



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

State of the Judiciary

19th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 23, 2023.

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

Prayer by Reverend Mutima Peter of Bethel Christian Center in Westbrook.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Lisa M. Keim of Oxford County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 15

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Valerie Stanfill, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as she is pleased to make.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 535

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program"

H.P. 804 L.D. 1256

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation"

H.P. 775 L.D. 1227

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

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

(1-3) Bill "An Act to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System"

H.P. 788 L.D. 1240

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

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication"

H.P. 797 L.D. 1249

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-5) the Ecology Learning Center, of Unity, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 172

(1-6) Irene Weld, of Dixfield, who is celebrating her 102nd birthday on June 4, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 173

(1-7) Connor Pelletier, of St. Francis, a senior at Fort Kent Community High School, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 191

(1-8) Ainsley Alley, of Winter Harbor, a senior at Sumner Memorial High School, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 192

(1-9) David Bucknam, of Skowhegan, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 194

(1-10) Peyton Cyr, of Madawaska, a senior at Madawaska Middle/High School, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 195

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

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-11) Dan Davis, of Hallowell. Mr. Davis was a veteran of the United States Navy. He had a career working at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in the division handling hazardous materials emergencies and was a founder of Sebago Lake Distillery in Gardiner. He served on the board of the Hallowell Water District and as Harbormaster for more than a decade. In 2018, he and his friends formed the Maine Orange Growers Association, and he was a founding member of the Hallowell Bourbon Council. Mr. Davis will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 181

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-12) Steven Robinson, of Eliot. Mr. Robinson was the Public Works Director for the Town of Eliot. He began his municipal career in 1979, working his way up until he was appointed Public Works Director in 2019. He also served for over 10 years as a member of the Eliot Fire Department, and he ran Steve's Auto Detailing with his son, Christopher. Mr. Robinson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 28 years, Ellen, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 193

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-13) Dorothy Mae McPherson, of Mexico. Ms. McPherson will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 196

Come from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 211

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

March 10, 2023

Sen. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
131st Maine Legislature
Senate President's Office
SHS #3, State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Maine Legislature
SHS #2, State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: State of the Judiciary Address

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Thank you very much for the invitation to address a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 23 at 10:45 a.m. I accept this invite and look forward to addressing the challenges faced and successes achieved by the Maine Judicial Branch over the last year, and an overview of the progress we hope to make on several critical areas in 2023 and beyond.

Very truly yours,

S/Valerie Stanfill
Chief Justice

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 230

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 21, 2023

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

The Honorable Rachel Talbot-Ross
Speaker, State of Maine House of Representatives
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot-Ross:

Thank you for your invitation to a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature for the State of the Judiciary address to take place on March 23rd at 10:45 a.m. in the House Chamber.

I am pleased to accept your invitation.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 219

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Laura S. Burden of Portland to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Laura S. Burden of Portland for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A MRS §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 220

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Janice de Lima of Falmouth to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Janice de Lima of Falmouth for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 221

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Alexa Plotkin of Biddeford to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Alexa Plotkin of Biddeford for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A MRS §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 222

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Ian Houseal of Portland to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Ian Houseal of Portland for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 223

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Robert C. Bryant of Hartland to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Robert C. Bryant of Hartland for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A MRSA §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 224

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Lee Jay Feldman of Lisbon to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Lee Jay Feldman of Lisbon for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 225

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Robert Patten of Scarborough to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Robert Patten of Scarborough for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 226

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of John W. Egan of Freeport to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John W. Egan of Freeport for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 227

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Kevin Bunker of Brunswick to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Kevin Bunker of Brunswick for appointment to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5155, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 228

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 13, 2023

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

Re: Appointment of The Honorable Brian Langley of Ellsworth to the Maine Charter School
Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Brian Langley of Ellsworth for appointment to the
Maine Charter School Commission.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §2405, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State
Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural
Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 229

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Winnie M. LaRochelle of Rangeley, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

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:

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| YEAS | Senators | 3 | Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland, Pierce, T. of Cumberland |
| | Representatives | 8 | Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth |
| NAYS | | 0 | |
| ABSENT | | 2 | Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset |

Eleven 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 Winnie M. LaRochelle of Rangeley, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair



(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 212

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

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. 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 State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of John Martin of Eagle Lake, for appointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

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

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| YEAS | Senators | 1 | Nangle, T. of Cumberland |
| | Representatives | 9 | Stover, H. of Boothbay, Abdi, M. of Lewiston, Adams, J. of Lebanon, Copeland, L. of Saco, Dhalac, D. of South Portland, Greenwood, R. of Wales, Pomerleau, K. of Standish, Riseman, W. of Harrison, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle |
| NAYS | | 0 | |
| ABSENT | | 3 | Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin, Rep. Paulhus, S. of Bath |

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 John Martin of Eagle Lake, for appointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Holly B. Stover
House Chair



(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 213

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 16, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. 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 Taxation has had under consideration the nomination of Jeanne T. Gibson, CPA of Winthrop, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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:

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| YEAS | Senators | 3 | Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Libby, J. of Cumberland |
| | Representatives | 9 | Perry, J. of Bangor, Carmichael, M. of Greenbush, Crockett, E. of Portland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, Lavigne, T. of Berwick, Libby, L. of Auburn, Quint, T. of Hodgdon, Rana, A. of Bangor, Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield |
| NAYS | | 0 | |
| ABSENT | | 1 | Rep. Matlack, A. of St. George |

Twelve 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 Jeanne T. Gibson, CPA of Winthrop, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Joe Perry
House Chair



(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 214

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 17, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 180 An Act to Allow a Person to File a Paper Copy of a Timber Harvest
Notification Form

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 215

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 17, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 386 An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year (EMERGENCY)

- L.D. 570 Resolve, to Provide Information to Maine's School Administrators and Maine Communities About the Financial Advantages of Modern Wood Heating

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 216

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 15, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 188 An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Pay for
Certain Water Tests for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
(EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair

(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 217

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 17, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 55 An Act to Move the Headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

- L.D. 441 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Recreational Freshwater Fishing with Respect to a Portion of Middle River in Marshfield and Machias

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

(2-20) The Following Communication:

S.C. 218

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

March 17, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 243 An Act To Eliminate Residency Requirements for District Court Judicial Appointments
- L.D. 543 An Act to Reimburse Counties for Judicial Costs

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program"
S.P. 522 L.D. 1285

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities"
S.P. 517 L.D. 1280

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program"
S.P. 527 L.D. 1290

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Representatives:
ANDREWS of Paris, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career
and Technical Education System (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 520 L.D. 1283

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma"

S.P. 521 L.D. 1284

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro and Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: CROCKETT of Portland.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Require Instruction in Schools on Substance Abuse Prevention and Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride"

S.P. 533 L.D. 1315

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs"

S.P. 519 L.D. 1282

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Establish an Appeal Process for Child Care Providers"

S.P. 524 L.D. 1287

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(3-9) Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health

S.P. 536 L.D. 1317

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Address Income Disparity in Health Care by Limiting the Compensation of Hospital Executives"

S.P. 540 L.D. 1321

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: JAUCH of Topsham, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough.

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

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units"

S.P. 526 L.D. 1289

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 538 L.D. 1319

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits"

S.P. 518 L.D. 1281

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-14) Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 523 L.D. 1286

Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CARNEY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DAVIS of East Machias, MATLACK of St. George.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education"

S.P. 528 L.D. 1291

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland and Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representative: DODGE of Belfast.

(3-16) Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

S.P. 537 L.D. 1318

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders"

S.P. 516 L.D. 1279

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations"

S.P. 530 L.D. 1312

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative: RECKITT of South Portland.

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

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals"

S.P. 532 L.D. 1314

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: BRENNAN of Portland.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Require Auditing for Work Search Requirements of Claimants of Unemployment Compensation"

S.P. 534 L.D. 1316

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GUERIN of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit"

S.P. 531 L.D. 1313

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.

Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Create a 2-year Motor Vehicle Registration"

S.P. 525 L.D. 1288

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles"

S.P. 529 L.D. 1292

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Improve Signature Requirements for Candidates by Allowing Unenrolled Voters to Sign Petitions for Party Candidates"

S.P. 539 L.D. 1320

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HYMES of Waldo, RISEMAN of Harrison.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Karen Dyer, of Mapleton, who is retiring after a 50-year career with the Maine Department of Transportation. Mrs. Dyer began as a Clerk Typist I back in 1973 and was promoted to a Clerk Typist II in July 1976. She held that position until she was promoted again to a Clerk Typist III in May 2002. She was later reclassified as an Office Associate II in September 2006. Over the years, she has been one of the front public-facing employees in the region, answering phones, greeting the public and dealing with personnel. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 291

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

(4-2) the Orono High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, which won the Class B North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 292

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: OSHER of Orono, PERRY of Bangor.

(4-3) Zubeyda Shute, of Westbrook, who received the 2022 Youth Award Giraffe Award from the Maine Children's Alliance for her work as a political activist and member of the Young People's Caucus. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 293

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

(4-4) Annabelle Brooks, of Portland, who won the Class A Classic Nordic Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 294

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-5) Maddie Hom, of Portland, who won the Girls' Spirit Award at the 2023 Southwestern Maine Activities Association Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 295

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-6) Portland High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, which won the Class AA North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 296

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-7) Nico Herrera, Michael Marston, Wyatt Adams and Ty Davin, of Portland, who won the 2023 South Division Southwestern Swim Championship in the 400 Meter Freestyle Relay Event. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 297

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-8) Marlaco Bethune, of Portland, who received the 2021 Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened Citizenship Youth Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 298

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-9) Phyllis Coffin, of Windham, who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 10, 2022. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 300

Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, OSHER of Orono, PERRY of Bangor, PRINGLE of Windham.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(4-10) Sonja Wolfman, of Portland. Mrs. Wolfman was born in Austria and while still young was traumatized when she experienced living through the Holocaust in Europe. Still, she persevered despite the traumas experienced there, meeting and marrying Victor Wolfman and raising a family. Mrs. Wolfman will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 299

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way"

H.P. 196 L.D. 298

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Ought to Pass

(5-2) The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 243 L.D. 392

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

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

(5-3) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'"

H.P. 357 L.D. 552

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

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

Divided Report

(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism"

H.P. 89 L.D. 143

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-6)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-6)**.

Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents"

H.P. 9 L.D. 5

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

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

INGWERSEN of York

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot

CRAVEN of Lewiston

GRAHAM of North Yarmouth

MADIGAN of Waterville

SHAGOURY of Hallowell

ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

FREDERICKS of Sanford

GRIFFIN of Levant

JAVNER of Chester

LEMELIN of Chelsea

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

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties"

H.P. 83 L.D. 137

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

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

Divided Report

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property"

H.P. 90 L.D. 144

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

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAVIGNE of Berwick
MATLACK of St. George
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representative:

LIBBY of Auburn

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

Senate

Divided Report

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board"

S.P. 72 L.D. 133

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-9)**.

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

(6-1) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 251 L.D. 418

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws
H.P. 18 L.D. 14

(7-2) An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board
S.P. 59 L.D. 120

(7-3) An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects
H.P. 107 L.D. 166

(7-4) An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock
S.P. 128 L.D. 269

(7-5) An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws
S.P. 140 L.D. 319

Resolves

(7-6) Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way

S.P. 13 L.D. 21

(7-7) Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge

S.P. 36 L.D. 44

(7-8) Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge

S.P. 139 L.D. 318

(7-9) Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

S.P. 219 L.D. 502

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.

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

Tabled - January 17, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford
SLS 107

Tabled - February 9, 2023 by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Carter Butterfield, of
Phillips
SLS 157

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Provide Rural Sober Living Housing for Mothers"
H.P. 712 L.D. 1116

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, March 9, 2023, on motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the
Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, House **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Assess a Slip Fee on Megayachts Registered in Overseas Tax Havens"
H.P. 749 L.D. 1177

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

NOMINATION - of Dr. Fernande Desjardins of Saint Agatha for reappointment to the State
Board of Education

S.C. 198

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**
