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

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
May 21, 2025

Senate called to order by President Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Venerable Tenzin Dasel of Bates College Multifaith Chaplaincy in Lewiston.

VENERABLE TENZIN DASEL: Thank you to the President of the Senate, Mattie, as she told me I should refer to her, and thank you all for your service in being here serving our -- this great state of Maine. And thank you especially to Senator Peggy Rotundo for the invitation. It is my great honor and pleasure to be here with you this morning -- or as I said, almost this afternoon. But that's okay, I'm used to India time, and I used to work for the Secretary of State another lifetime ago, back in 2006 to 2008, so I know how things go politically here in the State House.

Thank you so much, really, truly, from my heart for your service because services are privilege to work for the benefit of others. It's truly a calling of great responsibility and it's something that I really, from my heart, honor and say thank you to all of you for your service in this particularly difficult time that we're in.

So, one thing I wanted to offer first was just this kind of idea that we start with this idea of having life and being alive and how wonderful it is. Really, how wonderful it is to be a human being. There are a myriad of life forms on this one planet in this great universe of ours and most life forms on this planet are not humans. Although we talk about 8 billion humans, probably there are more mosquitos than that just in the state of Maine, alone - or black flies, anyway. And so, this is the great moment that our lifetime has afforded us to be of service, of benefit, of humor, of joy, of positivity, of courage, using wisdom, which the great lady on the top of our State House reminds us of, the Lady of Wisdom, holding a flaming pine torch, which I like for old times sake, nostalgia. And so, being of service means we call to mind well, who are we serving? We're serving all sentient beings, all other human beings, all other forms of life, and we do our best. We won't always get it right, sometimes we miss the mark, but the idea of a service is coming together to learn from our own strengths and our own weaknesses with humility, with wisdom, and especially with compassion.

So, I wanted to just read an excerpt from this prayer that recalls these benefits of wisdom and compassion, and it's not really a Buddhist prayer, it's really a secular prayer, if you hear the secular call to be of service to all sentient beings.

May as many beings as there are in all directions, diseased with sufferings of body and mind, may they all attain oceans of happiness and joy through the forces of my positive acts. May the blind see sights and forever may the deaf hear sounds. And may the pregnant give birth without any pain. May the naked find clothing, the hungry food, and the thirsty water and delicious things to drink. May the poor find wealth, those stricken with grief find joy, and may the discouraged become uplifted and perfectly steadfast. May as many limited beings as are sick be swiftly set free from sickness and may the sicknesses of wandering beings without exception never recur. May those with fear become fearless, those in bondage be released, those lacking strength become strong, and their hearts become friendly toward each other. May no limited being ever have pain nor act with negative force nor be sick nor be frightened nor be derided nor ever be depressed. By this positive force, may all limited beings without an exception rid themselves of all negative acts and always engage in what is constructive. May these heart wishes to benefit the world be fulfilled and may whatever those highest guardians have intended indeed come to bring benefit for limited beings. For as long as space remains and for as long as wandering beings remain, may we too remain for that long dispelling the sufferings of this world.

And now, we think about the joy of four unlimited qualities we call the endless wishes because like limited -- like sentient beings are without limit, these wishes, you can never develop these qualities to a point where they'd finish. So, the first one is called the immeasurable wish for loving kindness.

May all beings have happiness, and its causes and be established in immeasurable loving kindness. May all beings be freed from suffering and its causes and be established in immeasurable compassion. May all beings never be separated from the root of joy without sorrow and be established in immeasurable bliss. May all beings abide in equanimity, free from strong attachment and strong aversion and be established in immeasurable equanimity.

And now, just a short finishing meditation. This is called just an everyday meditation from the nuns of Gebchuk Nunnery in Tibet. And I brought my own little bell, which I think sounds a little bit nicer, this little bell, than yours. When you reach that place beyond thoughts, the only thing you'll find is love, and the only purpose of life becomes to ease the suffering of others, abandon all effort, find the silence beyond thoughts, then simply remain. The rest happens naturally.

Thank you very much.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Cameron D. Reny of Lincoln County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Barriers to Reentry into the Community After Incarceration by Repealing Certain Driver's License Suspension Provisions"
H.P. 275 L.D. 421

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (4 members)

In Senate, May 14, 2025, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Class D and Class E Crimes Relating to Marijuana Possession and Cultivation"
H.P. 1277 L.D. 1916

In Senate, May 14, 2025, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Report was **READ** and **REJECTED** and Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Allow the Sealing of Criminal History Record Information Related to Convictions for Conduct That Is No Longer a Crime in the State"
H.P. 1278 L.D. 1917

In Senate, May 14, 2025, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Report was **READ** and **REJECTED** and Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Criminal History Record Information Act with Respect to Criminal Charges Dismissed as the Result of a Plea Agreement"
H.P. 1279 L.D. 1918

In Senate, May 14, 2025, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Report was **READ** and **REJECTED** and Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Expand the Types of Convictions Eligible for Sealing Through a Post-judgment Motion to Seal Criminal History Record Information"
H.P. 1280 L.D. 1919

In Senate, May 14, 2025, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Report was **READ** and **REJECTED** and Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:
H.P. 1324

JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 18, 2025 TO MAY 24, 2025 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are vital public services; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency medical services dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill healthcare gaps by providing important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to designate the week of May 18, 2025 to May 24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week, with this year's 51st anniversary theme: We Care. For Everyone; and we encourage all citizens to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities in honor of Emergency Medical Services providers and the essential services they provide.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **TALBOT ROSS**: Thank you. Good morning, Madam President. I just rise to acknowledge that emergency medical services here in the state of Maine in 2022, this Legislature took a really great step and said that emergency medical services was not only vital, but that is an essential public service that allowed Maine to join over 15 states including the District of Columbia in determining that EMS was an essential service. And I just want to say that I'm really proud that we took that step, and all the steps that we're taking since then, to really acknowledge the men and women who risk their lives every single day for all Mainers across the state, doing really critical work. I'm really, really proud of the steps that we've taken thus far. I hope that through this Legislature, we will take additional steps to support emergency medical services here in the state of Maine.

Thank you, Madam President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

H.P. 1326

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

May 15, 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 May 15, 2025, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on May 15, 2025, as follows:

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of PFAS" (H.P. 1325) (L.D. 1982) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HEPLER of Woolwich, JACKSON of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 435

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
State House
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

It is my pleasure to nominate Christian Cotz of South Bristol for appointment as the Maine State Archivist.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. § 93, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and confirmation by the Senate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 626-8401.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 442

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Janice de Lima of Falmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority. After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Bennett, R. of Oxford
	Representatives	7	Gere, T. of Kennebunkport, Eder, J. of Waterboro, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Mingo, A. of Calais, Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Walker, M. of Naples, Yusuf, Y. of Portland
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	1	Collamore, A. of Pittsfield
ABSENT		3	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Rep. Golek, C. of Harpswell, Rep. Julia, C. of Waterville

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Janice de Lima of Falmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Traci Gere
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **BICKFORD**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BRENNER**, the Senator from Waldo, Senator **CURRY**, the Senator from Hancock, Senator **GROHOSKI**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **NANGLE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#191)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, CURRY, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Janice de Lima** for reappointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 430

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

May 19, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 305.6, we are writing to notify you that LD 1172, "An Act to Enact the Passamaquoddy Fisheries and Workforce Development Act" has been automatically withdrawn.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 436

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

May 19, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Salisbury of Westbrook, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1599 An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 432

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

May 16, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1526 An Act to Change the Permissible Hours and Penalties Pertaining to the Use of Consumer Fireworks

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 438

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

May 19, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 71 An Act Regarding Special Education Funding

L.D. 193 An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness

L.D. 282 An Act to Raise the Limit on the Total Number of Public Charter Schools

L.D. 501 An Act to Fairly Fund School Administrative Units for Economically Disadvantaged Students

L.D. 673 An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low-income and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units

L.D. 933 An Act to Increase to 100 Percent the State Share of Funding for Special Education Costs of All School Administrative Units

L.D. 1398 An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools

L.D. 1518 An Act to Clarify the Amount and Use of Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit Budget

L.D. 1689 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty, Jr.
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 437

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

May 16, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1096 An Act to Allow Municipalities That Have Financed Fiber-optic Broadband Infrastructure to Use Loans or Grants to Repay Associated Debt

L.D. 1929 An Act to Improve Public Utility Service by Addressing Seasonal Property Hazards

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Melanie Sachs
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:
S.C. 440

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

May 16, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 459 An Act to Regulate the Use of Prior Authorization for Health Care Provider Services

L.D. 675 An Act to Protect Consumers by Increasing Transparency and Accountability in the Pharmaceutical Industry

L.D. 890 An Act to Permit the Dispensing of Ivermectin Pursuant to a Standing Order upon Request for COVID-19, Flu and Cancer Patients

L.D. 1402 An Act to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Determine Methods of Ensuring the Long-term Solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association

L.D. 1663 An Act Relating to Health Care Transparency and the Maine Health Data Organization

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:
S.C. 439

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

May 14, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1468 An Act to Establish Standards for Independent Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities in Maine

L.D. 1845 An Act to Establish the Working Waterfront Advisory Council

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:
S.C. 441

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

May 19, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1597 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dynamic Pricing for Certain Consumer Goods

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 431

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

May 19, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 148 An Act to Provide for the Statewide Popular Election of the State Auditor

L.D. 236 An Act to Provide Legislative Oversight of the Rule-making Petition Process

L.D. 452 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General by Ranked-choice Voting

L.D. 774 An Act to Require Bleeding Control Kits in State-owned Buildings

L.D. 789 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer than 60 Days

L.D. 928 An Act to Maintain Public Access to Town Ways in Maine

L.D. 944 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation and Simplify Legislative Redistricting

L.D. 1388 An Act to Replace the Participation Threshold in Votes to Adopt or Alter a Municipal Charter with a Lower Approval Threshold

L.D. 1417 An Act to Strengthen the Authority of Local Officials to Enforce Provisions Regarding Dangerous and Nuisance Properties that Constitute a Threat to Public Health and Safety

L.D. 1454 An Act to Redefine "Term" in the Law Governing Term Limits for Constitutional Offices

L.D. 1524 An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Exercise of Emergency Powers

L.D. 1546 An Act to Require Recommendations from Study Commissions to Be Printed as Legislative Documents

L.D. 1560 An Act to Address Conflicts of Interest with Municipal Contracts

L.D. 1594 An Act to Change the Appropriation for the Governor's Expense Account and Create Transparency in Expenditures Made from That Account

L.D. 1767 An Act to Amend the Waldo County Budget Adoption Process and Allow Residents Who Are Not Municipal Officers to Serve on the Waldo County Budget Committee

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 434

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

May 20, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 432 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Municipalities to Apportion Real and Personal Property Taxes on the Basis of Property Classification

L.D. 1291 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Apportionment of Service Revenue

L.D. 1304 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Property Tax Increases for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older and Shift the Tax Burden to State Gaming Revenues

L.D. 1464 An Act to Provide for an Alternative Municipal Property Tax Assessment Rate

L.D. 1475 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Taxation of Digital Assets

L.D. 1481 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Stabilization of Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older

L.D. 1537 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Lowering Property Taxes by Revising the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program

L.D. 1541 An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Senior Residents

L.D. 1591 An Act to Grant a Municipality Authority to Tax Property According to Use

L.D. 1610 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Apportion Differentiated Tax Rates on Real Property According to Use

L.D. 1729 An Act to Increase the Rate of Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost as a Result of the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption

L.D. 1798 An Act to Increase Revenue Sharing and to Control Property Taxes

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 433

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

May 20, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 104 An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York (Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 781

JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the person's muscles, slowly reducing the person's ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year and estimates show that every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only 2 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than $154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is committed to accelerating the pace of discovery, fueled by the hope that one day ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until a cure can be found; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families and support research to eradicate this disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, declare May 2025 to be Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month and call upon all citizens of the State to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

READ and **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act"

H.P. 913 L.D. 1391

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Preserve Traditional Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards"

H.P. 883 L.D. 1360

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Requirements for Drivers to Surrender Their Physical Driver's Licenses During a Temporary Suspension"
H.P. 1070 L.D. 1616

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Keeping of Chickens on Private Residential Property"
H.P. 1096 L.D. 1655

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Update the Definition of 'Coastal Wetlands' Under the Natural Resources Protection Act"
H.P. 29 L.D. 65

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-161)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added"
H.P. 145 L.D. 222

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-160)**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler, and inquires why the Member rises.

Senator **TEPLER**: Madam President, I request a Roll Call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler, has requested a Roll Call and inquires if the Senator is requesting a Roll Call on dispensing of the reading of the item?

Senator **TEPLER**: No, Madam President. I apologize. I'm requesting a Roll Call on engrossment.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the Member that they should wait to rise until after the second reading to Roll Call enactment -- engrossment.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-160) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#192)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, CURRY, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

30 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 0 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 151 L.D. 228

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-164)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-164)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-164) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Water Service Infrastructure to Fairfield Residents Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 730 L.D. 1111

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-158)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-158)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-158) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards"

H.P. 763 L.D. 1158

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-157)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-157)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-157) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities"

H.P. 31 L.D. 67

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide 2 Hearing Aids to MaineCare Members with Diagnosed Hearing Loss"

H.P. 100 L.D. 167

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Design a Mentoring Program for Youth Who Have Extended Care and Support Agreements with the Department

H.P. 509 L.D. 802

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-172)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-172)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-172) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on 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

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

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places"

H.P. 703 L.D. 1081

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Modernize the Formulary for Naturopathic Doctors"

H.P. 747 L.D. 1128

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-178)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-178) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System"

H.P. 47 L.D. 83

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-198)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-198) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools"

H.P. 238 L.D. 338

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-159)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-159)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code"

H.P. 949 L.D. 1440

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking"

H.P. 1056 L.D. 1598

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-195)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-195)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-195) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1072 L.D. 1618

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-199)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-199) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning State Boards and Commissions"

H.P. 1214 L.D. 1813

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-163)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-163)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-163) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information in Records of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations"

H.P. 1221 L.D. 1826

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters"

H.P. 473 L.D. 731

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-176) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Require Vehicle Registrations to Include the Next of Kin of the Vehicle Owner"

H.P. 92 L.D. 159

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-153)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-153)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-153) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Collect Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Owned by Residents Who Are Unhoused"

H.P. 379 L.D. 611

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-151)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-151)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-151) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans"

H.P. 1039 L.D. 1581

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-152)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-152)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-152) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Direct the Secretary of State to Establish a Date Each Year for Voting by Absentee Ballot"

H.P. 91 L.D. 158

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-150)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-150)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-150) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, to Aid Municipalities, Animal Control Officers and Other Parties in Complying with Electronic Dog Licensing Requirements (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 686 L.D. 1057

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

Signed:

Senators:
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland
INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:
PLUECKER of Warren
DILL of Old Town
FROST of Belgrade
HEPLER of Woolwich

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-174)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
COOPER of Windham
CRAY of Palmyra
GUERRETTE of Caribou
JACKSON of Oxford

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers"

H.P. 407 L.D. 639

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-162)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:
HASENFUS of Readfield
ABDI of Lewiston
BUNKER of Farmington
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
ARDELL of Monticello
MCINTYRE of Lowell
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-162) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program in Order to Provide Funding for Students Attending Certain Private Schools and Students Receiving Home Instruction"

H.P. 143 L.D. 220

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CARLOW of Buxton
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)**.

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#193)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, CURRY, NANGLE

17 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Fund the Carleton Project to Provide Additional Access to a Nontraditional Secondary School"

H.P. 274 L.D. 420

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BAGSHAW of Windham
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)**.

Signed:

Representative:
CARLOW of Buxton

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program"
H.P. 633 L.D. 973

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
CARLOW of Buxton
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#194)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, CURRY, NANGLE

17 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-181) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for MaineCare-related Services for Public Schools"

H.P. 742 L.D. 1123

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
CARLOW of Buxton
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#195)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, CARNEY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, CURRY, NANGLE

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-183) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, to Establish a Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program and to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Higher Education Service Corps Program

H.P. 942 L.D. 1433

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-194)**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
CARLOW of Buxton
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-194)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-194)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-194) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act"

H.P. 217 L.D. 317

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)**.

Signed:

Senators:
TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
DOUDERA of Camden
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-193)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-193)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-193) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Report on Air and Soil Chemical and Metal Levels and on Soil Testing on Solar Panel Farm Sites

H.P. 600 L.D. 935

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

Signed:

Senators:
TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:
DOUDERA of Camden
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Tepler.

Senator **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I simply want to say that this is another version of a bill that this Body chose not to pass yesterday that involved testing of the soil and the air before and after solar panels are installed at a site. The word farm is in there, but it has absolutely nothing to do with farmland. There are other bills preserving high-value farmland. The word farm here refers to the solar panel farm. And I will hope that the Body will recognize this nonscientific approach to solar panels. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#196)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

17 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, to Study Maine's Absolute Dominion and Beneficial Use Laws Relating to Water Rights
H.P. 1131 L.D. 1696

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-156)**.

Signed:

Senators:
TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
CAMPBELL of Orrington
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Senator:
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-156)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-156)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#197)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-156) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Prescription Drug Labeling Law by Allowing the Removal of the Name of a Prescriber of Mifepristone, Misoprostol and Their Generic Alternatives"

H.P. 357 L.D. 538

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-179)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford

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

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:
CIMINO of Bridgton
FLYNN of Albion
FOLEY of Wells
MORRIS of Turner
OLSEN of Raymond

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-179)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-179)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#198)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-179) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral from a Primary Care Provider Based in the State"

H.P. 484 L.D. 742

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

Signed:

Senators:
BAILEY of York
BALDACCI of Penobscot
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ARFORD of Brunswick
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
CIMINO of Bridgton
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
FOLEY of Wells
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner
OLSEN of Raymond

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

Signed:

Representative:
FLYNN of Albion

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Update Major Policy-influencing Positions Within the Maine Human Rights Commission"

H.P. 184 L.D. 284

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-165)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representative:
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-165)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-165)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-165) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Occupational Licensing Reform"

H.P. 349 L.D. 530

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-166)**.

Signed:

Senator:
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
CARUSO of Caratunk
LEE of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
HENDERSON of Rumford
O'HALLORAN of Brewer

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-166)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-166)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Talbot Ross.

Senator **TALBOT ROSS**: Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to acknowledge a couple of key points with this bill.

LD 530 simply removes the current statutory presumption that anyone convicted as an adult, punishable by a year or more of incarceration, lacks the moral character to become a Maine attorney. The law does not remove the Maine Board of Bar Examiners or the Maine Supreme Court's ability and the process for evaluating a bar applicant's character and granting or denying a license. So, it does not remove the ability to grant or deny a license, it simply removes the presumption of being unfit.

The burden of demonstrating good character remains on the applicant and the Board will consider the nature of the offense, how long since the offense, evidence of rehabilitation, and any extraordinary circumstances. The current presumption, however, has a chilling effect on people with past records who may otherwise be interested in exploring becoming an attorney.

Maine has a dire shortage of attorneys, having to release and dismiss charges now because not enough defense attorneys. This bill aligns with the American Bar Association guidance and other states including the state of Washington. The ABA guidance actually goes much further than this bill in limiting the consideration of past records. This bill promotes successful reentry through employment and upward economic mobility. It promotes racial and economic equity because BIPOC people, people of color, and lower income people are disparately impacted by the criminal justice system. So, I'll just repeat again, this bill does not remove the process for evaluating a bar applicant's character, granting or denying a license, this bill simply removes the presumption of being unfit for people who have paid their debt to society and only want to move on with their lives.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY**: Thank you, Madam President. I'd just like to say that, you know, being in law enforcement and working with attorneys and whatever, I've always kept a high thought that that position was up with law enforcement, and we in law enforcement are held to a high standard and this would diminish the position, as far as I'm concerned, and I think that this would harm the -- I guess the character of the position.

So, I just wanted to say that, and I think that I would not vote for this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#199)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

17 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-166) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

NOMINATION - of James Cohen, Esq. of Portland for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

S.C. 415

Tabled - May 20, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending – **CONSIDERATION**

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#200)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

ABSENT: Senators: GROHOSKI

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and consideration the nomination of **James Cohen, Esq**. of Portland, for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, to Direct the Attorney General to Drop the Lawsuit Filed Against Big Oil Companies Concerning Climate Change

H.P. 403 L.D. 635

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-167)**.

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representative:
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#201)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer by Establishing a Law Office Study Program"

H.P. 480 L.D. 738

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

Signed:

Senators:
HAGGAN of Penobscot
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
PUGH of Portland
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
SATO of Gorham

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require the Attorney General to Seek Legislative Approval Before Filing Any Civil Suit on Behalf of the State and to Authorize Citizen-initiated Petitions to Move for Dismissal"

H.P. 655 L.D. 1008

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-169)**.

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representative:
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Tie Judicial Salaries to the Average Judicial Salaries of Other New England States"
H.P. 894 L.D. 1371

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
POIRIER of Skowhegan
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-196)**.

Signed:

Senator:
HAGGAN of Penobscot

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

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Denials of Public Records Requests"
H.P. 1203 L.D. 1797

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
HAGGAN of Penobscot
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:
KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
LEE of Auburn
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Representatives:
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Modify the Laws Regarding Driver's License Applications"

H.P. 933 L.D. 1411

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

Signed:

Senators:
NANGLE of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
CRAFTS of Newcastle
ANKELES of Brunswick
BISHOP of Bucksport
EATON of Deer Isle
MASON of Lisbon
MONTELL of Gardiner
PARRY of Arundel
RAY of Lincolnville

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

Signed:

Representatives:
ALBERT of Madawaska
WHITE of Guilford

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#202)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE,

27 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention"

H.P. 73 L.D. 108

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-154)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-155)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FREDERICKS of Sanford
HYMES of Waldo

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-154)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-154)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-154)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-154) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Sales Commission of Retailers Selling Lottery Tickets"

H.P. 136 L.D. 213

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FREDERICKS of Sanford
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
HYMES of Waldo
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senator:
DUSON of Cumberland

Representative:
MALON of Biddeford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-184)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-184)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact"

H.P. 161 L.D. 252

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FREDERICKS of Sanford
FROST of Belgrade
HYMES of Waldo

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

Signed:

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Require the Updating of Voter Registration Signatures"

H.P. 169 L.D. 266

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)**.

Signed:

Senator:
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FREDERICKS of Sanford
HYMES of Waldo

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#203)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration"

H.P. 249 L.D. 349

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)**.

Signed:

Senator:
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FREDERICKS of Sanford
HYMES of Waldo

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Save Tax Dollars in Maine's Elections by Amending the Laws Governing When a Ranked-choice Voting Count Must Be Conducted"

H.P. 424 L.D. 656

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FREDERICKS of Sanford
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-186)**.

Signed:

Senator:
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on 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

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FREDERICKS of Sanford
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senator:
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representative:
CHAPMAN of Auburn

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature"
H.P. 1034 L.D. 1576

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

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:
TERRY of Gorham

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Domestic Violence by Providing Adequate Funding Support for Court-ordered Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs"
H.P. 434 L.D. 666

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

Signed:

Senators:
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:
HASENFUS of Readfield
ABDI of Lewiston
BUNKER of Farmington
LAJOIE of Lewiston
LOOKNER of Portland
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-171)**.

Signed:

Senator:
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
MCINTYRE of Lowell
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Signed:

Representative:
ARDELL of Monticello

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, the Report **"A" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BEEBE-CENTER for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission Regarding Tier II Offenses" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 718 L.D. 1836

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator RAFFERTY for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Raise the Minimum State Standard for Mathematics Education for a High School Diploma"

S.P. 162 L.D. 370

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-109)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-109) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 84 L.D. 197

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission"

S.P. 221 L.D. 503

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-110)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-110) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending"

S.P. 348 L.D. 788

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-120) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws"

S.P. 42 L.D. 27

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator TEPLER for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Evaluate How to Effectively Allow 2 Licensed Individuals to Fish for Lobsters or Scallops from a Single Vessel

S.P. 556 L.D. 1341

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-115)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund"

S.P. 555 L.D. 1340

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-116)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-116) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Raise the Contribution Cap for Unenrolled Candidates"

S.P. 176 L.D. 390

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-117)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-117) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response"

S.P. 34 L.D. 21

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

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#204)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory"

S.P. 35 L.D. 22

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-111)**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CARLOW of Buxton
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-111) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Bolster the Maine Teacher Residency Program"

S.P. 313 L.D. 696

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-112)**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
LIBBY of Cumberland
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CARLOW of Buxton
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Representatives:
BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-112) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Regarding Renewable Electricity Generation by Hydropower Projects"
S.P. 499 L.D. 1210

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

Signed:

Senators:
TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:
DOUDERA of Camden
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
WOODSOME of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-127)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#205)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate"
S.P. 641 L.D. 1604

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

Signed:

Senators:
TEPLER of Sagadahoc
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ANKELES of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
OSHER of Orono
RIELLY of Westbrook
WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Senator:
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:
CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-128) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Support Direct Access Worker Employment by Removing Certain Employment Disqualifications"

S.P. 493 L.D. 1204

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

Signed:

Senators:
BAILEY of York
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:
ARFORD of Brunswick
CIMINO of Bridgton
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
FOLEY of Wells
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner
OLSEN of Raymond

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

Signed:

Senator:
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:
MATHIESON of Kittery
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth
FLYNN of Albion

Reports **READ**.

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

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

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report (Roll Call Ordered).

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks"

S.P. 122 L.D. 255

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

Signed:

Senators:
CURRY of Waldo
BAILEY of York
BENNETT of Oxford

Representatives:
GERE of Kennebunkport
GOLEK of Harpswell
JULIA of Waterville
MALON of Biddeford
ROBERTS of South Berwick
YUSUF of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
MINGO of Calais
WALKER of Naples

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-121) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine"

S.P. 315 L.D. 698

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

Signed:

Senators:
CURRY of Waldo
BAILEY of York
BENNETT of Oxford

Representatives:
GERE of Kennebunkport
GOLEK of Harpswell
JULIA of Waterville
MALON of Biddeford
MINGO of Calais
YUSUF of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
ROBERTS of South Berwick
WALKER of Naples

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-124)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-124) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act Establishing the Maine Common Interest Ownership Act"

S.P. 301 L.D. 760

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

Signed:

Senators:
CURRY of Waldo
BAILEY of York
BENNETT of Oxford

Representatives:
GERE of Kennebunkport
GOLEK of Harpswell
JULIA of Waterville
MALON of Biddeford
MINGO of Calais
WALKER of Naples
YUSUF of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-123)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
EDER of Waterboro

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-122)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-122) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Part B Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees"

S.P. 205 L.D. 467

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-113)**.

Signed:

Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
ARCHER of Saco
BECK of South Portland
MACIAS of Topsham

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

Signed:

Senator:
BRADSTREET of Kennebec

Representatives:
COLLINS of Sidney
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-113) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Codify the Federal Salary Threshold for Overtime Pay"
S.P. 283 L.D. 599

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-114)**.

Signed:

Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
ARCHER of Saco
BECK of South Portland
GEIGER of Rockland
MACIAS of Topsham
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:
BRADSTREET of Kennebec

Representatives:
COLLINS of Sidney
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bradstreet.

Senator **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam President. I'll briefly state the reason I'm voting against this motion.

This bill would make Maine even an extreme outlier compared to other states. There are only six states right now that have a threshold higher than what the federal government is. You know, a little bit of a difference is fine, but when it's about 29 or 30% higher than the federal threshold, that's a problem. And I think it will discourage people from investing in Maine, hiring Maine people, and growing Maine jobs.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **TIPPING**: Thank you, Madam President. I thought we had agreed not to speak on things, but I'll be quick.

I'll just say this is an important protection for Maine workers. It has become increasingly important as we've seen the misclassification of employees to deny them overtime benefits. We saw, for instance, in testimony before our committee, a construction worker who said he was labeled as a salaried foreperson and denied the money that was owed to him. There's also a letter to the Department of Labor that really struck my heart. It was from Paige Murdock, a manager at Dollar General in Eliot, who noted that because her overtime hours are free for the company, they make us work 60 to 70 hours a week. I was working so much, I couldn't make it to my church. My family was always asking why aren't you at home, mom? And most of my hours weren't even spent managing the store, but instead

stocking shelves or running the cash register since we never had enough staff.

The overtime threshold was last set in the '70s. It at that point protected 66% of salaried employees. It's never been updated. It currently protects just 12% in Maine. This would bring it up to 23%. It's not a huge increase, but it would help a lot of people, putting it in line with the federal threshold that was put into law last year. Unfortunately, that's been paused by a judge, but even the Trump Administration has appealed that.

So, this is the least we can do to protect these workers, and I hope the Senate agrees. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#206)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-114) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Assess Impact Fees on Megayachts"

S.P. 15 L.D. 115

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

Signed:

Senators:
FARRIN of Somerset
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:
CRAFTS of Newcastle
ALBERT of Madawaska
BISHOP of Bucksport
MASON of Lisbon
PARRY of Arundel
WHITE of Guilford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-118)**.

Signed:

Senator:
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:
ANKELES of Brunswick
EATON of Deer Isle
MONTELL of Gardiner
RAY of Lincolnville

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING SEPARATE APPLICATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND TERM LIMITS FOR JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT"

S.P. 10

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

Signed:

Senator:
DUSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
SUPICA of Bangor
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-119)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:
BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FREDERICKS of Sanford

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford moved the Senate **SUBSTITUTE** the Joint Resolution for the Committee Report.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **SUBSTITUTE** the Joint Resolution for the Committee Report.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/7/25) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements"
H.P. 107 L.D. 174

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - May 7, 2025 by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#207)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

ABSENT: Senators: HICKMAN

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

17 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/20/25) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers"
S.P. 107 L.D. 241

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-82) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - May 20, 2025 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#208)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

ABSENT: Senators: HICKMAN

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-82) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/20/25) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on 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

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) (11 members)[CARNEY, TALBOT ROSS]

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)[HAGGAN]

Tabled - May 20, 2025 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#209)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: FARRIN, HAGGAN

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

30 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance
H.P. 76 L.D. 111
(C "A" H-104)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate
S.P. 80 L.D. 144
(C "A" S-46)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Sent Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites
S.P. 320 L.D. 761
(C "A" S-56)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants
H.P. 513 L.D. 806
(C "A" H-119)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program
S.P. 384 L.D. 895
(C "A" S-61)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

Senator **CURRY**: Thank you, Madam President. I was sitting in my chair reading the bill, getting ready to vote, and it was closed, and I would request a reconsideration so I could -- so I could make my vote.

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

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Madam President. I move we reconsider our actions.

THE PRESIDENT: Having voted on the prevailing side?

Senator **BENNETT**: Well, yes, having voted -- and I'd request -- no, I'll do it on the next one.

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

Senator **STEWART**: Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just to inform folks of the Body here before we start flinging motions around, you're all set, the record is going to reflect that we supported it, it's not a recorded vote, so if you -- by all means, if you really, really feel strongly about a recorded vote on emergency enactment that's otherwise unanimous and is going to reflect unanimous, go ahead, but otherwise, there's a lot going on today. So, thanks.

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

Senator **BENNETT**: Madam President, I just wish to make a parliamentary point, which is that notwithstanding whether a matter is -- requires a two-thirds vote or not, or whether it's recorded or not, a Member in their seat is required to vote, and so, I just point that out. So, there was an error committed in that -- in this particular case. I think there were several Members that maybe not have voted. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby this Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

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

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

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Madam President. I'm actually very happy that this bill got more attention than it would have otherwise because it's a bill that I had a privilege of sponsoring and had a unanimous report out of the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee, as did a similar bill last session which had an open jacket and I believe every Member of the Senate last year was a co-sponsor of this measure.

Outdoor education is critically important in the state that we live in, and this measure is written in a fashion that it's not requiring a fiscal note at the present time, but it creates the

apparatus for outdoor education to be pursued when funding becomes available. There's a lot of private philanthropic money that is waiting to be invested in this important education and so I'm very happy to see all of the support that this bill is getting and people in this Chamber clambering to vote in favor of it.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Passage to be Enacted. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#210)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, CARNEY, CURRY, CYRWAY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

NAYS: Senators: None

ABSENT: Senators: LAWRENCE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, BRENNER, NANGLE

31 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 0 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused this Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Limit the Amount of Electricity That May Be Provided to Data Centers on a Certain Commercial or Industrial Site

S.P. 402 L.D. 912
(C "A" S-67)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee

S.P. 410 L.D. 954
(C "A" S-69)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Fund MaineCare

H.P. 1307 L.D. 1948

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery

H.P. 102 L.D. 169
(C "A" H-129)

On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance

H.P. 173 L.D. 270
(C "A" H-123)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Mandate

An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws by Extending Indefinitely the Presumption Applying to Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

H.P. 46 L.D. 82
(C "A" H-134)

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

Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land

Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier

H.P. 839 L.D. 1264
(C "A" H-110)

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 23 of the Constitution, passage requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate. 31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 0 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

Acts

An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection

S.P. 41 L.D. 26
(C "A" S-64)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests

S.P. 51 L.D. 33
(C "A" S-50)

An Act to Require Landowners to Report Their Participation in a Forest Carbon Program or Project

H.P. 3 L.D. 39
(C "A" H-125)

An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice

H.P. 21 L.D. 57
(C "A" H-108)

An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

H.P. 22 L.D. 58

An Act to Amend the Maine Litter Control Act

S.P. 38 L.D. 121
(C "A" S-68)

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

S.P. 71 L.D. 135
(C "A" S-53)

An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility

S.P. 118 L.D. 251
(C "A" S-49)

An Act Regarding the Remote Appearance of Counsel in Pretrial Nontestimonial Criminal Matters

H.P. 170 L.D. 267
(C "A" H-107)

An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills

H.P. 186 L.D. 286
(C "A" H-112)

An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements

S.P. 169 L.D. 388
(C "A" S-62)

An Act to Exempt a Person Making Electrical Installations in the Person's Existing Bona Fide Personal Abode from Licensing and Permitting Requirements

H.P. 364 L.D. 545
(C "A" H-101)

An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week

S.P. 247 L.D. 567
(C "A" S-54)

An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers

S.P. 257 L.D. 576

An Act to Codify the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program

H.P. 419 L.D. 651
(C "A" H-141)

An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings
H.P. 433 L.D. 665
(C "A" H-130)

An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries
H.P. 443 L.D. 704
(C "A" H-131)

An Act to Allow a Motion to Extend a Protection from Abuse Order After Expiration of the Original Order
H.P. 516 L.D. 809
(C "A" H-106)

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2026
H.P. 528 L.D. 821
(C "A" H-105)

An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage
S.P. 388 L.D. 899
(C "A" S-58)

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities
S.P. 396 L.D. 907
(C "A" S-51)

An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients
S.P. 413 L.D. 983
(C "A" S-57)

An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State
H.P. 749 L.D. 1130
(C "A" H-135)

An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks
S.P. 496 L.D. 1207
(C "A" S-65)

An Act to Align Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements with Federal Standards
H.P. 851 L.D. 1276
(C "A" H-122)

An Act to Create the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program
H.P. 911 L.D. 1389
(C "A" H-128)

An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License
H.P. 985 L.D. 1501

An Act to Remove the Term "Alleged" When Referring to Victims of Sexual Assault in the Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes Pertaining to Forensic Examinations
H.P. 1092 L.D. 1651
(C "A" H-142)

An Act to Clarify, Align and Amend Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A
H.P. 1121 L.D. 1686

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions
H.P. 1223 L.D. 1828

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

An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks
S.P. 27 L.D. 14
(C "A" S-55)

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

An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay Histories
H.P. 18 L.D. 54
(C "A" H-136)

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

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Accrual of Earned Paid Leave
H.P. 19 L.D. 55
(C "A" H-137)

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

An Act to Increase the Maximum Amount of the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit That May be Taken in a Year
S.P. 82 L.D. 146
(C "A" S-76)

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

An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Federally Approved Nonprescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives and Nonprescription Emergency Contraceptives

H.P. 96 L.D. 163
(C "A" H-120)

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

An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State

S.P. 131 L.D. 281
(C "A" S-71)

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

An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage

H.P. 228 L.D. 328
(C "A" H-102)

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

An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program

S.P. 264 L.D. 581
(C "A" S-70)

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

An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

S.P. 265 L.D. 582
(C "A" S-63)

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

An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students

S.P. 317 L.D. 700
(C "A" S-60)

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

An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember

H.P. 441 L.D. 702
(C "A" H-138)

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown

H.P. 560 L.D. 874
(C "A" H-121)

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

An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans

H.P. 574 L.D. 888
(C "A" H-143)

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

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
(C "A" H-100)

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

Resolves

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

S.P. 75 L.D. 139
(C "A" S-52)

Resolve, to Ensure the Removal of Aqueous Film-forming Foam from the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

H.P. 261 L.D. 407
(C "A" H-132)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the Status of Funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program

H.P. 461 L.D. 722
(C "A" H-140)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study Lengthening the Muzzle-loading Season for Deer in Certain Wildlife Management Districts

H.P. 502 L.D. 777
(C "A" H-109)

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Cursive Instruction in Maine Public Schools

H.P. 42 L.D. 78
(C "A" H-113)

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

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program

H.P. 392 L.D. 624
(C "A" H-111)

On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.