended report. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#190)

YEAS: Senators: BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, DUSON, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, TIPPING, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BENNETT, BRAKEY, CURRY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, VITELLI

12 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **FAILED**.

The Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-217) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools" H.P. 217 L.D. 343

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-214)**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

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

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-214)**.

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-214) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances" H.P. 1213 L.D. 1892

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
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 To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Limiting the Requirement to Offer Clear Choice Design Health Plans" H.P. 800 L.D. 1252

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-210)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BAILEY** of York 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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. This is a divided report coming out of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee. I'm speaking in opposition to the Ought Not to Pass motion and in favor of the Minority Report. Essentially, what the alternate report and what the underlying bill would do is it would allow for different plan designs for individual and small group plans on the health insurance exchange. What we heard is that since, well, since a law that went into effect just two years - two years ago, and I've spoken with Senator Bailey, I know that there's a lot of evaluation of how this is working out in the long run, but according to that law, these plan designs for small group and individual are required to be the same in a lot of respects. But we're hearing from employers that they need more flexibility of options in terms of the plans that they're picking and customizing for their employees. And I think it has been recognized by many that for individuals buying an individual health plan, a certain degree of standardization is - and simplicity is appreciated, but that employers, when they're picking plans for their employees, they're often dealing with - they're often working with assistance through brokers or agents who can help walk them through the process a lot more and understanding the options that are there. And so, I ask the Body to reject the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report so that we can accept the alternate report and give folks some more choice and flexibility in health coverage options. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#191)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, VITELLI

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 961 L.D. 1506

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion
SWALLOW of Houlton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-209)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-209)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-209) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Address Maine's Housing Crisis"
H.P. 4 L.D. 2

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-221)**.

Signed:

Senators:

PIERCE of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

GERE of Kennebunkport
BLIER of Buxton
GATTINE of Westbrook
GOLEK of Harpswell
LOOKNER of Portland
RANA of Bangor
STOVER of Boothbay

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-222)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CAMPBELL of Orrington
MORRIS of Turner

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-221)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-221)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Senator **PIERCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I rise to speak on and ask for your support for L.D. 2, An Act to Address Maine's Housing Crisis. This is a transformational piece of legislation and the first step in addressing our housing crisis in Maine. This legislation is a Housing First initiative. It is estimated that there are over 400 to

700 people living in chronic homelessness in Maine. This legislation provides an opportunity to directly help the most vulnerable in our community by working with developers to build housing and then providing 24/7 psych-based services. These services help tenants with issues that may occur regarding mental health needs, substance use issues, or other help that may be needed as these Mainers become housed. It also allows funds to be available to help those not in need of 24/7 services but might need some level of help or care.

Senator Pouliot and I had the opportunity, along with other members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing, to tour Huston Commons, a Housing First building in Portland. We saw firsthand how this unique program works. We met the tenants, toured the apartments, and spoke with the staff. We saw the success of the space and learned about the additional resources and support needed to replicate this type of housing. In addition, our committee met with the former State Senate President in Utah, who has championed this type of legislation as well and found great success in his state. One of the amazing elements of Housing First is it is a counterbalance to what is happening now, where Mainers are currently - chronically homeless Mainers are living in our shelters, in homeless encampments, on the front steps of businesses, and/or cycling through our emergency rooms. As I stated above, this legislation will be transformational for our state, most importantly for those most vulnerable by providing safe, warm, affordable place to call home, but also for the greater - our greater communities. Housing First is the first step in our journey to help all Mainers find housing at all levels. I'm grateful for the work of my colleagues on the committee, for their incredible attention so far to the work that needs to be done. I hope that you will follow my light. Mr. President, I ask for a Roll Call on this bill. And I thank you for your time today.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, 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 (#192)

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

NAYS: Senators: FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, VITELLI

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 4 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Reestablish the Marine Recreational Fishery Advisory Council at the Department of Marine Resources"

H.P. 751 L.D. 1179

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

Signed:

Senators:

RENY of Lincoln
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-208)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

DAVIS of East Machias
DOUDERA of Camden

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BEEBE-CENTER for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate Employment in the Field of Emergency Medical Services"

S.P. 390 L.D. 919

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-137) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Require a Disclaimer on Promotional Materials for Medicare, Medicaid and MaineCare Products by Private Entities"
S.P. 508 L.D. 1271

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-139) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LaFOUNTAIN for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation"
S.P. 290 L.D. 732

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-136) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Atlantic Standard Time

S.P. 408 L.D. 989

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-140) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase State Oversight of Election Funding by Requiring Approval by the Legislature"
S.P. 730 L.D. 1805

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" (S-138)**.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec 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 (#193)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BALDACCI, BLACK, DAUGHTRY, LAFOUNTAIN, VITELLI

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

House

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

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

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors"
H.P. 37 L.D. 62
(C "A" H-190)

Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care"
H.P. 71 L.D. 103
(C "A" H-168)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Supply Protection Funds"
H.P. 132 L.D. 211
(C "A" H-191)

Bill "An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"
H.P. 138 L.D. 217
(C "A" H-200)

Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell
H.P. 151 L.D. 230
(C "A" H-183)

Bill "An Act to Create a Program for Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19"
H.P. 159 L.D. 238
(C "A" H-171)

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
(C "A" H-180)

Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George
H.P. 233 L.D. 382
(C "A" H-189)

Bill "An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor Funding"
H.P. 246 L.D. 395
(C "A" H-187)

Bill "An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling"
H.P. 247 L.D. 396
(C "A" H-188)

Resolve, to Conduct a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses
H.P. 324 L.D. 519
(C "A" H-186)

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
(C "A" H-185)

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Development of a Course Regarding the Use of Manufactured Wood Products (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 547 L.D. 881
(C "A" H-182)

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
(C "A" H-202)

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

H.P. 585 L.D. 938
(C "A" H-181)

Bill "An Act Regarding Unemployment Benefits for Part-time Faculty at Public Colleges and Universities"

H.P. 593 L.D. 946
(C "A" H-174)

Bill "An Act to Protect Workers from Employer Surveillance"

H.P. 596 L.D. 949
(C "A" H-173)

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

H.P. 597 L.D. 950
(C "A" H-170)

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
(C "A" H-169)

Bill "An Act to Require All Police Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty"

H.P. 672 L.D. 1036
(C "A" H-176)

Bill "An Act to Allow Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 895 L.D. 1400
(C "A" H-203)

Bill "An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources"

H.P. 937 L.D. 1441
(C "A" H-175)

Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1051 L.D. 1641
(C "A" H-197)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program"

S.P. 51 L.D. 84

Resolve, to Update Allowable Limits on Mortuary Trusts for the Purposes of MaineCare Eligibility

S.P. 201 L.D. 446

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings"

S.P. 659 L.D. 1654

Bill "An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter"

S.P. 680 L.D. 1693

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

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
(C "A" S-131)

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
(C "A" S-123)

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

S.P. 324 L.D. 765
(C "A" S-115)

Bill "An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment"

S.P. 334 L.D. 775
(C "A" S-132)

Bill "An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care"

S.P. 348 L.D. 789
(C "A" S-129)

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

S.P. 406 L.D. 987
(C "A" S-127)

Bill "An Act to Decrease Barriers for Preventive Health Services by Allowing Pharmacy Technicians to Administer Vaccines"

S.P. 478 L.D. 1151
(C "A" S-126)

Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services"

S.P. 598 L.D. 1478
(C "A" S-122)

Bill "An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities"

S.P. 640 L.D. 1608
(C "A" S-128)

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
(C "A" S-121)

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 Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service

H.P. 225 L.D. 374

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

H.P. 242 L.D. 391
(C "A" H-130)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes

H.P. 68 L.D. 100
(C "A" H-120)

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

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

An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 17 Years of Age

H.P. 276 L.D. 443
(C "A" H-88)

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

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

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

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

An Act Regarding Passing Stationary Motor Vehicles on Public Ways

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

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

An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions

S.P. 90 L.D. 186
(C "A" S-89)

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

An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

H.P. 261 L.D. 428
(C "A" H-124)

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

An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors

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

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

An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab

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

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

Resolves

Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

H.P. 263 L.D. 430
(C "A" H-121)

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

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

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/25/23) matter:

Bill "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

Tabled - May 25, 2023 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR** (Roll Call Ordered)

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

(In House, May 23, 2023, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In Senate, May 25, 2023, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **INSIST** to **REFERENCE** to the committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.)

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

On motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

ENACTORS

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Mal Leary of Augusta.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

S.P. 88 L.D. 184
(C "A" S-105)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations"

H.P. 1284 L.D. 2004

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

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

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax"

H.P. 1285 L.D. 2005

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks
