

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SENATE ADVANCED JOURNAL AND CALENDAR**

Thursday, January 24, 2019

SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

(1-1) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 242

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25, 2019 AS EITC AWARENESS
DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 25, 2019 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CASH Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CASH Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,500,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$4,400,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over \$20,000,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 25, 2019 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

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

(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 280

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
SUPPORT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN MAINE AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND TO TAKE IMMEDIATE CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, the longest partial shutdown in the history of the United States government began on December 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown is affecting approximately 800,000 federal employees; and

WHEREAS, in Maine the workers currently affected are employees of the Department of Homeland Security, which includes airport screening personnel and members of the United States Coast Guard, and employees of Acadia National Park; and

WHEREAS, those federal workers who have not been furloughed are obliged to work without pay; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown is also having an effect on other industries in Maine, such as tourism, and small businesses that depend upon federal regulation and loan processing; and

WHEREAS, as the federal government shutdown continues, there is potential for many social and housing services in the State to be negatively affected; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the economic health of the State that the federal government shutdown cease as quickly as possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the United States Congress take immediate steps to reach a compromise and end the partial shutdown of the Federal Government and restore financial security to the lives of citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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