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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
Thursday
May 22, 2025

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

Prayer by Pastor Cornel Preda of Dixfield Seventh Day Adventist Church.

PASTOR CORNEL PREDA: Madam President, dear Senators, it is my privilege to pray with you today.

Loving Father, as we prepare for a new day of decision on behalf of our state, I'm inviting you in our midst. Give us today the understanding, the kindness, and the willingness to bring peace, prosperity, and justice in everything that we do. Let your spirit to come down over this session so we can be coworkers with you in responding to the needs of our people. We recognize that everything that we do, everything that we have, all is a gift from you.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. I'm praying this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Margaret Rotundo of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday May 21, 2025

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication:

S.C. 448

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

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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Michelle Anderson of Westbrook, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	5	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Collins, A. of Sidney, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Macias, R. of Topsham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Beck, M. of South Portland, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

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

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** 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 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 (#211)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 449

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

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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Christian Bartholomew of Augusta, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	5	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Collins, A. of Sidney, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Macias, R. of Topsham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Beck, M. of South Portland, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

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

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** 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 (#212)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 450

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

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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Jason Judd of Lewiston, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	5	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Collins, A. of Sidney, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Macias, R. of Topsham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Beck, M. of South Portland, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

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

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** 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 (#213)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 451

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

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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Janet Kelle of Newport, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	7	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Beck, M. of South Portland, Collins, A. of Sidney, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Macias, R. of Topsham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Janet Kelle of Newport, for appointment to the State Workforce Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** 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 (#214)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 452

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

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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Catharine MacLaren of Portland, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	5	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Collins, A. of Sidney, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Macias, R. of Topsham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Beck, M. of South Portland, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

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

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping	S/Amy Jean Roeder
Senate Chair	House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** 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 (#215)

YEAS:	Senators:	None
NAYS:	Senators:	BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 453

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

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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Peter Parizo of Bangor, for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec, Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	5	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Collins, A. of Sidney, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Macias, R. of Topsham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Beck, M. of South Portland, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

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

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR** 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 (#216)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, GROHOSKI, NANGLE

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 447

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

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

L.D. 306 An Act to Stabilize Rural Maine Emergency Medical Services Departments

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. 446

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

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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 637 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database

L.D. 831 An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles Due to Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization

L.D. 1029	An Act to Ensure General Assistance for Housing Does Not Reduce Assistance for Other Basic Necessities and to Increase Presumptive Eligibility and State Reimbursement for General Assistance
L.D. 1066	An Act Regarding Limits on Municipal General Assistance Programs
L.D. 1799	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment
L.D. 1952	An Act Regarding Home Heating Fuel Assistance

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 445

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

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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1205	An Act to Set Limits on Virtual Currency Kiosks

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. 444

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

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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 304	An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation
L.D. 947	An Act to Clarify Overnight Docking at Mainland Ports for Certain Island Ferry Vessels
L.D. 1632	An Act to Provide Incentives and Amend Laws Regarding Access to Protect Rural Highway Capacity and Promote Long-term Economic Development
L.D. 1680	An Act to Establish a Permanent Ferry Oversight Committee to Ensure Sustainable and Equitable Ferry Operations
L.D. 1809	An Act to Further Stabilize Highway Fund Revenue
L.D. 1875	An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Highway Funding by Imposing a Road Use Fee for Electric Vehicles

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 455

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

May 9, 2025

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council, 132nd Maine Legislature;

I am pleased to submit the State of Maine Management Letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. During our audit of the State of Maine, we became aware of matters that offer opportunities for our government to improve its operations. Recommendations regarding these matters accompany this Management Letter as "management letter comments."

This publication of our Management Letter includes two sections: management letter comments previously issued in relation to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) audit; and management letter comments newly issued in relation to the Single Audit. Management letter comments related to the ACFR audit were separately issued on January 28, 2025, and are included in this report to provide the reader with a comprehensive set of our recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me with questions you may have. Like you, we are committed to improving our State government for the benefit of our citizens, Healthy discussion of the problems found and solutions considered are part of a dialogue that aims at improvement. I welcome your thoughts and inquiries about these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA
State Auditor

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws"

S.P. 783 L.D. 1983

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 782

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator GROHOSKI for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek

S.P. 735 L.D. 1865

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator TALBOT ROSS for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Allow the Premiums and Gratuities Paid for Any Agricultural Events Approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Be Considered in Apportionment of Stipends to Agricultural Fairs"

S.P. 502 L.D. 1213

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-135)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-135) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 139 L.D. 353

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Support an Aroostook Adult Treatment and Recovery Court"

S.P. 251 L.D. 753

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-130)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-130) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Abuse of Children and Increase Access to Protection from Abuse Orders by Allowing Children to File Protection from Abuse Orders on Their Own Behalf"

S.P. 405 L.D. 950

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Cap on Liability for Governmental Entities Under the Maine Tort Claims Act"

S.P. 564 L.D. 1347

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

Nine members of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System and to Raise the Minimum Hourly Wage for Employees of the System" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 508 L.D. 1219

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

PIERCE of Cumberland

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

Three 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" (S-134)**.

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:
CARLOW of Buxton
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

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

Signed:

Representative:
BAGSHAW of Windham

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Senator **TIPPING**: Thank you, Madam President. I just wish to speak briefly.
This bill is a reaction to the systemic and ongoing underfunding of Maine's public universities decade over decade since the 1970s. In 1990, the State provided more than 70% of funding for the University of Maine System, now it's around 40%. In 2022, we reached a milestone of the lowest real appropriation to the University of Maine System since its creation. This underfunding has led to higher tuition, dramatically less investment in young people, research, and our collective future. The greatest educational, economic, and cultural engines of our state are sputtering, and the costs are falling on the students and some of the lowest paid staff on our campuses. This bill doesn't solve the problem, but by increasing funding by 4% this year and next, it takes a step in the right direction. I also want to thank all the members of the committee and note that the Minority Report here actually increases funding to a greater degree. I think this is a wonderful bipartisan display of support for our university system and I urge this Body to pass it. Thank you.

Subsequently, on motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Report **"A" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-133)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-133) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue 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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday"
H.P. 17 L.D. 53

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91) (9 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - May 7, 2025 by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-91)**.)

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/21/25) matter:

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

Tabled - May 21, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

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

(In House, House **INSISTED** on its former action whereby Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the Senate **INSISTED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/13/13) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from 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

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (9 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - May 21, 2025 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#217)

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

NAYS: Senators: BALDACCI, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, RENY, TALBOT ROSS

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, NANGLE

28 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/21/25) matter:

"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

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-119) (5 members)

Tabled - May 21, 2025 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **SUBSTITUTE** the Joint Resolution for the Committee Report

(In Senate, May 21, 2025, Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved **ACCEPTANCE** of the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.) (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair ruled the motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **SUBSTITUTE** the Joint Resolution for the Committee Report **OUT OF ORDER**.

THE PRESIDENT: The chair now recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, and inquires for what purpose does the member rise?

Senator **BENNETT**: Madam President, I wish to speak.

THE PRESIDENT: The member will defer. Ruling of the Chair is not debatable unless an appeal is taken from the ruling. The Chair would inquire, are you looking to speak on the motion now?

Senator **BENNETT**: I seek recognition to address the Senate on the pending motion, which is acceptance of the majority ought not to pass report.

THE PRESIDENT: Then that is in order.

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you. I am grateful for the indulgence. Fellow Members of the Senate, the Joint Resolution before you asks Congress to call two separate Article V Conventions, one to propose to a constitutional amendment on congressional term limits, and another to propose a constitutional amendment on term limits for supreme court justices.

Many people, as we know, have lost faith in the legislative and the judicial branches and believe real reform is needed. The Joint Resolution that I propose before you is a twist on the approach that we considered last session calling for two separate conventions for two popular reforms, one congressional and judicial term limits. This approach attempts to bridge some of the artificial divides by uniting as separate applications both reforms into one resolution.

I would note that co-sponsors on this measure are two Democrats and two Republicans from each of the two houses of this Legislature. This is entirely purposeful and immensely

important. I believe for us to surmount the appropriate hurdles before us, we must work together toward our shared ends on common ground. According to a national poll published a couple years ago, 82% of American people support a constitutional amendment that would place term limits on members of Congress. Support for term limits is universal among voters and breaches political, geographic, and demographic divides.

Similarly, with growing concerns about the integrity and potential partisanship of the U.S. Supreme Court, it is time to look at some significant reforms there. According to Gallup, Americans' confidence in the judicial system and the courts have dropped to a record low of 35% as of last year. It's absolutely critical to repair this drop in trust. A September 2024 survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center found that 68% of Americans support setting a specific number of years for justices to serve instead of granting them lifetime appointments. The proposal this legislation advances would establish staggered terms of 18 years for supreme court justices. Staggering the appointments in this way would give every President the opportunity to appoint two justices during a four-year term. There would likely be less intense confirmation battles because it would be understood that winning the presidency comes with the expectation of appointing two justices. It would also prevent the lopsided nature of appointments as how President Trump appointed three justices in his first term and President Biden only appointed one. I believe something must be done to regain the public's trust in our institutions.

So, let's be clear what the proposal is before us. An Article V application is not a request for Congress to do something; it is a statement that the state legislatures plan to force critical change with or without Congress's consent once they have two-thirds in agreement on the subject matter. Of course, any proposals will require three-fourths of the states, 38 of 50 states, to be ultimately ratified.

An Article V Convention is an option that the framers gave the state legislatures to check the power of an unresponsive Congress, which is sadly the case today. Some of you -- some are fearful that such a convention because one has not yet been called in our history before. But even though such conventions have not been called, they have proven their value, nonetheless. Many of the measures that have become ratified amendments to our constitution were first proposed as Article V measures by the states and gathered sufficient support that the Congress finally stepped in and made the proposed amendments, obviating the need for these conventions. I frankly suspect that this is what will happen with congressional and judicial term limits if our legislature, each of us, along with those in other states, do the same here.

Fellow Members, I believe it's time to put aside partisan differences, work together on commonsense reform such as term limits and other things like campaign finance reform. Thanks to the safety valve of an Article V Convention that the framers created for us, we have it in our power today to act and to pass this measure and to demand change.

So, I urge this Senate to please vote against the pending motion so we can consider the underlying measure. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#218)

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

NAYS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, NANGLE

15 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **FAILED**.

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

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

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

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Madam President. I would wish that the presiding officer would explain the consequences of a vote for this motion before you.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion before you as provided by the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, would take the bill as originally drafted and put it in the place of the committee amendment, with no changes from the process, and it would be the originally drafted bill.

Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to order a Roll Call.

The same Senator moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Resolution and all accompanying papers.

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 Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Madam President. I'm trying to figure clarity here. This motion would make us move on to what the Minority Report would be? Would we have a potential to

go there or just kill the whole bill? I need to understand where we're at, please.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise that the motion made by the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, would not be the Minority Report that the committee presented. Instead, it would be the original bill as drafted. So, this would be indefinite postponement, the Roll Call before the Body would be killing of the entire measure before us. At this time, the Minority Report has not been moved before the Body.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Resolution and all accompanying papers.

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

THE PRESIDENT: As requested, an explanation of where we are at, that this would be putting this before the Body and that it would be the first vote on accepting the substitution of this Joint Resolution for the committee report. Following this, were this to be accepted, there would be a subsequent vote that would require the two-thirds for the adoption of the resolution.

So, the current motion and the current roll call vote in front of us is acceptance of the substituting of the original joint resolution instead of the -- for the committee report.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#219)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BERNARD, BRADSTREET, CYRWAY, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BLACK, BRENNER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, GUERIN, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TEPLER, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, NANGLE

8 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 25 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **SUBSTITUTE** the Joint Resolution for the Committee Report, **FAILED**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

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

Senator **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam Chair. I rise to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, can an Article V Convention as listed in the Constitution be limited to a particular topic?

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

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Madam President. Yes, it is, it's limited to the topic that is instructed by the states for it to consider.

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

Senator **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Madam President. The amendment before us actually includes the phrase that requires that our delegation, if it were to pass, would be limited to the consideration in the Article V Joint Resolution.
Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **DUSON**: Thank you, Madam President. Many legal scholars have concluded that an Article V Constitutional Convention is a dangerous and untested event. There are no guardrails to prevent a constitutional convention from becoming a runaway convention and dealing with items outside the scope of what is mentioned in this resolution. The only time a convention like this has been called was to tweak the Articles of Confederation. That convention ended with throwing out the Articles and writing a whole new Constitution.

We are in a fragile moment for our democracy, with our norms and constitutional limits being tested every day by a chaotic federal government. We don't know how a convention like this would be organized, what voices would get a seat at the table, or who would control the agenda. Now is not the time to open up our Constitution to who knows what kind of changes to our fundamental rights, liberties, and guarantees of democracy. While some may find the policy priorities outlined in this and other resolutions tempting, an Article V Convention is not the method for achieving them.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Madam President. I just would dispute some of the statements by the Senator from Cumberland.

The scholarship is actually fairly solid on this question. An Article V Convention hasn't ever been called, but it is clear that whatever comes out of it would require ratification by 38 of 50 states. So, I have absolutely no fear based on the research I've done and the reading I've done that a runaway convention is even a concern. An Article V Convention by its definition is limited in scope. The Constitutional Convention that happened in 1787 was a completely different vehicle. So, and that Constitutional Convention created the Constitution which actually contains the Article V provisions which the framers intended to use for this purpose.

So, I would just remind all Members that whatever comes from the Article V Convention does still need to be approved by 38 of the 50 states, ratified to become part of our Constitution. And I actually think that -- I agree with the Senator from Cumberland that our times are fraught, our democracy is fragile, and it is desperately in need of reform by thoughtful people in an organized fashion. The alternative is unthinkable.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise again to pose another question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Member may proceed.

Senator **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, who serves on the Constitutional Convention? Who are the members of said convention?

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Minority 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 (#220)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GUERIN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, NANGLE

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Resolution **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-119) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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 (#221)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BERNARD, BLACK, BRADSTREET, BRENNER, CYRWAY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, HAGGAN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MARTIN, MOORE, STEWART, TALBOT ROSS, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, CARNEY, CURRY, DUSON, GUERIN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TEPLER, TIPPING, PRESIDENT DAUGHTRY

EXCUSED: Senators: BICKFORD, NANGLE

18 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused and 18 being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, this Resolution **FAILED ADOPTION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/21/25) matter:

An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember
H.P. 441 L.D. 702
(C "A" H-138)

Tabled - May 21, 2025 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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 (#222)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BEEBE-CENTER, BALDACCI, BRENNER, 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, NANGLE

19 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 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.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes

S.P. 470 L.D. 1139
(C "A" S-80)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued

S.P. 597 L.D. 1456
(C "A" S-77)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with 5 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.

Acts

An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education

H.P. 50 L.D. 86

An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws

H.P. 188 L.D. 288
(C "A" H-147)

An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections

H.P. 368 L.D. 600
(C "A" H-145)

An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income

H.P. 702 L.D. 1080
(C "A" H-86)

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

An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure

S.P. 222 L.D. 504
(C "A" S-79)

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

An Act to Provide Funding to Reduce Stigma for Parents Seeking Support

H.P. 689 L.D. 1060
(C "A" H-149)

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

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Distance Learning Programs at the University of Maine School of Law

S.P. 170 L.D. 375
(C "A" S-78)

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.

The Senate considered the following additional papers:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies in Animals by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators"

H.P. 347 L.D. 528

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-250)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-250)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-250) **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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board"

H.P. 827 L.D. 1252

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-249)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-249)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-249) **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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine"

H.P. 1010 L.D. 1525

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-248)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-248)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-248) **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 **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State

H.P. 200 L.D. 300

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-201)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-201)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-201) **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 **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Require Competitive Electricity Providers to Provide Certain Information to the Public Advocate" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 546 L.D. 860

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services"

H.P. 945 L.D. 1436

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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 Resolve, Establishing a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation of Synthetic Turf and Requiring a Study of the Public Health and Environmental Risks of Synthetic Turf

H.P. 782 L.D. 1177

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-240)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-240) **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 Increase Oversight of Fatalities of and Serious Injuries to Adults Subject to Public Guardianship"

H.P. 15 L.D. 51

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-208)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-208)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-208) **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 Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs"

H.P. 372 L.D. 604

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-239)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-239)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-239) **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 Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications"

H.P. 449 L.D. 710

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-207)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-207)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-207) **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, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 935 L.D. 1426

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, to Require the Preparation of Preapproved Building Types

H.P. 365 L.D. 546

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-235)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-235)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-235) **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 **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Make Changes to the Law Based on a Pilot Project Conducted by the Maine State Housing Authority Regarding Efforts to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Renters"

H.P. 475 L.D. 733

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-236)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-236)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-236) **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 **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council"

H.P. 871 L.D. 1336

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-234)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-234)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-234) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding Public Records and Fees for Requesting Public Records from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

H.P. 66 L.D. 101

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-231)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-231)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-231) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws"

H.P. 90 L.D. 157

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-232)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-232)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-232) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Require a Person Operating a Watercraft for Recreational Purposes to Ensure All Passengers Under 13 Years of Age Wear Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Devices"

H.P. 671 L.D. 1042

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-233)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-233)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-233) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Enhance Youth Hunting Participation

H.P. 857 L.D. 1322

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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 Prohibit the Sale or Provision of Self-administered Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Collection Kits"

H.P. 266 L.D. 412

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-246)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-246)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-246) **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 Clarify Standards for Defendants' Post-judgment Motions for Relief from Protection from Abuse Orders"

H.P. 748 L.D. 1129

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-245)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-245)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-245) **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 Public Records Requests"

H.P. 1222 L.D. 1827

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-244)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-244)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-244) **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 **LABOR** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program"

H.P. 534 L.D. 848

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-216)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-216)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-216) **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 **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Add Limited-access Area Fishing Days During the Scallop Season" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 828 L.D. 1253

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Create a Green Crab Only Wholesale Dealer License"

H.P. 987 L.D. 1503

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.