## STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

In Senate Chamber Tuesday January 29, 2019

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

Prayer by Reverend Edward Hatch, Palermo Christian Church.

**REVEREND HATCH**: Thank you for inviting me to open this session in prayer. I really appreciate it. When I received the invitation in December I was the pastor of Palermo Christian Church and I am now what many people call retired. My wife calls me staff. So here's a little difference here. Stepped down after 36 years of service and one of the questions I've been asking since then is: What have I accomplished over those years that has had lasting value. I'd ask you the same question as you're serving the people of the state of Maine. What is going to be done this year that you'll look back on 10 or 15 years from now that will be of lasting value? I'm sure you'll have many short-term goals that will be accomplished but what will there be that you'll look at and say 'Hey, I really appreciate what I did for the people of the state of Maine this year,' and it's just a question I want to put before you today. Let's bow for prayer.

Oh God, we only have one life to live and today can never be repeated. Today we have people working in our state very hard for their families, to be able to pay their bills, to be able to put food on the table. We also have men and women who are serving in our armed forces, who are serving around the world. Some of them making great sacrifices for us even today. We ask, God, for Your protection and Your help for them. We pray that this Senate, here today and in this year, would accomplish something that would be of lasting value, that would put the people of the state of Maine first, and that would be something that would help people as they deal with the everyday struggles of life. There are many in this Body that are facing personal, financial, family health issues. Lord, it is my prayer that You would give them help and strength during this time, but that You would especially help them today to focus on the tasks before them. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Rebecca J. Millett of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Jeff Barkin M.D. of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**House Papers** 

Bill "An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee" H.P. 162 L.D. 199

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

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies"

H.P. 285 L.D. 376

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE**, **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Convene a Working Group To Authorize a Public Trust for Maine's Groundwater and To Impose a 2-year Moratorium on Large-scale Groundwater Extraction" H.P. 160 L.D. 197

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY**, **UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY**, **UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Reduction of a MaineCare Lien" H.P. 157 L.D. 194

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

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

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

Bill "An Act To Define Licensed Massage Therapists as Health Care Practitioners"

H.P. 255 L.D. 330

Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE**, **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE**, **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Distribute 25 Percent of Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to Generating Municipalities"

H.P. 260 L.D. 335

Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 59

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 501, Section 19202, I am pleased to appoint Senator Nathan L. Libby to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee, representing the Maine Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 60

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 381, Section 13032, I am pleased to appoint Senator Erin D. Herbig to the Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission, representing a Senator serving on the committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research, and economic development matters.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 61

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to appoint Senator Stacey K. Guerin to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, representing a member of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 62

#### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to appoint Senator Mark W. Lawrence to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, representing a member of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 63

#### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

**Dear Secretary Grant:** 

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A, MRSA, §11053, I am pleased to appoint Senator Rebecca Millett to the New England Board of Higher Education, representing a member of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 64

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §231, I am pleased to appoint Senator Mark W. Lawrence to the New England Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, representing a member of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 65

#### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §231, I am pleased to appoint Senator Marianne Moore to the New England Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, representing a member of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 66

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Chapter 13, Section 411, I am pleased to appoint Senator Michael E. Carpenter to the Right to Know Advisory Committee, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

### READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 67

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Chapter 31, Section 901-A, I am pleased to appoint Senator Jackson to the State House and Capitol Park Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 68

### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 §24001, I am pleased to appoint Senator Marianne Moore to the Maine Children's Growth Council effective the date of this letter. She will serve as a member of the Senate from the political party having the second greatest number of members in the Maine State Senate. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication:

S.C. 69

### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate **3 State House Station** Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Chapter 5, Section 125. I am pleased to appoint Senator James F. Dill to the Board of Agriculture, representing a Senator serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 70

## STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE **OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT** AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate **3 State House Station** Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to appoint Senator Justin M. Chenette to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, representing a member of the majority party of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 71

> STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

**Dear Secretary Grant:** 

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to appoint Senator Stacey K. Guerin to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, representing a member of the minority party of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 72

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to reappoint Senator David Miramant to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, representing a member of the majority party of the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 73

#### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 12-B, I am pleased to appoint Senator Eloise A. Vitelli to the Commission to End Student Hunger as a member of the Senate, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 74

#### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 17-A, MRSA, §1353, I am pleased to appoint Senator Susan A. Deschambault to the Criminal Law Advisory Commission, serving as a member of the Senate effective January 23, 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 75

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Private and Special Laws of the 119<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Chapter 58, I am pleased to appoint Senator Matthew Pouliot to the Governing Board of the Capitol Area Riverfront District, as a member of the Maine Senate that represents the City of Augusta.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 76

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 §24001, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Rebecca Millett to the Maine Children's Growth Council effective the date of this letter. Senator Millett will serve as a member of the Senate from the political party having the greatest number of members in the Maine State Senate. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 77

#### STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10 MRSA §929-A, I am pleased to appoint Senator James F. Dill to the Maine Economic Growth Council, representing the party holding the largest number of seats in the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

### READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 78

STATE OF MAINE 129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 23, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10 MRSA §929-A, I am pleased to appoint Senator Matthew Pouliot to the Maine Economic Growth Council, representing the party holding the second largest number of seats in the Senate.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

## READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 79

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2019

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Appointment of Amanda Eleanor Beal of Warren – Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Amanda Eleanor Beal of Warren for appointment as the Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Pursuant to Title 12 MRSA §5011, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 58

### MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY FINACIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES CASTINE, MAINE

January 21, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2019.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Petra Carver Vice President for Financial and Institutional Services for Marine Maritime Academy

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 80

### OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AUGUSTA, MAINE

To: Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Senate Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House and Democratic and Republican Leaders

From: S/Danielle Fox, Director

Date: January 25, 2019

Re: Employment Tax Increment Financing

Enclosed please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on Employment Tax Increment Financing. The report is also available on our website at <u>http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149</u>. The public comment period on this report has been scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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

# SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Maintain All-terrain Vehicle Trails"

S.P. 123 L.D. 445

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DILL of Penobscot, LUCHINI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Maintain Snowmobile Trails"

S.P. 124 L.D. 446

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DILL of Penobscot, LUCHINI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission"

S.P. 128 L.D. 450

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, JAVNER of Chester, TUELL of East Machias.

On motion by Senator DILL of Penobscot, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Maine's Research, Development, Commercialization and Clinical Infrastructure Assets To Improve Outcomes for Maine Families with Members Suffering from Alzheimer's, Dementia and Other Diseases of Aging"

S.P. 133 L.D. 455

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataguis, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, JORGENSEN of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development"

S.P. 135 L.D. 457

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York. Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 141 L.D. 477

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Impose a Mandatory Sentence for the Crime of Aggravated Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory"

S.P. 127 L.D. 449

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford. Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, ROSEN of Hancock, Representative: STEWART of Presque Isle.

On motion by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools"

S.P. 116 L.D. 438

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DOW of Lincoln, GUERIN of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Produce for Public Schools"

S.P. 132 L.D. 454

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MILLETT of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DUNPHY of Old Town, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PLUECKER of Warren.

On motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Caller Access to E-9-1-1 Call Recordings" S.P. 139 L.D. 475

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

On motion by Senator LAWRENCE of York, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Vitamin K Deficiency Bleeding and Eye Damage in Infants"

S.P. 121 L.D. 443

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care"

S.P. 125 L.D. 447

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, DOW of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, SCHNECK of Bangor, TIPPING of Orono.

Bill "An Act To Include Homelessness in the Laws Governing Emergency General Assistance"

S.P. 137 L.D. 459

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of the State

S.P. 138 L.D. 474

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

Resolve, To Review the Delivery of Services to the Citizens of the State by the Department of Health and Human Services S.P. 140 L.D. 476

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York. Cosponsored by Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FOLEY of York, Representative: O'NEIL of Saco.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Convene a Task Force To Study the Need for Longterm Acute Care Hospital

S.P. 117 L.D. 439

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representative: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth.

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools" S.P. 119 L.D. 441

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representative: FOLEY of Biddeford.

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to and Affordability of Health Care in Maine"

S.P. 115 L.D. 437

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GUERIN of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York.

On motion by Senator H. SANBORN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Set Speed Limits for All-terrain Vehicles on Trails within 50 Yards of a Stream or Pond To Prevent Runoff" S.P. 120 L.D. 442

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, Representative: KINNEY of Knox.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 113 L.D. 435

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BABINE of Scarborough, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENNO of Cumberland, HANDY of Lewiston, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"

S.P. 118 L.D. 440

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, HERBIG of Waldo, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION**, **DEVELOPMENT**, **ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Qualifications for County Sheriffs" S.P. 134 L.D. 456

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York. Cosponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth and Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fully Restore Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 122 L.D. 444

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, MADIGAN of Waterville, Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DOORE of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, MAXMIN of Nobleboro.

Bill "An Act Repealing Tax Lien Foreclosure Requirements" S.P. 126 L.D. 448

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: PERRY of Calais, SCHNECK of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Recently Enacted Changes to the Law Governing Tax Lien Foreclosure"

S.P. 129 L.D. 451

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DENNO of Cumberland, GRIFFIN of Levant, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Bill "An Act To Change the Penalty When Land under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law Is Transferred"

S.P. 130 L.D. 452

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Review Standards for Vision Tests

S.P. 114 L.D. 436

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act To Require Motorists To Yield to Transit Buses" S.P. 136 L.D. 458

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, McLEAN of Gorham, PERKINS of Oakland, SHEATS of Auburn, WHITE of Waterville. Bill "An Act To Allow All-terrain Vehicles To Be Used on a Public Way"

S.P. 142 L.D. 478

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Integrity and Accountability of Persons Who Are Elected to Public Office"

S.P. 131 L.D. 453

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

## 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 (1/24/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Increase Notification Time Periods for Rent Increases and Terminations of Tenancies at Will" H.P. 232 L.D. 308

Tabled - January 24, 2019 by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/24/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Workers' Compensation Insurance for Small Employers"

H.P. 236 L.D. 312

Tabled - January 24, 2019 by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE** 

(Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/24/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Establish the Right To Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act"

S.P. 104 L.D. 364

Tabled - January 24, 2019 by Senator HERBIG of Waldo

Pending - **REFERENCE** 

(Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE**, **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/24/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect Elderly Persons from Financial Abuse" S.P. 107 L.D. 366 Tabled - January 24, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE** 

(Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

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

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

#### **House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State" H.P. 309 L.D. 400

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve Historic Properties for Maine's Bicentennial" H.P. 332 L.D. 423

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund" H.P. 353 L.D. 469

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault by Increasing the Time Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits Must Be Stored"

H.P. 305 L.D. 396

Bill "An Act To Establish and Promote a System of Safe Disposal of Expired Marine Flares"

H.P. 339 L.D. 430

Bill "An Act Requiring the State To Reimburse Counties for All Costs Exceeding the Tax Assessment for Correctional Services" H.P. 344 L.D. 460

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Access to Outside-of-school Enrichment Opportunities"

H.P. 304 L.D. 395

Bill "An Act To Fund the School Revolving Renovation Fund" H.P. 313 L.D. 404

Bill "An Act To Increase the Statewide Minimum Salary for Teachers"

H.P. 314 L.D. 405

Bill "An Act To Restore System Administration Allocations in Maine School Administrative Units to the Level Prescribed for Fiscal Year 2017-18"

H.P. 321 L.D. 412

Bill "An Act To Require a Minimum Salary of \$50,000 for Public School Teachers"

H.P. 328 L.D. 419

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Fund Teacher Retirement" H.P. 336 L.D. 427

Bill "An Act To Change the Period To Request a Due Process Hearing for Costs Related to a Unilateral Private School Placement from a Public School"

H.P. 348 L.D. 464

Bill "An Act To Require That the State Fund on an Ongoing Basis a Minimum of 50 Percent of the Costs Associated with Public Preschool Programs"

H.P. 352 L.D. 468

Bill "An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools" H.P. 354 L.D. 470

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow for Greater Flexibility in Addressing Energy Efficiency Needs in the State"

H.P. 307 L.D. 398

Bill "An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter" H.P. 341 L.D. 432

Bill "An Act To Price Carbon Pollution in Maine" H.P. 343 L.D. 434

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY**, **UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling"

H.P. 310 L.D. 401

Bill "An Act To Increase the Beverage Container Redemption Reimbursement To Offset Minimum Wage Increases" H.P. 335 L.D. 426

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

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fund Maine's School-based Health Centers" H.P. 301 L.D. 392

Bill "An Act To Align Wages for Direct Care Workers for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism with the Minimum Wage" H.P. 308 L.D. 399

Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services H.P. 317 L.D. 408

Bill "An Act To Provide Intensive Case Managers to Counties That Do Not Have County Jails or Regional Jails" H.P. 323 L.D. 414

Bill "An Act To Allow Eating Establishments To Permit Smoking Tobacco in Designated Outdoor Eating Areas" H.P. 325 L.D. 416

Resolve, To Amend the State Plan Regarding the Processing of Vouchers under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children by Farmers' Markets H.P. 330 L.D. 421 Bill "An Act To Establish Wage and Employment Parity between Adult and Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services" H.P. 337 L.D. 428

Bill "An Act To Reduce Obesity Rates in Maine" H.P. 347 L.D. 463

Bill "An Act To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals" H.P. 357 L.D. 472

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

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Universal Health Care, Including Dental, Vision and Hearing Care"

H.P. 316 L.D. 407

Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Mental Health Professionals To Assess the Risk of Suicide"

H.P. 338 L.D. 429

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

On motion by Senator H. SANBORN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Building Contractors, Insulation Installers and Energy Auditors

H.P. 306 L.D. 397

Bill "An Act To Improve the Affordability of Higher Education" H.P. 345 L.D. 461

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION**, **DEVELOPMENT**, **ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow an Attorney To Copy a Driver's License" H.P. 326 L.D. 417 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Prohibit Discrimination Based on the Sex of an Individual

H.P. 342 L.D. 433

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

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

Bill "An Act To Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers" H.P. 311 L.D. 402

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Small Businesses in Rural Maine by Changing the Minimum Wage"

H.P. 334 L.D. 425

Bill "An Act To Provide Paid Family Leave to Public School Employees"

H.P. 346 L.D. 462

Bill "An Act To Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States under the State Retirement System"

H.P. 351 L.D. 467

Bill "An Act To Allow Flexibility in Residential Rental Agreements" H.P. 358 L.D. 473

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 300 L.D. 391

Bill "An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday" H.P. 340 L.D. 431

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Change the Eligibility Requirements for the Property Tax Fairness Credit"

H.P. 302 L.D. 393

Bill "An Act To Prevent Tax Haven Abuse" H.P. 312 L.D. 403

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax"

H.P. 329 L.D. 420

Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Baling Twine, Net and Wrapping for Hay"

H.P. 333 L.D. 424

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Service Provider Tax on Services Covered by Medicaid"

H.P. 349 L.D. 465

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Biennial State Motor Vehicle Inspections" H.P. 298 L.D. 389

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Increase the Number of Signs on the Mt. Katahdin Trail H.P. 331 L.D. 422

Bill "An Act To Create a Diesel Fuel Tax Differential" H.P. 350 L.D. 466

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

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

Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Allow Maine Clean Election Act Funds To Be Used for Election Recounts

H.P. 320 L.D. 411

Bill "An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President"

H.P. 327 L.D. 418

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

#### Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The University of Maine Black Bears Football Team, of Orono, which won the Colonial Athletic Association Championship and went on to become a National Semifinalist. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

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

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **DILL**: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is with great pleasure that I get to rise here today and congratulate the University of Maine Black Bears football team. It was not only a great season but a very interesting season from the standpoint of in the preseason they were picked to finish 8<sup>th</sup> in the conference. Not only did they realize themselves that they were much better than this, they proved to everyone else that they were way better than this. They went on to win the conference. Seven, they won 7 games. Lost only one. They won it outright. Now we've had 13 other conference championships at the University of Maine, or co-championships, but this one the team went the furthest than any other team. They made it to the semi-finals. We knew it was going to be a great season when they started out with UNH and UNH is the traditional rival. We have this musket that they always - the winner of the team gets to keep until the next season and I hate to say it but in recent years hasn't resided much in the state of Maine. But this time not only did they win it, the musket, back but they really kind of crushed UNH, so it made it even better to start out the season that way. They actually won 2 games with last second field goals too, so it was like talk about nail biters. So, as I said, a very interesting season. As mentioned, they made it all the way to the semi-final appearance, which was the farthest any University of Maine team has ever gone. Last but not least, I would mention that the whole defense was ranked number one out of 124 schools and most of those folks are returning next year and many of the offense players are returning too. So everybody's looking forward to another great season from the University of Maine Black Bear football team. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**, in concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT**: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the UM Orono football team. The members, U Maine President, Joan Ferrini-Mundy; U Maine Director of Athletics, Ken Ralph; Senior Associate AD, Seth Woodcock; Coach Josh Heinrich; and U Maine football players that are here today, Andre Miller, Chris Ferguson, and Jeff DeVaughn. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **GRATWICK**: Thank you, Mr. President. Just to note, there was some sadness. The death 10 days ago of the poet Mary Oliver, and it comes to mind particularly because of the prayer we heard this morning from the Reverend Hatch where he really wanted us to reflect on what are we going to do now that we will remember 10 or 15 years from now with pleasure and with benefit for the state of Maine, and Mary Oliver was a remarkable poet. There was a little thing in the Bangor Daily about her over the weekend. The poem "Summer Day" says, "Tell me what it is you plan to do with your one wild and precious life." I think that's something we would remember. Thank you.

**Off Record Remarks** 

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.