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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
11th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Rabbi Hannah Estrin, Temple Beth El, Portland.

National Anthem by Randa Veilleux, Waterville.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 11, 2025 was read and approved.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to address the assembly here.

Earlier this year, the Chief Executive announced that 2025 will be celebrated as Maine's Year of Youth in Agriculture, an initiative launched during the Maine Agricultural Trade Show to recognize and support the next generation of agricultural leaders. For the first time ever, today is also Youth in Agriculture Policy Day at the State House alongside Maine Agricultural Day. A key opportunity to integrate this important initiative is to connect Maine students directly with policymakers, industry leaders and hands-on experience. This morning, 10 students from across the State of Maine join us in the Gallery. They've been selected as Policy Day participants from the DACF and DOE and will attend the ACF Committee this afternoon. They are learning about the legislative process, how to submit a bill, attend a work session and testify at a public hearing. There are also students throughout the day today from the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences and Easton schools. These are the next generation of students engaged in agriculture policy within our State.

Maine agriculture contributes over \$3.2 billion annually to the State's economy, provides 10s of thousands of jobs and strengthens food security across the State. The students here today are interested in animal health, rural prosperity, environment, food security and farm viability, to name a few issues. Please welcome them to the State House today when you see them.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Maryalice Crofton, of Augusta, who is retiring as Executive Director of Volunteer Maine after 30 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 267)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative RIELLY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Ted Hutch, of Wells, who is retiring after a long, successful career coaching at York High School. Mr. Hutch was head coach of the boys cross country team from 1989 to 2024, winning 4 conference titles, 4 regional titles and one state title; head coach of the boys indoor track team from 2000 to 2024, winning 9 conference titles and 7 state titles; head coach of the girls indoor track team from 2000 to 2024, winning 5 conference titles and 3 state titles; assistant coach of the boys spring track team from 1992 to 2008, winning 2 conference titles and one regional title, and head coach from 2009 to 2024, winning 8 conference titles and 5 state titles; assistant coach of the girls spring track team from 1992 to 2008, winning 2 conference titles and 2 state titles, and head coach from 2009 to 2024, winning 9 conference titles and 3 state titles. As a head coach, he coached his teams to 2,135 victories and 276 losses, 35 Western Maine Conference titles, 4 regional titles and 19 state titles. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

(HLS 135)

Presented by Representative SARGENT of York.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York, Representative RUNTE of York.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SARGENT of York, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Sargent.

Representative **SARGENT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am pleased and honored to rise to salute Ted Hutch for his truly legendary leadership of 35 years coaching the boys and girls in the York High School Track and Field and Cross-Country teams.

I'm certain that the numbers that the Good Clerk read to us would undoubtedly sort of blur over, but let me just point out a couple. During his 35 years of service, basically, Coach Hutch had an 88% winning percentage; 88%. With a total of 39 Western Maine Champion conference titles, five regional titles and 21 State titles. Now, I think the people of York would love to believe that our children are just faster than anybody else and maybe, they get great, you know, sea air, by running on our long beaches; but, you know, of course, we know that isn't true. What Hutch always demonstrated was an extraordinary ability to lead for all of the athletes that worked with him over the decades. He brought out the best in them, and they rose to his expectations. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have him as part of our community.

In addition to coaching, Hutch was also an ed tech working with special ed students, and apparently, he became legendary as well with most York students because he did the announcements every morning and the Pledge of Allegiance. Every Friday, he announced the end of the week and with it, he would say, "it's Friday, the day we buy our souls back from the pawnbroker of the weekday grind." So, perhaps we can use that a bit, Mr. Speaker, if we need it.

As a Representative of the town of York, I extend my gratitude and thanks to Hutch. I'm proud to say that the town of York will be naming its new athletic fields in his honor.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Windham High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class AA State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 136)

Presented by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative COOPER of Windham, Representative OLSEN of Raymond.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BAGSHAW of Windham, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Bagshaw.

Representative **BAGSHAW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise today to congratulate the Windham High School Eagles for winning the 2025 AA State Championship, the gold ball, for the second year in a row. They're here with Coach Pulkkinen, and we hope to see them back for a third time's a charm next year, and I know Pat Moody is smiling down. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Cooper.

Representative **COOPER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to express my gratitude and congratulations to the Windham Eagles Boys Basketball Team winning their State Championship. Currently, my grandson is a fourth-generation in the Windham school system. Extremely proud of these kids and what they've done. Huge congratulations from all of us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Olsen.

Representative **OLSEN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to congratulate the Windham Boys Basketball Team, but winning the Championship is not everything. Winning the Championship is part of it; what's almost more important is the respect that they've learned out on the court, the respect they've learned with their competitors, the respect that they've learned from the community. So, for that, we must certainly thank the coaches and their sponsors and things like that, because without the coaches there, they're not going to learn, they're not going to bring those life lessons forward. So, congratulations to the team and the coaches.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Victor Grange #49, of Fairfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 137)

Presented by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with great pride that I stand before you today and recognize this organization.

I've been a member of this organization for several years now, but before I get into why I'm so proud of this organization, I want to give this Body a little bit of a history on what the Grange is, because it's my guess there's quite a few people in here that do not know what a Grange is and what they do. So, this was actually written by the historian of the Maine State Grange, Stan Howe.

The origins of the Grange in Maine extend back to the Farmer's Clubs, which were organized in the 1850s. Each club debated agricultural and household issues while both men and women had their separate gatherings. The clubs began to decline after the Civil War and were soon merged into another movement that would attract many of Maine's rural population. The Grange, officially known as the Patrons of Husbandry, was organized in Washington, D.C. in 1867. It grew slowly during its early years, but arrived in Maine in 1873. The following year, the Maine State Grange was organized in Lewiston. By the end of 1874, there were 64 Granges and approximately 2,000 members. From the beginning, there was a great interest in cooperative activities, including offering insurance, advocating railroad and banking regulations, promoting group purchasing. In 1876, the Order had grown to over 228 Granges, with about 12,000 members. At first, the hard times of the 1870s served as a stimulus to the membership growth, but the numbers began to decline as the decade passed. Prosperity returned and good leadership, such as that provided by the State Master, later Chief Executive, Frederick Robie of Gorham came into being. The Grange began to take strong positions on legislative issues and educational reforms. Libraries and readings were encouraged in Grange halls, as well as debates on multitude of topics of interest to members. In many ways, the Grange served as an adult education resource for many Mainers.

The Maine State Grange began to confer the Sixth Degree in the 1880s. Also, during this period, Pomona Granges, which is the county level, came into being. While Edward Wiggins was State Master, the Grange raised funds for Grange Cottage at Good Will Farm in Hinckley. The connection continues to present, with members donating thousands of pennies to Good Will Hinckley while supporting the Grange Cottage.

A dramatic period of growth was witnessed during the years under State Master Obadiah Gardner. The number of Granges grew from 243 to 419. Membership increased from 21,500 to 55,212. By 1907, Maine's per capita Grange membership was larger than any other state. Legislatively, the Grange supported prohibition and Rural Free Delivery. The Grange also advocated for strong local schools and increased funding for the University of Maine. The Grange worked with the State governmental agencies to promote reform in Maine agricultural practices, to protect the quality of fertilizer. In the Progressive era, the Grange supported the direct primary, recall and referendum, voting rights for women and curbs on monopolies. By 1914, with the passage of the Smith-Lever Act, the Grange worked closely with the extension services to assist in familiarizing farmers and their wives with new and improved scientific methods of farming and household management. The Grange also developed a close association with the Farm Bureau, which, along with the Extension Service and the 4-H clubs, used Grange halls for meetings and activities throughout the 20th century.

For many rural and farm women, the Grange became a social refuge which allowed them to meet other women and escape, however briefly, the onerous work of the household. From the earliest days, and long before the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, the Grange granted women equal voting rights within the Order. During World War II, the Grange supported men and women in combat by paying their dues and sending packages of clothing and food. Grangers were also encouraged to buy war bonds, support rationing procedures and collect strategic materials. Following the war, the Grange growth continued. In 1945, the Maine State Grange purchased a state headquarters at 146 State Street in Augusta; it is still here. Faced with a major outbreak of forest fires in 1947, the headquarters became the center for distribution of food, clothing and supplies to those who lost their homes during this disastrous time. In the 1960s, the Grange took an active role in supporting the Maine Conservation Camp at Bryant Pond, building Rogers Hall from funds raised at bean suppers.

Changes in insurance law and growing popularity of television, the decline of farming and other demographics and cultural changes began to affect the membership levels of the Grange after 1960. While the Order is still a factor in many towns through its community service roles, and its halls are one of the icons of the State landscape, the number of Granges have dropped to about 180; membership now is approximately 8,000. Many efforts are being made to revive the interest in the Grange and encourage membership development with enhanced programming and membership benefits as incentives.

Now, let me tell you why I'm proud of the Grange that I belong to. Victor Grange in Fairfield is less than a quarter of a mile from my house and, you know, the first 15 years I lived there; it's been 30 years now; I barely set foot in that building. But I will tell you; and a lot of that is we're living our lives, but I will tell you, since I've become involved; and what got me involved was the first time I went to one of their dinner theaters. They had dinner theaters down the road from my house, there's flashing lights, the police cars are flashing, the lights are all there. What it was is they were slowing traffic down, because we live on a corner of a main road, but people recognized it and knew there was something going on at the Grange. They've stopped doing dinner theaters, but I will tell you the Grange has taken on so many roles in the town of Fairfield. Our role in the Grange now is more of a community center. We are the community in Fairfield; as far as we're concerned, we are, anyway. But let me tell you some of the great events.

First of all, Victor Grange in Fairfield celebrated 150 years last fall. That's an accomplishment. And I will tell you, if you've never been into one of these Grange halls, you should go check them out. The history in there. Our Grange, specifically; the history in there, the metal ceilings in the building is incredible. We actually have a curtain that's on the stage upstairs that has advertising on it still from the 1940s and '50s. We're actually looking to raise some money to eventually get that restored. So, we're working on that. But when I started and got really involved in the Grange, that was because of the window dresser program. The Grange partnered with a group called the Window Dressers, and what they did is made inserts for homes for the windows in the homes, seniors that would sit by the window and the draft coming through; they worked with window dressers. We got a lot in our community were able to get these inserts for little or no cost and they just had to volunteer. I had some for my windows. It was a fantastic program and got involved.

We do monthly bean suppers. If you've never been to a bean supper, you've got to come check us out, we have a great

time. We do monthly cooking classes; by the way, we're making whoopie pies tonight; we do senior luncheons where we educate, socialize and help our seniors on many issues and even with their taxes. We've done two benefit suppers just in the last month for fire victims in our community. We were fortunate enough, with the help of the town of Fairfield, to actually get a generator for our Grange, so that we are now our warming center in our community. And during the flooding back in '23, in December '23, we were the first open and we were the only one open for two days and we supported community members that came to the Grange for their food, and we provided three meals a day for the first two days during all the flooding. Again, you can tell I'm very proud of the organization that I belong to with this.

So, other things that we've done, just to give you a heads up; we've done some canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables that we give to our seniors and the one thing that we've started doing this year which we are extremely proud of is the Support our Senior program. What this program does is we give back to our seniors, who have a lot of pride and don't like to ask for help. And so, we hear from members of the community in saying this person needs help, we provide blankets, we provide clothing, we provide caring boxes that have puzzle books, Depends, pet food, medical equipment. If you know anybody that's got wheelchairs and shower chairs and that, we collect those to give them to community members that need them.

So, we've done a lot for our community, and I'm so proud of that. You should check us out on our Facebook page for Victor Grange in Fairfield. And I thank you very much for your indulging me, Mr. Speaker, but I'm very proud of this organization.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know what happened there; it might've been the old aircraft engine hissing in my ears, I didn't hear you; but I couldn't go without mentioning our Carmel Golden Harvest Grange in Carmel, #33 among the Grange Halls.

As a lifetime member of the Carmel Historical Society, I know a lot about the Grange Hall. It serves as our American Legion Post 107 meeting place and Auxiliary on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00. It serves as bingo from May through October every Sunday at 6:30. We conduct our special town meetings at our Grange Hall. We do fundraising suppers at our Grange Hall. It's not a fancy building; it's an old building. It serves as our polling place. For the last three cycles, I've had the pleasure of having a captive audience, as not too many politicians will stand out front of the Carmel Grange Hall, but the constituents that come through, I think are happy to see me, for the most part, and say hello to them. And we also have rummage sales there. Rummage sales that help raise funds for families that need them, for families that are in need on traumatic occasions, such as the unexpected passing of a loved one, the community comes together and raises funds and the Grange Hall comes up.

I just couldn't go without mentioning that our Grange Hall is special to us in Carmel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In Memory of:

Preacher, of South Paris, a valued member of the Maine State Police K-9 Unit. Preacher served as a partner to Sergeant Jonathan Russell and contributed significantly to law enforcement efforts by apprehending suspects and ensuring public and officer safety. His intelligence, resilience and courage highlighted the important role of K-9 units in the safety and well-being of our communities. He lost his life in the line of duty and will be long remembered and sadly missed by his partner and the law enforcement community;

(HLS 129)

Presented by Representative LANCE of Paris.

Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Senator BAILEY of York, Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, Senator BENNETT of Oxford, Senator BERNARD of Aroostook, Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin, Senator BLACK of Franklin, Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec, Senator BRENNER of Cumberland, Senator CARNEY of Cumberland, Senator CURRY of Waldo, Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, Senator DUSON of Cumberland, Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock, Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot, Senator HARRINGTON of York, Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec, Senator INGWERSEN of York, Senator LAWRENCE of York, Senator LIBBY of Cumberland, Senator MARTIN of Oxford, Senator MOORE of Washington, Senator NANGLE of Cumberland, Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Senator RAFFERTY of York, Senator RENY of Lincoln, Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Senator STEWART of Aroostook, Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, Representative ABDI of Lewiston, Representative ADAMS of Lebanon, Representative ALBERT of Madawaska, Representative ANKELES of Brunswick, Representative ARATA of New Gloucester, Representative ARCHER of Saco, Representative ARDELL of Monticello, Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield, Representative BAGSHAW of Windham, Representative BECK of South Portland, Representative BELL of Yarmouth, Representative BISHOP of Bucksport, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative BOYER of Poland, Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta, Representative BUNKER of Farmington, Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington, Representative CARLOW of Buxton, Representative CARUSO of Caratunk, Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn, Representative CIMINO of Bridgton, Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, Representative COLLINS of Sidney, Representative COOPER of Windham, Representative COPELAND of Saco, Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, Representative CRAY of Palmyra, Representative CROCKETT of Portland, Representative DAIGLE of Fort Kent, Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Representative DEBRITO of Waterville, Representative DHALAC of South Portland, Representative DILL of Old Town, Representative DODGE of Belfast, Representative DOUDERA of Camden, Representative DRINKWATER of Milford, Representative DUCHARME of Madison, Representative EATON of Deer Isle, Representative EDER of Waterboro, Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Representative FARRIN of Jefferson, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Representative FLYNN of Albion, Representative

FOLEY of Wells, Representative FOSTER of Dexter, Representative FREDERICKS of Sanford, Representative FREDETTE of Newport, Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, Representative FROST of Belgrade, Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, Representative GEIGER of Rockland, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln, Representative GOLEK of Harpswell, Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, Representative GRIFFIN of Levant, Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou, Representative HAGGAN of Hampden, Representative HALL of Wilton, Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, Representative HENDERSON of Rumford, Representative HEPLER of Woolwich, Representative HYMES of Waldo, Representative JACKSON of Oxford, Representative JAVNER of Chester, Representative JULIA of Waterville, Representative KESSLER of South Portland, Representative KUHN of Falmouth, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative LANIGAN of Sanford, Representative LAVIGNE of Berwick, Representative LEE of Auburn, Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative LOOKNER of Portland, Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls, Representative MACIAS of Topsham, Representative MALON of Biddeford, Representative MASON of Lisbon, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Representative MATHIESON of Kittery, Representative MATLACK of St. George, Representative MCCABE of Lewiston, Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell, Representative MEYER of Eliot, Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Representative MINGO of Calais, Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland, Representative MONTELL of Gardiner, Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative MORRIS of Turner, Representative MURPHY of Scarborough, Representative NUTTING of Oakland, Representative O'HALLORAN of Brewer, Representative OLSEN of Raymond, Representative OSHER of Orono, Representative PARRY of Arundel, Representative PAUL of Winterport, Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, Representative PLUECKER of Warren, Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, Representative POMERLEAU of Standish, Representative PUGH of Portland, Representative QUINT of Hodgdon, Representative RANA of Bangor, Representative RAY of Lincolnville, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook, Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, Representative ROEDER of Bangor, Representative ROLLINS of Augusta, Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Representative RUNTE of York, Representative SACHS of Freeport, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, Representative SARGENT of York, Representative SATO of Gorham, Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk, Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro, Representative SINCLAIR of Bath, Representative SKOLD of Portland, Representative SMITH of Palermo, Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Representative STOVER of Boothbay, Representative STROUT of Harrington, Representative SUPICA of Bangor, Representative SWALLOW of Houlton, Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative THORNE of Carmel, Representative TUELL of East Machias, Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram, Representative WALKER of Naples, Representative WARREN of Scarborough, Representative WEBB of Durham, Representative WHITE of Guilford, Representative WHITE of Ellsworth, Representative WOOD of Greene, Representative WOOD of Norway, Representative

WOODSOME of Waterboro, Representative YUSUF of Portland, Representative ZAGER of Portland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative LANCE of Paris, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Paris, Representative Lance.

Representative **LANCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today, we gather to mourn the tragic loss of a hero who served our community and State with unparalleled loyalty, dedication and bravery; Maine State Police K-9 Officer Preacher.

Preacher, alongside his partner, Sergeant Jonathan Russell, worked tirelessly to protect the people of this great State, making significant contributions to public safety and the well-being of those he was sworn to serve. His untimely death while performing his duties reminds us of the dangers that those who serve and protect us face every single day. On February 3rd in Portage Lake, K-9 Officer Preacher was tragically killed in the line of duty during a domestic dispute that led to an armed standoff. The suspect barricaded himself inside a home before attempting to escape. Preacher was sent after the suspect, at which time he was shot in the abdomen by the suspect. Despite urgent attempts to saving Preacher's life, he succumbed to his injuries at a veterinary clinic in Presque Isle.

We often think of law enforcement officers as those who wear badges and carry firearms, but today, we remember that the K-9s who serve alongside them are no less heroic. Preacher was more than just a working dog; he was a partner, a protector and a friend to his handler and the community. So, let us be clear; while Preacher may have been a dog, his loyalty, courage and sacrifice are qualities that define the very essence of heroism. We owe it to him and to every K-9 who serves us to ensure that they receive the recognition and respect they deserve. May Preacher's memory inspire us to continue our work to make our community safer, and may his sacrifice be a constant reminder of the bravery and dedication of all those who serve in the line of duty.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to offer my condolences to Sergeant Russell, his family and the colleagues of K-9 Preacher.

When my husband's K-9 partner came home, Tyson; when he came to live with us; initially we had a bit of a getting-to-know-you period that included a language barrier. We didn't realize that he only understood Dutch, so, that took us a little bit of time, but he quickly became a very important member of our family. And he was very important, once I realized and fully understood what his job was, and part of that was to keep my husband safe at work, and he did that job very, very well. And he was smart enough to know when my husband was going to work with him at the Windham Correctional Facility or when he was going to the fire department, even though both uniforms were blue. When it was time to go the fire department, he just got on the couch, whatever.

But the impact that Tyson had on our lives and our family can't be overstated, so, my heartfelt condolences go out to Sergeant Russell and his family for losing that partner, but also that sense of security that I know that Preacher probably provided, and the time and the commitment that went into training him and making him an important part of his unit. So, again, thank you for letting me express that.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

In Memory of:

the Honorable Richard Steven Malaby, of Wiscasset. An athlete while in school, Mr. Malaby was scouted as a prospect of the New York Mets and played on their Triple-A team. In 1980 he read an advertisement for an old inn for sale in Maine. Despite never having been to Maine, having no money and having no experience in innkeeping, he made the trip to see it. The owner, renowned painter Bill Moise, was skeptical at first but the young man's persistence and charm won him over. Over the next 42 years, Mr. Malaby made the Crocker House Country Inn in Hancock Point the heart of the community. He transformed the Crocker House into a beloved gathering place, welcoming guests from near and far. Active in his community, he served as Chair of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital and on the Hancock School Board. Later, he was elected to the Maine House of Representatives, where he served two terms and was a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. He also taught as an adjunct college professor. After moving to Wiscasset, he served on Wiscasset's Economic Development Committee and championed fundraising efforts at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. He was also a member of the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta. Mr. Malaby will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

(HLS 130)

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor. Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln, Representative FARRIN of Jefferson.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a moment to remember my good friend, Rich Malaby. I was a big supporter of Rich's, and he was a supporter of mine as well, and we also had a very close friendship.

As most people know, he ran a restaurant called the Crocker House for 42 years. It was, in my opinion, not only just the best restaurant in Downeast Maine, it was the best restaurant in the whole State. I'll never forget the first time I went there, and I made the tragic mistake of ordering rice pilaf instead of the potatoes. It was a mistake I would never repeat after that, and subsequently, also get the secret recipe from Rich, which he provided to me.

He was a beloved representative of the community, he was a man of immense compassion, he was a tireless advocate of those who needed a voice and many people can attest to the work that he did in his time here in the Legislature, working on those issues, caring more and putting in front of any type of political thing the people that he was working for.

I just; you know, we became such good friends with Rich. On New Year's Eve 2009, I proposed to my wife in his restaurant, and we just became friends for so long and I was so happy for him to finally retire and get to enjoy his retirement and it just seems like such a shame that it was so short-lived and really going to miss Rich. And I know that; where Rich is at now, and I can't wait to have a reunion with him and catch up when I see him then. So, my condolences go out to all the friends and loved ones of Rich, and I'll see you again someday, Rich.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Yarmouth, Representative Graham.

Representative **GRAHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in honoring my friend, Rich Malaby. Rich catered my wedding 38 years ago. He had just started the Crocker House. We had the rehearsal dinner the night before and our best man stood up to do a toast, and he was collecting water from the ceiling; from the plumbing from above, because Rich was still in the process of doing over the Crocker House.

Rich was a kind man. I love that he served on HHS, because that's where my heart lies. So, I want to thank the Good Representative from Winter Harbor for putting this Memoriam in. He was a very special man, and he will be very much missed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wells, Representative Foley.

Representative **FOLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the pleasure of serving with the Honorable Rich Malaby in the 127th and 128th Legislature, and being his seatmate in the 128th. Those that knew Rich had a dear friend. He was warm, he was compassionate, he had a quick wit, but mostly, he was known for his compassion on Health and Human Services Committee. He truly cared for those who needed the help the most, and worked tirelessly in that Committee to make sure that those received it. He will be terribly missed. For those that served with him know what a great legislator he was, and I'm just sorry that he's no longer able to enjoy his retirement that he rightly deserved. But again, it was an honor to serve with him and he certainly will be missed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Regarding the Required State of Mind Relating to Robbery"

(H.P. 751) (L.D. 1146)

Sponsored by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Required State of Mind Relating to the Threatening Display or Carrying of a Concealed Weapon"

(H.P. 752) (L.D. 1147)

Sponsored by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath.

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 Limit the Liability of Persons Who Provide Firearm Hold Agreements"

(H.P. 723) (L.D. 1104)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, HASENFUS of Readfield, WHITE of Guilford, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine"

(H.P. 724) (L.D. 1105)

Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representative: MEYER of Eliot.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices"

(H.P. 728) (L.D. 1109)

Sponsored by Representative BECK of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, PUGH of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Fairness in Sentencing for Persons Under 26 Years of Age"

(H.P. 732) (L.D. 1113)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, LEE of Auburn, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, PUGH of Portland, SINCLAIR of Bath, YUSUF of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms"

(H.P. 739) (L.D. 1120)

Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, ROEDER of Bangor.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms"

(H.P. 745) (L.D. 1126)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.

Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Permanent Free Community College Program for Maine"

(H.P. 737) (L.D. 1118)

Sponsored by Representative SARGENT of York.

Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, MITCHELL of Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for MaineCare-related Services for Public Schools"

(H.P. 742) (L.D. 1123)

Sponsored by Representative YUSUF of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, ZAGER of Portland.

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 Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility"

(H.P. 746) (L.D. 1127)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Advance Long-duration Energy Storage Within the State"

(H.P. 749) (L.D. 1130)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham, WEBB of Durham, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

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 to Provide Water Service Infrastructure to Fairfield Residents Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

(H.P. 730) (L.D. 1111)

Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use Carry-out Bags"

(H.P. 741) (L.D. 1122)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, OSHER of Orono.

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 Regarding the Reunification of Foster Children with Their Parents"

(H.P. 727) (L.D. 1108)

Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, JAVNER of Chester.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Impact of Certain Nonemergency Transportation Services Contracts on Community Action Agency Programs"

(H.P. 744) (L.D. 1125)

Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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 Require Remittance Fees for Money Transmissions"

(H.P. 729) (L.D. 1110)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, COLLINS of Sidney, MINGO of Calais, PAUL of Winterport, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, WHITE of Guilford, WHITE of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act to Expand Eligibility Under the State's Group Health Plan to Employees and Members of the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children"

(H.P. 734) (L.D. 1115)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GREENWOOD of Wales, KESSLER of South Portland, QUINT of Hodgdon, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Bill "An Act Regarding Reproductive Health Care"

(H.P. 738) (L.D. 1119)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Modernize the Formulary for Naturopathic Doctors"

(H.P. 747) (L.D. 1128)

Sponsored by Representative JULIA of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, FLYNN of Albion, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROEDER of Bangor, ROLLINS of Augusta, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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 Provide Funds for the Redevelopment of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into Affordable Senior Housing" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 725) (L.D. 1106)

Sponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RAY of Lincolnville.

Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Retirement Benefits and Salary Adjustments for Judicial Employees"

(H.P. 743) (L.D. 1124)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Standards for Defendants' Post-judgment Motions for Relief from Protection from Abuse Orders"

(H.P. 748) (L.D. 1129)

Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, MURPHY of Scarborough, PUGH of Portland, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce Through Certified Preapprenticeship Training Programs"

(H.P. 736) (L.D. 1117)

Sponsored by Representative WEBB of Durham.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide That Spouses and Children of Corrections Officers Who Die in the Line of Duty Receive a Pension"

(H.P. 733) (L.D. 1114)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, TERRY of Gorham, WHITE of Guilford, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, HARRINGTON of York.

Committee on **LABOR** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equitable Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public"

(H.P. 740) (L.D. 1121)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DILL of Old Town, EDER of Waterboro, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MINGO of Calais, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Bill "An Act to Reform the Process by Which a Person May Petition an Agency to Adopt or Modify Rules Under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act"

(H.P. 750) (L.D. 1131)

Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

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

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 "Act to Create a Working Group to Support Tax Expenditure Evaluation Efforts"

(H.P. 726) (L.D. 1107)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Requiring Not Less Than 90 Percent State Reimbursement for Residential Real Estate Property Tax Exemptions and to Establish a Minimum Homestead Exemption

(H.P. 731) (L.D. 1112)

Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

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 Constitutional Rights of Petition Circulators"

(H.P. 735) (L.D. 1116)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections for Uniformed Service Voters and Overseas Voters"

(H.P. 753) (L.D. 1148)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MALON of Biddeford, MOONEN of Portland, SUPICA of Bangor.

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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair-Pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

Representative GRAMLICH from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 977)

Reports a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

On motion of Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and sent for concurrence.

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths by Allowing Municipalities to Approve the Establishment of Overdose Prevention Centers"

(S.P. 263) (L.D. 755)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 11, 2025, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property"

(H.P. 571) (L.D. 885)

- In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on March 4, 2025.

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - March 11, 2025 (Till Later Today) by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 422)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 18, 2025 AS WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

WHEREAS, amateur radio, also known as ham radio, provides a bridge between people, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas; and

WHEREAS, April 18, 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, the entity that promotes the international cooperation and communication that are the hallmarks of amateur radio; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 780,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators in the United States and approximately 4,500 in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio is a valuable resource and, during emergencies or natural disasters, such as the ice storm of 1998, Hurricane Katrina, the Boston Marathon bombing and countless other emergency situations, is often the only dependable way to communicate locally or internationally; and

WHEREAS, many Maine amateur radio operators serve their local and county emergency management agencies by training and holding exercises to prepare for when their skills are needed during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Maine amateur radio operators routinely volunteer their equipment and time to provide public service communications for such events as the Dempsey Challenge, the Trek Across Maine, the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, the New England Forest Rally, the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race, the Can Am Crown International Sled Dog Race, the Loon Echo Bike Trek, the Mount Desert Island Marathon, Autism Awareness walks and races and the Northwoods Gravel Grind; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators of all ages provide a great inspiration for today's youth by routinely practicing not only voice communications and the old-fashioned but reliable Morse code but also many modern digital modes, using the ionosphere as well as a fleet of satellites and the International Space Station to make contacts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and public service provided by amateur radio operators as they celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the American Radio Relay League and the International Amateur Radio Union.

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

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Gere.

Representative **GERE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether you know any ham radio operators, but I've had the good fortune to know several.

Back in the good old days before the internet that some of us in the room remember, I was a Peace Corps volunteer in a small village in Liberia in West Africa with no electricity or communications infrastructure. And I learned through an airmail letter from my family that my grandpa was very ill. At the time, the only way that I could reach home was to ride 20 miles over dirt roads on my motorbike to a ham radio station that was operated by an Episcopal mission school in another small village in my area. And when I got there; I still remember the call sign, Echo-Lima-5-Sugar. And through that ham radio operator, who was able to reach someone in New York, who then reached an operator in Pittsburgh, who then called my parents, I was able to get information about what was happening. And without that ham radio operator, that contact would never have been made.

In addition, a friend and constituent whose family members were in the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia and for over three weeks, they could not be found through any normal communications channels, and I did not know whether they had survived that horrific event. My friend met a ham radio operator at the local library, and he was able to locate the family from the other side of the world through his ham radio colleagues in less than an hour.

Ham radio operators are a special type of person. The acronym for our group in the Kennebunks is, they call themselves N-E-R-D-S, or NERDS. They are fascinated by the technology and that's often how they get involved, and they spend their free time training on how to communicate around the world in disasters and other extreme events. And despite the fact that they are nerds, in fact, many of them, they then go on to build relationships one on one with people all around the world.

Two weeks ago, my community lost a member of our community who was the founder of that group, Mr. John Nowacki. He was one of those folks who spent his time training and working with new people who were interested in this very valuable technology, and his loss was very sudden and unexpected and he will be sorely missed. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 694)

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March 12, 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 March 12, 2025, 35 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 March 12, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel" (H.P. 672) (L.D. 1043) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, FROST of Belgrade, PLUECKER of Warren, SARGENT of York)

Resolve, to Aid Municipalities, Animal Control Officers and Other Parties in Complying with Electronic Dog Licensing Requirements (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 686) (L.D. 1057) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Decriminalize Personal Possession of Therapeutic Amounts of Psilocybin for Adults" (H.P. 663) (L.D. 1034) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CHAPMAN of Auburn, EDER of Waterboro, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JULIA of Waterville, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections" (H.P. 677) (L.D. 1048) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Representative: KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Tax Treatment of Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service in Maine" (H.P. 685) (L.D. 1056) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling" (H.P. 692) (L.D. 1063) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich)

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters (H.P. 664) (L.D. 1035) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, KESSLER of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act to Lower the Energy Burden of Residents by Advancing Climate Change Goals" (H.P. 666) (L.D. 1037) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance" (H.P. 675) (L.D. 1046) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HENDERSON of Rumford, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SWALLOW of Houlton, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Reduce Stigma for Parents Seeking Support" (H.P. 689) (L.D. 1060) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Bill "An Act to Increase Community Support for Families in Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 690) (L.D. 1061) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Regarding the Reporting of Medical Debt on Consumer Reports" (H.P. 659) (L.D. 1030) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

Bill "An Act to Allow Time-share Associations to Charge Credit Card Surcharges" (H.P. 660) (L.D. 1031) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Rebates from Prescription Drug Manufacturers Are Passed on to Patients at Pharmacies" (H.P. 682) (L.D. 1053) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: BECK of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, MACIAS of Topsham, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in Access to Anatomical Donations and Organ Transplants" (H.P. 684) (L.D. 1055) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HEPLER of Woolwich, LAJOIE of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Dental Insurance Companies from Denying Coverage When Other Insurance Is Involved" (H.P. 687) (L.D. 1058) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Automobile Insurance Rates Are Maintained upon the Death of a Spouse" (H.P. 693) (L.D. 1064) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination" (H.P. 665) (L.D. 1036) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, LOOKNER of Portland, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments" (H.P. 670) (L.D. 1041) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DHALAC of South Portland, EDER of Waterboro, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, RANA of Bangor)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Allow an Adult Hunter to Transfer That Hunter's Antlerless Deer Permit to a Junior Hunter" (H.P. 679) (L.D. 1050) (Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Maintain All-terrain Vehicle Trails" (H.P. 680) (L.D. 1051) (Sponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Penobscot Nation to Use Wild Game Harvested on the Penobscot Indian Territory at Food Venues Located Within the Penobscot Indian Territory" (H.P. 683) (L.D. 1054) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HEPLER of Woolwich, MOONEN of Portland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Court Security" (H.P. 661) (L.D. 1032) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, COLLINS of Sidney, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, NUTTING of Oakland, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WOOD of Norway)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit" (H.P. 678) (L.D. 1049) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, HAGGAN of Hampden, MORRIS of Turner, NUTTING of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms" (H.P. 691) (L.D. 1062) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, HAGGAN of Hampden, MORRIS of Turner, NUTTING of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Raise the Cap on Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made" (H.P. 669) (L.D. 1040) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, BUNKER of Farmington, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MACIAS of Topsham, MCCABE of Lewiston, ROEDER of Bangor, SATO of Gorham, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Require a Person Operating a Watercraft for Recreational Purposes to Ensure All Passengers Under 13 Years of Age Wear Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Devices" (H.P. 671) (L.D. 1042) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DILL of Old Town, SARGENT of York)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer (H.P. 681) (L.D. 1052) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DILL of Old Town, FARRIN of Jefferson, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MONTELL of Gardiner, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V" (H.P. 688) (L.D. 1059) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Qualifying Use of Tax Increment Financing for Extension of a Development District" (H.P. 673) (L.D. 1044) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Revenue by Adding Public Safety as an Authorized Project Cost" (H.P. 674) (L.D. 1045) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Impose an Additional Tax on Certain Unearned Income" (H.P. 676) (L.D. 1047) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GATTINE of Westbrook, HASENFUS of Readfield, MATLACK of St. George, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

Transportation

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Authority over Heavy Vehicle Operation" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 668) (L.D. 1039) (Sponsored by Representative WALKER of Naples)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Regulate Alcoholic Beverage Competitions" (H.P. 662) (L.D. 1033) (Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MONTELL of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Maximum Term of a Medical Cannabis Written Certification to 2 Years" (H.P. 667) (L.D. 1038) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HARRINGTON of York, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot)

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.P. 722)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE**

**2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 14, 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 March 14, 2025, 27 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 March 14, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term 'State Park' by Nonstate Parks" (H.P. 715) (L.D. 1093) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Remove the Limit on the Length of Probation That May Be Served for Aggravated Attempted Murder" (H.P. 696) (L.D. 1074) (Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DILL of Old Town, MALON of Biddeford, NUTTING of Oakland, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, ROLLINS of Augusta)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Hire School Security Officers to Protect Students and Make Schools Safer" (H.P. 698) (L.D. 1076) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, PAUL of Winterport, Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York)

Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Major Capital School Construction Costs" (H.P. 709) (L.D. 1087) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MCCABE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Cumberland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Provide De-escalation and Behavior Intervention Training for School Personnel" (H.P. 719) (L.D. 1097) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equal Access to a Full School Day for All Students" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 720) (L.D. 1098) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income" (H.P. 702) (L.D. 1080) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, KESSLER of South Portland, MCINTYRE of Lowell, RUNTE of York, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham, Senator: LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities That Have Financed Fiber-optic Broadband Infrastructure to Use Loans or Grants to Repay Associated Debt" (H.P. 718) (L.D. 1096) (Sponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, MALON of Biddeford, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, QUINT of Hodgdon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, TUELL of East Machias, YUSUF of Portland, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well-being of Vulnerable Populations" (H.P. 695) (L.D. 1073) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

Resolve, to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Assess Existing Water Retention Structures and Water Levels (H.P. 705) (L.D. 1083) (Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs" (H.P. 700) (L.D. 1078) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MCCABE of Lewiston, OSHER of Orono, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act to Provide Comprehensive Perimenopause and Menopause Education" (H.P. 701) (L.D. 1079) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, DOUDERA of Camden, GATTINE of Westbrook, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places" (H.P. 703) (L.D. 1081) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KUHN of Falmouth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, to Alleviate the Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage by Allowing the Training and Granting of Behavioral Health Certifications by Community-based Agencies and Hospitals (H.P. 706) (L.D. 1084) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senator: INGWERSEN of York)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Require Annual Reporting Regarding the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (H.P. 697) (L.D. 1075) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FLYNN of Albion, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GUERIN of Penobscot)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Restrict Removal of Common Loons for Relocation in Maine from Bodies of Water of 500 Acres or Less" (H.P. 717) (L.D. 1095) (Sponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DRINKWATER of Milford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HAGGAN of Hampden, MASON of Lisbon, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Guilford)

Judiciary

Resolve, Directing the Judicial Branch to Perform an Inspection and Study of the Rumford Courthouse Building (H.P. 707) (L.D. 1085) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, LEE of Auburn, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, SATO of Gorham, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Data Privacy Act" (H.P. 710) (L.D. 1088) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Prohibit a Person from Obtaining an Elver Dealer's License for a Minimum of 5 Years in Cases of Repeat Violations of License Conditions" (H.P. 716) (L.D. 1094) (Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro)

State and Local Government

Resolve, to Form a Working Group to Address Vacancies in Municipal Government Management Positions (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 712) (L.D. 1090) (Sponsored by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta)

Bill "An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Allowing Persons a Minimum Amount of Time in Which to Speak" (H.P. 713) (L.D. 1091) (Sponsored by Representative HYMES of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Exempt Drinking Water from Sales and Use Tax" (H.P. 699) (L.D. 1077) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, COLLINS of Sidney, HYMES of Waldo, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Invest in Maine's Families and Workforce by Amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax" (H.P. 704) (L.D. 1082) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GERE of Kennebunkport, Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Permanently Fund 55 Percent of the State's Share of Education by Establishing a Tax on Incomes of More than \$1,000,000" (H.P. 711) (L.D. 1089) (Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GATTINE of Westbrook, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Diapers from Sales Tax" (H.P. 721) (L.D. 1099) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, QUINT of Hodgdon, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Remove State Requirements for Nonprofits on Raffles and Internet Raffles with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less" (H.P. 708) (L.D. 1086) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Representative: NUTTING of Oakland)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Dual Distribution Prohibitions Are Not Violated by Direct Shippers of Wine" (H.P. 714) (L.D. 1092) (Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, LANCE of Paris)

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. 93)

STATE OF MAINE

132ND MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 12, 2025

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, MRSA, Chapter 419, §4652, we are pleased to reappoint Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the *Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission* effective immediately.

Furthermore, we are reappointing Senator Cameron Reny of Lincoln as a permanent proxy member of the commission, who may also attend meetings of the commission. Additionally, Senator Reny may vote in the event of Representative Hepler's absence.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 94)

STATE OF MAINE

132ND MAINE LEGISLATURE

March 13, 2025

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Clerk Hunt:

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

Senator Marianne Moore of Calais – Zone A

Representative Gary Friedmann of Bar Harbor – Zone B

Representative Holly Eaton of Deer Isle, reappointment – Zone C

Senator Cameron Reny of Bristol, reappointment – Zone D

Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich, reappointment – Zone E

Representative Dylan Pugh of Portland – Zone F

Representative Parnell Terry of Gorham – Zone G

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 95)

STATE OF MAINE

CLERK'S OFFICE

2 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 18, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

L.D. 113 An Act to Require Food Labels to Disclose Use of Messenger Ribonucleic Acid Vaccine Material in Food Production

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 198 An Act to Prohibit the University of Maine System Campus Police from Issuing a Citation or Summons Related to a Parking Violation to a Visitor of the University of Maine System

L.D. 377 An Act to Establish a University of Maine Medical School and to Dedicate Funds from Raising the Cigarette Tax to the School

Marine Resources

L.D. 325 An Act Related to the Disbursement of Revenue Generated from the Harvesting of River Herring

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 118 An Act to Allow Candidates for Sheriff and District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act

- L.D. 313 An Act to Improve Voter Confidence in Electronic Ballot Counting by Requiring Ballots to Contain Unique Identifiers
- L.D. 454 An Act to Allow Candidates for Secretary of State or Attorney General to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act
- L.D. 718 An Act to Require Municipal Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots Only to Residents of That Municipality and to Eliminate Ongoing Absentee Voter Status

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 96)

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

March 18, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has approved the request for "Leave to Withdraw" by the following sponsor:

Representative Underwood of Presque Isle

L.D. 668 An Act to Abolish Ranked-choice Voting

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 97)

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

March 18, 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 March 14, 2025

Philip L. Bartlett II, Esq. of Portland for reappointment as Chair of the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §105, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Carl Wilson of Alna as Temporary Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources, effective March 14, 2025.

This appointment is being made pursuant to Title 5, MRS §1, and provides authority to Mr. Wilson to exercise the powers and duties of the Commissioner.

Carl Wilson of Alna as the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources.

Pursuant to 12, MRSA, §6022, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 449)

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

March 12, 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 March 12, 2025, 19 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 March 12, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Fort McClary" (S.P. 436) (L.D. 1019) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Representative: MEYER of Eliot)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Develop Maine Talent and Innovation by Improving the Infrastructure of the University of Maine System" (S.P. 431) (L.D. 1014) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, MITCHELL of Cumberland, BRENNAN of Portland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance" (S.P. 442) (L.D. 1024) (Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, ARDELL of Monticello)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Change the Residency Requirements for State Funding for Student Tuition at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (S.P. 428) (L.D. 1011) (Sponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory" (S.P. 429) (L.D. 1012) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: GOLEK of Harpswell)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement" (S.P. 434) (L.D. 1017) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, PLUECKER of Warren, ZAGER of Portland, DEBRITO of Waterville)

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Equitable Access to Maternal Health Care and Birthing Facilities (S.P. 446) (L.D. 1028) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: MOORE of Washington, INGWERSEN of York, CARNEY of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, JAVNER of Chester, ZAGER of Portland, DAIGLE of Fort Kent)

Bill "An Act to Ensure General Assistance for Housing Does Not Reduce Assistance for Other Basic Necessities and to Increase Presumptive Eligibility and State Reimbursement for General Assistance" (S.P. 447) (L.D. 1029) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, TIPPING of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, ZAGER of Portland, RANA of Bangor, DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Protect Health Care for Rural and Underserved Areas by Prohibiting Discrimination by Participants in a Federal Drug Discount Program" (S.P. 435) (L.D. 1018) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, DUCHARME of Madison, FREDERICKS of Sanford)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund" (S.P. 433) (L.D. 1016) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Economy Task Force (S.P. 441) (L.D. 1023) (Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 440) (L.D. 1022) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Law Regarding Relief for Improvident Transfers of Title" (S.P. 445) (L.D. 1027) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BAILEY of York, MOORE of Washington, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, LEE of Auburn, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, CARUSO of Caratunk)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Remove Certain Cost-of-living Adjustment Restrictions for Retired Members of the Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 439) (L.D. 1021) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Allow Federal Civil Service to Count for Purposes of Maine Public Employees Retirement System Benefits" (S.P. 443) (L.D. 1025) (Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York) (BY REQUEST)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide Mapping Services for Aquaculture Lease Siting" (S.P. 444) (L.D. 1026) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Jefferson and Senators: MOORE of Washington, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay, CRAFTS of Newcastle, STROUT of Harrington)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt" (S.P. 430) (L.D. 1013) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Require a Minimum of 2 Persons on a Crew for the Operation of Freight Trains" (S.P. 432) (L.D. 1015) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: MURPHY of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Laws Providing for the Construction of a Connector to Gorham and to Resell Land Taken Under Those Laws to Previous Property Owners" (S.P. 437) (L.D. 1020) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough, OSHER of Orono, MURPHY of Scarborough, SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham)

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.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 131)

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

March 11, 2025

Honorable Ryan Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor,

- John Beliveau of Portland for reappointment, to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Board of Trustees,

- Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester for reappointment, to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Board of Trustees.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 140)
**MAINE SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 13, 2025
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it Failed to Enact Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025" (H.P. 131) (L.D. 209) in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

**CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 193) (L.D. 460) Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Newfield the Dam's Mills Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 197) (L.D. 463) Resolve, to Rename the New Ten Mile River Bridge on Pequawket Trail in Brownfield the Brownfield Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 198) (L.D. 464) Resolve, to Rename the Brackett Mill Bridge in Denmark the Brackett Mill Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 165) (L.D. 262) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 208) (L.D. 308) Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 210) (L.D. 310) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 413) (L.D. 645) Bill "An Act to Change the Size and Composition of the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 459) (L.D. 720) Bill "An Act to Protect Federal Home Loan Banks That Lend Money to Insurer Members That Become Delinquent" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 468) (L.D. 729) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 800: Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

(H.P. 27) (L.D. 63)
(C. "A" H-11)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 110 voted in favor of the same and 7 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Act

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

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

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 37)

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)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Carmel the Kevin M. Howell Memorial Bridge

(H.P. 95) (L.D. 162)

Resolve, to Rename the Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge in the Town of Standish

(S.P. 87) (L.D. 200)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs the Hope Bridge

(H.P. 245) (L.D. 345)

Were reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Increase the Procurement of Maine Foods by State-funded Institutions" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 472) (L.D. 1141)

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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy"

(S.P. 471) (L.D. 1140)

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 Permit the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining the Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters"

(S.P. 463) (L.D. 1135)

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 the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste"

(S.P. 438) (L.D. 1065)

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 Essential Services for Victims of Crimes" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 470) (L.D. 1139)

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 Regarding Reimbursement for Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program"

(S.P. 473) (L.D. 1142)

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

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 Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings and Variances from Dimensional Standards"

(S.P. 474) (L.D. 1143)

Bill "An Act to Protect Residents Living in Mobile Home Parks"

(S.P. 477) (L.D. 1145)

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.

Bill "An Act to Further Protect Low-impact Landscaping"

(S.P. 453) (L.D. 1132)

Bill "An Act to Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations by Condominium and Residential Associations"

(S.P. 457) (L.D. 1133)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities"

(S.P. 461) (L.D. 1134)

Bill "An Act to Defend the Rights of LGBTQ+ Persons in the State"

(S.P. 464) (L.D. 1136)

Bill "An Act to Expand Landowner Liability Protections to Include Sport Shooting Ranges"

(S.P. 467) (L.D. 1137)

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 Reinstate the Property Tax Stabilization Program"

(S.P. 475) (L.D. 1144)

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 Reduce Pollution Associated with Transportation in Alignment with the State's Climate Action Plan"

(S.P. 469) (L.D. 1138)

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I request to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Member may proceed.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked to speak on the record to permanently memorialize me being an embarrassment to my child. It's Evan Rainey-Boutilier's 16th birthday today. So, I hope you all join this cringy mom in wishing a happy birthday to my small child, my sweet baboo, the notorious E.R.B.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to recognize Representative McIntyre's attire. Permission to speak on the record, please.

The SPEAKER: The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When future generations look at today's photo, they may be confused, especially when looking at this side of the aisle, and think that it was a Christmas photo because of the red and the green. I just wanted to stand as someone with significant Irish heritage and let the record show that many of us on this side are acknowledging St. Patrick's Day, and I just want to wish everybody a happy belated St. Patrick's Day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Representative **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor, the House adjourned at 12:29 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Richard Steven Malaby of Wiscasset, Calvin Temple of Bowdoinham, Preacher of South Paris and Roger E. Routhier of Waterville.