

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
2nd Legislative Day
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Bishop James T. Ruggieri, Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland.

National Anthem by Evelyn LaCroix, Skowhegan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, December 4, 2024 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 55)

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

January 6, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

132nd Legislature

Honorable Matthea Daughtry

President of the Senate

132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On January 6, 2025, 52 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 6, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Require Forest Landowners to Report the Registration or Sale of Their Forest Carbon Credits" (H.P. 3) (L.D. 39) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process" (H.P. 4) (L.D. 40) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Violating the Laws Governing Agriculture and Animals and the Maine Weights and Measures Law" (H.P. 52) (L.D. 88) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act Regarding the Bind-over and Detention of Juveniles" (H.P. 6) (L.D. 42) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities" (H.P. 9) (L.D. 45) (Sponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 23) (L.D. 59) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 10) (L.D. 46) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, SARGENT of York, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Special Education Funding" (H.P. 35) (L.D. 71) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representative: SARGENT of York)

Bill "An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline" (H.P. 38) (L.D. 74) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing" (H.P. 42) (L.D. 78) (Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Bill "An Act to Foster Innovation in Maine Schools by Updating the Requirements of School Innovation Waivers" (H.P. 45) (L.D. 81) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education" (H.P. 50) (L.D. 86) (Sponsored by Representative SARGENT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 20) (L.D. 56) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership" (H.P. 26) (L.D. 62) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Update the Definition of 'Coastal Wetlands' Under the Natural Resources Protection Act" (H.P. 29) (L.D. 65) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single-use Bags" (H.P. 33) (L.D. 69) (Sponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, COOPER of Windham, JAVNER of Chester)

Bill "An Act to Update Funding for the Board of Environmental Protection" (H.P. 39) (L.D. 75) (Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Ensure Quality in Personal Care Agencies" (H.P. 13) (L.D. 49) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship" (H.P. 15) (L.D. 51) (Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for Federal Benefits on Behalf of Children in the Department's Custody Who May Be Eligible for Those Benefits" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 16) (L.D. 52) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 27) (L.D. 63) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities" (H.P. 31) (L.D. 67) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204)

Bill "An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics" (H.P. 34) (L.D. 70) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System" (H.P. 47) (L.D. 83) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Coordination of Health Care for Minors in State Care" (H.P. 48) (L.D. 84) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council" (H.P. 49) (L.D. 85) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 54) (L.D. 90) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam" (H.P. 11) (L.D. 47) (Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Use of the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Fund to Compensate Hatchery Staff When Certain Operational Needs Require Overtime" (H.P. 40) (L.D. 76) (Sponsored by Representative THORNE of Carmel) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Stabilize and Sustainably Fund the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Division by Increasing the Inland Fishing License Fees and Establishing the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Fund" (H.P. 41) (L.D. 77) (Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Further Protect Victims from Contact Prohibited by Probation Conditions" (H.P. 7) (L.D. 43) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay Histories" (H.P. 18) (L.D. 54) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Accrual of Earned Paid Leave" (H.P. 19) (L.D. 55) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Bill "An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules" (H.P. 24) (L.D. 60) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Employer Surveillance to Protect Workers" (H.P. 25) (L.D. 61) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to the Maine Wage Assurance Fund" (H.P. 30) (L.D. 66) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws by Extending Indefinitely the Presumption Applying to Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder" (H.P. 46) (L.D. 82) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot)

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Workforce Board" (H.P. 51) (L.D. 87) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Employer Reporting and Payments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 53) (L.D. 89) (Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Elver Fishing" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 8) (L.D. 44) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Cultchless American Oyster Growers License" (H.P. 28) (L.D. 64) (Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Provide the Right of First Refusal to Towns in Which the University of Maine System and Similar Quasi-independent State Entities Are Selling Property" (H.P. 14) (L.D. 50) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Bill "An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday" (H.P. 17) (L.D. 53) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act to Designate the Spring Peeper as the Official State Amphibian" (H.P. 36) (L.D. 72) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick, Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Designate the Wood Turtle as the Official State Reptile" (H.P. 37) (L.D. 73) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog" (H.P. 44) (L.D. 80) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BLIER of Buxton, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SUPICA of Bangor, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BERNARD of Aroostook)

Taxation

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (H.P. 5) (L.D. 41) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 12) (L.D. 48) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws" (H.P. 32) (L.D. 68) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Resolve, to Rename the Bridge on Main Street Between Biddeford and Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge (H.P. 43) (L.D. 79) (Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERE of Kennebunkport, Senator: INGWERSEN of York)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice" (H.P. 21) (L.D. 57) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services" (H.P. 22) (L.D. 58) (Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 5)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

TO: Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

FROM: S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

DATE: December 12, 2024

RE: Committee Appointments
132nd Legislature

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1(l)(a), I have made the following appointments to the various Joint Standing Committees:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

William D. Pluecker, Chair (I-Warren)

Allison Hepler (D-Woolwich)

James F. Dill (D-Old Town)

Stephan M. Bunker (D-Farmington)

Randall C. Hall (R-Wilton)*

Caldwell Jackson (R-Oxford)

Timothy C. Guerrette (R-Caribou)

Dean A. Cray (R-Palmyra)

Mark C. Cooper (R-Windham)

Sharon C. Frost (U-Belgrade)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Drew Gattine, Chair (D-Westbrook)

Kristen Cloutier (D-Lewiston)

Michael F. Brennan (D-Portland)

Holly B. Stover (D-Boothbay)

Deqa Dhalac (D-South Portland)

Ambureen Rana (D-Bangor)

John "Jack" E. Ducharme III (R-Madison)*

Kenneth Wade Fredette (R-Newport)

Amy Bradstreet Arata (R-New Gloucester)

Mark John Blier (R-Buxton)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Tavis Rock Hasenfus, Chair (D-Readfield)

Grayson B. Lookner (D-Portland)

Nina Azella Milliken (D-Blue Hill)

Michel A. Lajoie (D-Lewiston)

Mana H. Abdi (D-Lewiston)

Stephan M. Bunker (D-Farmington)

Robert W. Nutting (R-Oakland)*

Chad Richard Perkins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)

Donald J. Ardell (R-Monticello)

Mathew David McIntyre (R-Lowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Kelly Noonan Murphy, Chair (D-Scarborough)

Janice S. Dodge (D-Belfast)

Michael F. Brennan (D-Portland)

W. Edward Crockett (D-Portland)

Holly T. Sargent (D-York)

Christina R.C. Mitchell (D-Cumberland)

Sheila A. Lyman (R-Livermore Falls)*

Barbara A. Bagshaw (R-Windham)

Kimberly M. Haggan (R-Hampden)

Nathan M. Carlow (R-Buxton)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Melanie F. Sachs, Chair (D-Freeport)
 Christopher J. Kessler (D-South Portland)
 Valli D. Geiger (D-Rockland)
 Sophia B. Warren (D-Scarborough)
 Walter Gerard Runte, Jr. (D-York)
 Kilton M. Webb (D-Durham)
 Steven D. Foster (R-Dexter)*
 Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)
 Reagan L. Paul (R-Winterport)
 Mathew David McIntyre (R-Lowell)

Environment and Natural Resources

Victoria W. Doudera, Chair (D-Camden)
 Arthur L. Bell (D-Yarmouth)
 Morgan J. Rielly (D-Westbrook)
 Laurie Osher (D-Orono)
 Daniel J. Ankeles (D-Brunswick)
 William R. Bridgeo (D-Augusta)
 Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)*
 Michael Soboleski (R-Phillips)
 David Woodsome (R-Waterboro)
 Tammy L. Schmearsal-Burgess (R-Mexico)

Health and Human Services

Michele Meyer, Chair (D-Eliot)
 Samuel Lewis Zager (D-Portland)
 Daniel Joseph Shagoury (D-Hallowell)
 Anne P. Graham (D-North Yarmouth)
 Flavia M. DeBrito (D-Waterville)
 Julia A.G. McCabe (D-Lewiston)
 Kathy Irene Javner (R-Chester)*
 Lucien J.B. Daigle (R-Fort Kent)
 Abigail W. Griffin (R-Levant)
 Michael H. Lemelin (R-Chelsea)

Health Coverage, Insurance and

Financial Services

Kristi Michele Mathieson, Chair (D-Kittery)
 Poppy Arford (D-Brunswick)
 Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)
 Michelle Nicole Boyer (D-Cape Elizabeth)
 Sally Jeane Cluchey (D-Bowdoinham)
 Joshua Morris (R-Turner)*
 Rolf A. Olsen, Jr. (R-Raymond)
 Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)
 Paul R. Flynn (R-Albion)
 Marygrace Caroline Cimino (R-Bridgton)

Housing and Economic Development

Traci Gere, Chair (D-Kennebunkport)
 Tiffany Roberts (D-South Berwick)
 Cheryl A. Golek (D-Harpswell)
 Marc G. Malon II (D-Biddeford)
 Cassie Lynn Julia (D-Waterville)
 Yusuf M. Yusuf (D-Portland)
 Amanda N. Collamore (R-Pittsfield)*
 Arthur Kevin Mingo (R-Calais)
 Mark Walker (R-Naples)
 John Eder (R-Waterboro)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Tiffany Roberts, Chair (D-South Berwick)
 James F. Dill (D-Old Town)
 Sally Jeane Cluchey (D-Bowdoinham)
 William R. Bridgeo (D-Augusta)
 Parnell William Terry (D-Gorham)
 Richard G. Mason (R-Lisbon)*
 Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)
 Michael J. Lance (R-Paris)
 James E. Thorne (R-Carmel)
 David Woodsome (R-Waterboro)

Judiciary

Amy D. Kuhn, Chair (D-Falmouth)
 Adam R. Lee (D-Auburn)
 David A. Sinclair (D-Bath)
 Eleanor Y. Sato (D-Gorham)
 Dylan R. Pugh (D-Portland)
 Dani L. O'Halloran (D-Brewer)
 Jennifer L. Poirier (R-Skowhegan)*
 Rachel A. Henderson (R-Rumford)
 Elizabeth M. Caruso (R-Caratunk)
 Mark Michael Babin (R-Fort Fairfield)
 Aaron M. Dana (the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Labor

Amy J. Roeder, Chair (D-Bangor)
 Valli D. Geiger (D-Rockland)
 Matthew D. Beck (D-South Portland)
 Charles A. Skold (D-Portland)
 Rafael Leo Macias (D-Topsham)
 Marshall F. Archer (D-Saco)
 Gary A. Drinkwater (R-Milford)*
 Laurel D. Libby (R-Auburn)
 Alicia Carol Collins (R-Sidney)
 Lucas John Lanigan (R-Sanford)

Marine Resources

Allison Hepler, Chair (D-Woolwich)
 Morgan J. Rielly (D-Westbrook)
 Cheryl A. Golek (D-Harpswell)
 Holly Rae Eaton (D-Deer Isle)
 Wayne K. Farrin (D-Jefferson)
 James E. Thorne (R-Carmel)*
 Tiffany Strout (R-Harrington)
 Irene A. Gifford (R-Lincoln)
 Abden S. Simmons (R-Waldoboro)
 Peter Conley Wood (R-Norway)

State and Local Government

Suzanne M. Salisbury, Chair (D-Westbrook)
 Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
 Lynn Holland Copeland (D-Saco)
 David M. Rollins (D-Augusta)
 Wayne K. Farrin (D-Jefferson)
 Randall Adam Greenwood (R-Wales)*
 Jeffrey Sean Adams (R-Lebanon)
 Kimberly J. Pomerleau (R-Standish)
 Joseph F. Underwood (R-Presque Isle)
 William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)

Taxation

Kristen Cloutier, Chair (D-Lewiston)
Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
W. Edward Crockett (D-Portland)
Daniel Sayre (D-Kennebunk)
Gary Friedmann (D-Bar Harbor)
Shelley Rudnicki (R-Fairfield)*
Tracy L. Quint (R-Hodgdon)
Russell P. White (R-Ellsworth)
Thomas A. Lavigne (R-Berwick)
Gregory Lewis Swallow (R-Houlton)

Transportation

Lydia V. Crafts, Chair (D-Newcastle)
Karen L. Montell (D-Gardiner)
Daniel J. Ankeles (D-Brunswick)
Holly Rae Eaton (D-Deer Isle)
D. Michael Ray (D-Lincolnville)
Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)*
Roger Clarence Albert (R-Madawaska)
Richard G. Mason (R-Lisbon)
James Lee White (R-Guilford)
Steven M. Bishop (R-Bucksport)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Laura D. Supica, Chair (D-Bangor)
Lori K. Gramlich (D-Old Orchard Beach)
Anne P. Graham (D-North Yarmouth)
Marc G. Malon II (D-Biddeford)
Parnell William Terry (D-Gorham)
David W. Boyer, Jr. (R-Poland)*
Ann Fredericks (R-Sanford)
Quentin J. Chapman (R-Auburn)
Benjamin C. Hymes (R-Waldo)
Sharon C. Frost (U-Belgrade)

Government Oversight Committee

Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Chair (D-Sanford)
Ann Higgins Matlack (D-St. George)
Adam R. Lee (D-Auburn)
Michael H. Lemelin (R-Chelsea)*
Chad Richard Perkins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)
John Eder (R-Waterboro)

*Ranking Republican Member

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**STATE OF MAINE
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SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 12, 2024

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have appointed the following members to the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules:

Matt Moonen, Chair (D-Portland)

Holly T. Sargent (D-York)

Ryan D. Fecteau (D-Biddeford)

Billy Bob Faulkingham (R-Winter Harbor)*

Katrina J. Smith (R-Palermo)

*Ranking Republican Member

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

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Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (J), I have made the following appointments to the Standing Committees of the House:

Bills in the Second Reading

Marc G. Malon II, Chair (D-Biddeford)

Christopher J. Kessler (D-South Portland)

Kelly Noonan Murphy (D-Scarborough)

Mana H. Abdi (D-Lewiston)

Richard G. Mason (R-Lisbon)*

Nathan M. Carlow (R-Buxton)

Dean A. Cray (R-Palmyra)

Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)

Elections

Lydia V. Crafts, Chair (D-Newcastle)

Nina Azella Milliken (D-Blue Hill)

W. Edward Crockett (D-Portland)

James F. Dill (D-Old Town)

Joshua Morris (R-Turner)*

David W. Boyer, Jr. (R-Poland)

Kimberly J. Pomerleau (R-Standish)

Reagan L. Paul (R-Winterport)

Engrossed Bills

Morgan J. Rielly, Chair (D-Westbrook)

William D. Pluecker (I-Warren)

Lori K. Gramlich (D-Old Orchard Beach)

Traci Gere (D-Kennebunkport)

Mathew David McIntyre (R-Lowell)*

Donald J. Ardell (R-Monticello)

Irene A. Gifford (R-Lincoln)

Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)

Ethics

Adam R. Lee, Chair (D-Auburn)

Tavis Rock Hasenfus (D-Readfield)

Amy D. Kuhn (D-Falmouth)

Holly B. Stover (D-Boothbay)

Amanda N. Collamore (R-Pittsfield)*

Robert W. Nutting (R-Oakland)

Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)

Katrina J. Smith (R-Palermo)

Leaves of Absence

Michel A. Lajoie, Chair (D-Lewiston)

Cassie Lynn Julia (D-Waterville)

Julia A.G. McCabe (D-Lewiston)

Walter Gerard Runte, Jr. (D-York)

David Woodsome (R-Waterboro)*

Alicia Carol Collins (R-Sidney)

Elizabeth M. Caruso (R-Caratunk)

Ann Fredericks (R-Sanford)

Rules and Business of the House

The Speaker, Ex Officio
Matthew W. Moonen ((D-Portland)
Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)*
Katrina J. Smith (R-Palermo)

*Ranking Republican Member

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Speaker of the House

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Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am appointing Representative Michael Soboleski of Phillips to the Labor Committee, replacing Representative Lucas Lanigan of Sanford, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 9)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

December 17, 2024

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have designated Representative Robert A. Foley of Wells as the Republican Lead on the Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services Committee replacing Republican Lead Representative Joshua Morris of Turner, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 10)

**SENATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 12, 2024

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to various Joint Standing Committees.

Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry

Senator Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Cumberland), Chair

Senator Henry Ingwersen (D-York)

Senator Russell J. Black (R-Franklin)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Senator Peggy Rotundo (D-Androscoggin), Chair

Senator Cameron Reny (D-Lincoln)

Senator Susan Bernard (R-Aroostook)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Senator Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Knox), Chair

Senator Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo)

Senator Scott W. Cyrway (R-Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Senator Joe Rafferty (D-York), Chair

Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland)

Senator James D. Libby (R-Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities, and Technology

Senator Mark Lawrence (D-York), Chair

Senator Nicole Grohoski (D-Hancock)

Senator Matthew A. Harrington (R-York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Senator Denise Tepler (D-Sagadahoc), Chair

Senator Stacy Brenner (D-Cumberland)

Senator Joseph E. Martin (R-Oxford)

Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services

Senator Donna Bailey (D-York), Chair

Senator Joseph M. Baldacci (D-Penobscot)

Senator David G. Haggan (R-Penobscot)

Health and Human Services

Senator Henry Ingwersen (D-York), Chair

Senator Tim Nangle (D-Cumberland)

Senator Marianne Moore (R-Washington)

Housing and Economic Development

Senator Glenn "Chip" Curry (D-Waldo), Chair

Senator Donna Bailey (D-York)

Senator Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Senator Joe Baldacci (D-Penobscot), Chair

Senator Anne Carney (D-Cumberland)

Senator Stacey K. Guerin (R-Penobscot)

Judiciary

Senator Anne Carney (D-Cumberland), Chair

Senator Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Cumberland)

Senator David G. Haggan (R-Penobscot)

Labor

Senator Mike Tipping (D-Penobscot), Chair

Senator Joseph E. Rafferty (D-York)

Senator Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Kennebec)

Marine Resources

Senator Denise Tepler (D-Sagadahoc), Chair

Senator Cameron Reny (D-Lincoln)

Senator Marianne Moore (R-Washington)

State and Local Government

Senator Joe Baldacci (D-Penobscot), Chair
Senator Pinny Beebe-Center (D- Knox)
Senator Joseph E. Martin (R-Oxford)

Taxation

Senator Nicole Grohoski (D-Hancock), Chair
Senator Mike Tipping (D-Penobscot)
Senator Bruce Bickford (R-Androscoggin)

Transportation

Senator Tim Nangle (D-Cumberland), Chair
Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland)
Senator Bradlee T. Farrin (R-Somerset)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Senator Craig Hickman (D-Kennebec), Chair
Senator Jill Duson (D-Cumberland)
Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 11)

**SENATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 12, 2024

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have made the following appointments to the Government Oversight Committee:

Senator Craig Hickman (D-Kennebec), Chair

Senator Mike Tipping (D-Penobscot)

Senator Jill C. Duson (D-Cumberland)

Senator Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)

Senator Rick Bennett (R-Oxford)

Senator Bradlee T. Farrin (R-Somerset)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 12)

**SENATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

December 12, 2024

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Senator Anne Carney (D-Cumberland), Chair

Senate President Mattie Daughtry (D-Cumberland)

Senator Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland)

Senator Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook)

Senator Richard A. Bennett (R-Oxford)

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 13)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

December 18, 2024

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Please find enclosed official copies of the final results from the November 5, 2024, General and Referendum Elections.

Tabulations showing the results with municipal and county totals are posted on the Secretary of State's web site here:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/results/index.html>

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 14)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

The Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA § 12009, I am submitting the Report of Board and Commission Appointments or Reappointments to you for the calendar year 2025. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments which have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2024. This report also indicates vacancies which exist on a board or commission that needs a new appointment. If you would like a breakdown of only your appointments, we would be pleased to provide this to you as well.

If you have any questions concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin, Director of the Division of Corporations, UCC and Commissions at 207-624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 15)
CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN
P.O. BOX 92
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332

December 31, 2024
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Re: 2024 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman
Dear Mr. Hunt,
Enclosed please find 164 copies of the 2024 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman to be distributed to members of the Maine House and staff. The Child Welfare Ombudsman is required to report to the Maine Legislature each year pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4087-A.
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Respectfully,
S/Christine Alberi
READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 16)
STATE OF MAINE
MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
51 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0051

January 3, 2025
Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2025.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Kit Thomson Crossman
Executive Director
READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 17)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

January 8, 2025
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:
Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:
on December 19, 2024
The Honorable Heather Sanborn, Esq. of Portland as the Public Advocate.
Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §1701, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.
The Honorable Joan Cohen, Esq. of Portland as the Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.
Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §8002, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.
Sincerely,
S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law"

(H.P. 68) (L.D. 103)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Require Food Labels to Disclose Use of Messenger Ribonucleic Acid Vaccine Material in Food Production"

(H.P. 78) (L.D. 113)

Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representative: SMITH of Palermo.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Law Governing Mandatory Driver's License Suspension for Refusing Testing for Drugs or a Combination of Drugs and Alcohol"

(H.P. 61) (L.D. 96)

Sponsored by Representative BUNKER of Farmington.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Notify the Public of Juveniles Who Are Wanted Persons"

(H.P. 67) (L.D. 102)

Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program"

(H.P. 63) (L.D. 98)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use

(H.P. 74) (L.D. 109)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell, KUHN of Falmouth, MITCHELL of Cumberland, RAY of Lincolnville, SINCLAIR of Bath.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians"

(H.P. 70) (L.D. 105)

Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative MURPHY of Scarborough, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority"

(H.P. 79) (L.D. 114)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, MCCABE of Lewiston, Senator: BICKFORD of Androscoggin.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 57) (L.D. 92)

Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults"

(H.P. 58) (L.D. 93)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements"

(H.P. 59) (L.D. 94)

Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect"

(H.P. 64) (L.D. 99)

Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough.
Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments"

(H.P. 75) (L.D. 110)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, SACHS of Freeport, Senator: INGWERSEN of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize Employees of the Maine Association of Retirees to Be Eligible for Participation in the State Employee Health Insurance Program"

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 91)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MONTELL of Gardiner, ROLLINS of Augusta.

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing"

(H.P. 72) (L.D. 107)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, JAVNER of Chester, MATHIESON of Kittery, Senators: BAILEY of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities"

(H.P. 62) (L.D. 97)

Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

On motion of Representative MATHIESON of Kittery, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Wildlife Laws"

(H.P. 60) (L.D. 95)

Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding Public Records and Fees for Requesting Public Records from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

(H.P. 66) (L.D. 101)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 76) (L.D. 111)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, PLUECKER of Warren, SKOLD of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Promote Opportunities by Establishing a Student Wage"

(H.P. 77) (L.D. 112)

Sponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell.
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representative: BOYER of Poland.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services"

(H.P. 65) (L.D. 100)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Taxation of Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits"

(H.P. 71) (L.D. 106)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis"

(H.P. 69) (L.D. 104)

Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention"

(H.P. 73) (L.D. 108)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 65)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 64)

MAINE SENATE 132nd LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 6, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry

President of the Senate

132nd Legislature

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

132nd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 6, 2025, 37 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 6, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks" (S.P. 27) (L.D. 14) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BAILEY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation (S.P. 39) (L.D. 24) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects" (S.P. 40) (L.D. 25) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Designate the Warden of the Maine State Prison as Chief Administrative Officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility" (S.P. 28) (L.D. 17) (Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers" (S.P. 30) (L.D. 18) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, to Rename the Twin Rivers Fire Academy in Fairfield the Duane Bickford Fire Academy (S.P. 45) (L.D. 28) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings" (S.P. 24) (L.D. 11) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response" (S.P. 34) (L.D. 21) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory" (S.P. 35) (L.D. 22) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students" (S.P. 48) (L.D. 31) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers" (S.P. 53) (L.D. 34) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Cumberland, BRENNAN of Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing" (S.P. 49) (L.D. 32) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter and Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, WHITE of Guilford, SMITH of Palermo, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection" (S.P. 41) (L.D. 26) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection" (S.P. 58) (L.D. 36) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 56) (L.D. 35) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Prior Authorization for Air Ambulances" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 14) (L.D. 5) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Period of Time a Dentist May Operate the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 37) (L.D. 23) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" (S.P. 18) (L.D. 6) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

Bill "An Act to Change the Definition of 'Oversized ATV' in the Laws Governing the Registration of All-terrain Vehicles" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 32) (L.D. 19) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Bill "An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws" (S.P. 42) (L.D. 27) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers" (S.P. 20) (L.D. 8) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Add Political Affiliation as a Protected Class to the Maine Human Rights Act" (S.P. 23) (L.D. 10) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Apply to Legislative Caucuses" (S.P. 25) (L.D. 12) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine" (S.P. 63) (L.D. 16) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, STROUT of Harrington, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais)

Bill "An Act Regarding the First Judicial District and the District Court Locations in the Judicial Divisions of Androscoggin and Western Aroostook" (S.P. 33) (L.D. 20) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval" (S.P. 12) (L.D. 3) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Adopt Eastern Standard Time Year-round" (S.P. 13) (L.D. 4) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Residents 65 Years of Age or Older" (S.P. 19) (L.D. 7) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton and Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, BRENNER of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers" (S.P. 62) (L.D. 15) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish and Representative: WALKER of Naples)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Allow Military Vehicles Purchased for Civilian Use to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads" (S.P. 11) (L.D. 2) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish)

Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council (S.P. 46) (L.D. 29) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth (S.P. 47) (L.D. 30) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge (S.P. 59) (L.D. 37) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure" (S.P. 22) (L.D. 9) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools" (S.P. 26) (L.D. 13) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests" (S.P. 51) (L.D. 33) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Requiring Photographic Identification for Voting" (S.P. 61) (L.D. 38) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect the Right to Food"

(S.P. 50) (L.D. 124)

Bill "An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination"

(S.P. 66) (L.D. 130)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Nuisance Dogs"

(S.P. 69) (L.D. 133)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 29) (L.D. 1)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council"

(S.P. 36) (L.D. 120)

Bill "An Act to Include Brush and Yard Debris in the Definition of 'Litter'"

(S.P. 38) (L.D. 121)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons"

(S.P. 44) (L.D. 123)

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections"

(S.P. 74) (L.D. 138)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services"

(S.P. 16) (L.D. 117)

Bill "An Act to Require Certain Individuals Who Instruct Children Under 18 Years of Age in Dance or Creative Movement to Undergo a Criminal Background Check"

(S.P. 70) (L.D. 134)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Provision of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That Allows an Employer Member of a Group Self-insurer to Insure Its Employees Through a Fronting Arrangement"

(S.P. 67) (L.D. 131)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws"

(S.P. 57) (L.D. 128)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Pilot Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer

(S.P. 75) (L.D. 139)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Extended Care and Adoption"

(S.P. 43) (L.D. 122)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 55) (L.D. 127)

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Constitution of Maine

(S.P. 68) (L.D. 132)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Piercing Guns"

(S.P. 17) (L.D. 116)

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner"

(S.P. 73) (L.D. 137)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments"

(S.P. 31) (L.D. 119)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices"

(S.P. 60) (L.D. 129)

Bill "An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State"

(S.P. 71) (L.D. 135)

Bill "An Act to Transfer the Responsibility for Tax Expenditure Review from the Government Oversight Committee to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation"

(S.P. 72) (L.D. 136)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Total Amount of Credits Authorized Under the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"

(S.P. 52) (L.D. 125)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Assess Impact Fees on Megayachts"

(S.P. 15) (L.D. 115)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Candidates for Sheriff and District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act"

(S.P. 21) (L.D. 118)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund"

(S.P. 54) (L.D. 126)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 8)

WHEREAS, each elected member of the House of Representatives is bound by the Legislative Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lucas Lanigan of Sanford was recently charged with domestic violence aggravated assault for allegedly assaulting his intimate partner by strangling her; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence aggravated assault is a Class B felony crime that is punishable by up to 10 years in prison; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lanigan, following an arraignment on October 30, 2024, was released on bail and ordered to appear again in court in March 2025; and

WHEREAS, questions concerning Representative Lanigan's conduct threaten to cast a shadow over all of the work of the 132nd Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the House Committee on Ethics exists for the purpose of investigating potential violations of the Legislative Code of Ethics; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that the House Committee on Ethics convene to further investigate the allegations against Representative Lanigan; and be it further

ORDERED, that the House Committee on Ethics report back to the House of Representatives with the results of its investigation, as well as any recommendations for action, no later than one month after the convening of the committee.

READ.

Representative MOONEN of Portland moved that the House Order be **REFERRED** to the House Standing Committee on **ETHICS**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Moonen.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members of the House, serving as an elected Member of the House of Representatives is both a profound privilege and a solemn responsibility. In order to ensure that that responsibility is consistently upheld, every Member of this Chamber is required to abide by the Legislative Code of Ethics, which states that each of us must engage in civility and responsible conduct inside and outside of the State House, commensurate with the trust placed in that legislator by the electorate.

In October, an affidavit from the Sanford Police Department revealed details regarding grievously serious domestic violence allegations against a current Member of this Body, Representative Lucas Lanigan, which have resulted in a pending criminal case that includes class B felony charges. It is true that right now, these allegations remain charges and Representative Lanigan has not yet been found guilty for the crimes he is alleged to have committed. Like every citizen of this State, he is entitled to due process as his criminal case proceeds in our judicial system. However, the gravity of the allegations against Representative Lanigan raise significant questions about whether he continues to hold the public's trust and the ethical and moral standing necessary to serve as a Member of the Maine House of Representatives.

At this time, the most appropriate action is to refer this matter regarding Representative Lanigan to the House Ethics Committee, which will have the authority to investigate Representative Lanigan's actions, determine if there were any violations of the Legislative Code of Ethics and make recommendations to the full House for consideration. The people of Sanford and all of the people of Maine deserve elected

leadership that is held to the highest standards of conduct. Referring this matter to the Ethics Committee will ensure the public's confidence that the House of Representatives takes these allegations and the integrity of the Members serving in this institution seriously. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative SMITH of Palermo **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **REFER** the House Order to the House Standing Committee on **ETHICS**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Palermo, Representative Smith.

Representative **SMITH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, when this Body, the 132nd Maine Legislature, took our oaths of office in December, the Speaker of the House ensured us that there's no room for compromise when it comes to civil rights. A cornerstone of our constitutional republic is that due process is guaranteed to every citizen of this nation when it comes to the administration of justice. If this Body rejects the concept that due process is a guarantee of each citizen, we are trampling our constitutional rights. The allegations brought forward are very serious. We ardently oppose domestic violence and support all victims of domestic violence. There are three separate and equal branches of government. This matter is clearly a matter for the Judicial Branch to determine the outcome. It is not the role of the Legislative Branch to take an action that usurps the role of the Judiciary. We as a Body are entering a slippery slope. If we assume a posture that, regardless of the right to be innocent until proven guilty, then we are applying an unfair standard to Members of this Body. Furthermore, we are concerned that this order creates a civil liability for the House during an ongoing judicial matter. We oppose this order. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Reference to the House Standing Committee on Ethics. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 1

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Archer, Arford, Beck, Bell, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Cloutier, Cluchey, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Eaton, Farrin, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lee, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, Meyer, Milliken, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Murphy, O'Halloran, Osher, Pluecker, Pugh, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sato, Sayre, Shagoury, Sinclair, Skold, Stover, Supica, Warren, Webb, Yusuf, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Arata, Ardell, Babin, Bagshaw, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Collins, Cooper, Cray, Daigle, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eder, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Javner, Lance, Lanigan, Lavigne, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Mason, McIntyre, Mingo, Morris, Nutting, Olsen, Paul, Perkins, Poirier, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Schmearsal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White J, White R, Wood P, Wood S, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Collamore, Fredette, Graham, Julia, Parry, Terry, Walker.

Yes, 74; No, 69; Absent, 7; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 69 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 7 being absent, and accordingly the House Order was **REFERRED** to the House Standing Committee on **ETHICS**.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative THORNE of Carmel, the House adjourned at 12:33 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 65) and in honor and lasting tribute to the 39th President of the United States, James Earl Carter, Jr.