

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
2nd Legislative Day  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Christopher W. Babbidge, Kennebunk.

National Anthem by Honorable Mary Anne Kinney, Knox.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 5, 2022 was read and approved.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 307)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 12, 2022

To Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House, in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature:

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 M.R.S.A., Section 1, hereby certify that the following is the name and residence of the Representative-elect to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on January 12, 2022:

DISTRICT 27 James Allen Boyle, Gorham

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this twelfth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-two.

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 308)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the twelfth of January in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

**State of Maine  
Office of the Secretary of State  
January 12, 2022**

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, in accordance with the provisions of the proclamation issued by the Governor on November 8, 2021, calling for a Special Election to be held on January 11, 2022, to elect a State Representative in District 27 and having tabulated the returns of the votes cast:

**REPORT AS FOLLOWS:** In accordance with Title 21-A MRSA Section 711, having tabulated the total number of state ballots

cast, the number of voters participating in this election is 1,542; and that James Allen Boyle of Gorham, having received a plurality of the votes cast, appears to have been elected a State Representative in the 130th Legislature in District 27:

Boyle, James Allen	879
Phillips, Suzanne E.	70
Thorsen, Timothy J.	593

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast at the Special Election, as reported to me on the returns from the municipalities of Gorham and Scarborough.

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

Received by the Governor on January 12, 2022

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

At this point, Speaker announced the presence in the Hall of the House Representative BOYLE of Gorham.

At this point, Representative BOYLE of Gorham was added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

At this point, pursuant to his authority under House Rule 401.1, the Chair assigned Representative ANDREWS of Paris to Seat 109 and Representative SHARPE of Durham to Seat 152.

At this point, Representative CARLOW of Buxton, Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship, Representative DOLLOFF of Milton Township, Representative HAGGAN of Hampden, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative McDONALD of Stonington, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford and Representative TEPLER of Topsham were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Provide the State Harness Racing Commission Greater Efficiency in Rules Enforcement" (H.P. 1449) (L.D. 1944)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Regulate the Use of Biometric Identifiers"  
(H.P. 1450) (L.D. 1945)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and  
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of  
Winter Harbor, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, MAXMIN of  
Lincoln.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative  
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact  
with Counsel"  
(H.P. 1451) (L.D. 1946)

Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth,  
LOOKNER of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORIARTY of  
Cumberland, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren,  
TALBOT ROSS of Portland.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative  
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and  
ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Resolve**

**Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government**  
Representative MATLACK for the **Joint Standing**  
**Committee on State and Local Government** pursuant to  
Resolve 2021, chapter 19 asks leave to report that the  
accompanying Bill "An Act To Promote Electronic Filing of  
State Agency and Legislative Committee Publications"

(H.P. 1452) (L.D. 1947)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule  
218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill  
**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL**  
**GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule  
218.

Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted  
upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**  
**Change of Committee**

Representative WARREN from the Committee on  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act  
To Update Statutory References to Building Code Standards  
for Public Improvements"

(H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1795)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on  
**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee  
on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative LANDRY from the Committee on **INLAND**  
**FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Clarify  
Temporary Mooring Privileges for Moorings on Inland Waters"  
(H.P. 462) (L.D. 626)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on  
**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee  
on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION,**  
**DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND**  
**BUSINESS** reporting **Refer to the Committee on Judiciary**  
on Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Data Collection Protection  
Act"

(H.P. 669) (L.D. 913)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo  
CYRWAY of Kennebec  
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick  
BERNARD of Caribou  
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield  
DUCHARME of Madison  
GEIGER of Rockland  
HASENFUS of Readfield  
LAROCHELLE of Augusta  
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought**  
**Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

**READ.**

Representative **PEBWORTH** of Blue Hill moved that the  
House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Refer to the Committee on**  
**Judiciary** Report.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the  
Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
I'm not going to request a roll call; I'd just like to be on record  
stating I think this should stay an idea and be voted Ought Not  
to Pass. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Majority **Refer to the Committee on**  
**Judiciary** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was referred to the Committee of  
Judiciary and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted  
upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1311) (L.D. 1760) Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District To Set the Terms of Its Trustees at 3 Years" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1318) (L.D. 1767) Bill "An Act To Ensure Tribal Representation in the Public Health Infrastructure" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1317) (L.D. 1766) Bill "An Act To Remove Watson's Bridge in the Town of Littleton from the List of Historic Bridges for Which the State Is Responsible for Maintenance and Rehabilitation" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1362) (L.D. 1841) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 283: Newborn Bloodspot Screening Rule, Section 14, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1372) (L.D. 1851) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1315) (L.D. 1764) Bill "An Act To Make a Technical Correction Concerning Maine's Earned Income Tax Credit" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-753)**

(H.P. 1335) (L.D. 1794) Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-752)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell assumed the Chair.

The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1426)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**CLERK'S OFFICE**

**2 STATE HOUSE STATION**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 10, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 10, 2022, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 10, 2022, as follows:

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services" (H.P. 1421) (L.D. 1915) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem" (H.P. 1424) (L.D. 1918) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry" (H.P. 1422) (L.D. 1916) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, COLLINGS of Portland, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, LANDRY of Farmington, PARRY of Arundel, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws of the State" (H.P. 1423) (L.D. 1917) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Job Growth in the Forest Products Sector through Tax Incentives" (H.P. 1425) (L.D. 1919) (Sponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities" (H.P. 1420) (L.D. 1914) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of

Westbrook, WOOD of Portland, Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1428)

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

January 11, 2022  
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 11, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on January 11, 2022, as follows:

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce" (H.P. 1427) (L.D. 1920) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1431)

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

January 12, 2022  
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 12, 2022, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 12, 2022, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps (H.P. 1429) (L.D. 1921) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representative: NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

**Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (H.P. 1430) (L.D. 1922) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland) (Submitted by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**  
Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1437)

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

January 18, 2022  
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 18, 2022, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 18, 2022, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths" (H.P. 1436) (L.D. 1929) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, LANDRY of Farmington, MADIGAN of Waterville, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, TEPLER of Topsham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Judiciary**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Council, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1433) (L.D. 1926) (Submitted by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

**Labor and Housing**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a Major Substantive Rule of the

Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1432) (L.D. 1925) (Submitted by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Authorize Certain Off-premises Sales of Adult Use Marijuana" (H.P. 1434) (L.D. 1927) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and Provide for Greater Transparency" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1435) (L.D. 1928) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, FARRIN of Somerset, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1439)

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

January 19, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 19, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on January 19, 2022, as follows:

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1438) (L.D. 1930) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1443)

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

January 20, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 20, 2022, 3 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 20, 2022, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1440) (L.D. 1931) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1441) (L.D. 1932) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1442) (L.D. 1933) (Submitted by the Department of Education, State Board of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1445)

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

January 21, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 21, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on January 21, 2022, as follows:

**Judiciary**

Resolve, Changing the Identifying and Reporting Responsibilities and Extending the Reporting Deadline for the Identification of Places in the State with Offensive Names (H.P. 1444) (L.D. 1934) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1447)

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

January 21, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On January 21, 2022, 2 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 21, 2022, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and Portions of Chapter 125: Basic School Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Education, State Board of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1446) (L.D. 1935) (Submitted by the Department of Education, State Board of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act To Codify the Senate and House Legislative Districts, the Congressional Districts and the County Commissioner Districts as Enacted by the Legislature" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1448) (L.D. 1936) (Submitted by the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 487, section 3; chapter 488, section 3; chapter 489, section 3; and chapter 490, section 3.)

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 302)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

January 12, 2022

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Board of Pesticides Control

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

This is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Deven Morrill of Scarborough for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills

Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 303)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 13, 2022

The Honorable Rob Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have temporarily appointed Representative Joel R. Stetkis of Canaan to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, replacing Representative Theodore J. Kryzak, Jr., effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 304)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 18, 2022

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am appointing Representative Jim Boyle of Gorham to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 305)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 12, 2022  
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Kathy Javner of Chester as the Republican Lead on the Health and Human Services Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 306)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 12, 2022  
The Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I have appointed Representative Bruce Bickford of Auburn as the Republican Lead on the Taxation Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 309)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 18, 2022  
The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Joseph E. Rafferty, II of York County to the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Innovation,

Development, Economic Advancement and Business, replacing Senator Louis Luchini of Hancock County, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,  
S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 315)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

January 20, 2022  
The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
130th Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources from its review and evaluation of the Saco River Corridor Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

As a result of its review and evaluation, the committee finds that the Saco River Corridor Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,  
S/Stacy Brenner  
Senate Chair  
S/Ralph Tucker  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 322)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

January 24, 2022  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Unemployment Insurance Commission – Edmund J. McCann of Portland

Dear Speaker Fecteau:  
Pursuant to Title 3 MRSA, §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Edmund J. McCann of Portland for appointment to the Unemployment Insurance Commission at this time.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 326)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 24, 2022

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-C, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Marijuana Advisory Commission:

Lenny Sharon of Auburn  
James Mason of Brunswick  
Dawud Ummah of Turner  
Arleigh Krauss of Warren  
Josh Quint of Bridgton

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments, which are effective the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 327)

**STATE OF MAINE  
130TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 25, 2022

Honorable Janet T. Mills  
Governor

#1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor Mills,

On behalf of the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the State Address. At your direction, we will call for a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the House Chamber.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 329)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Rob Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec County to serve as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans

and Legal Affairs, replacing Senator Louis Luchini of Hancock County. This appointment is effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 330)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Rob Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Matthea Daughtry of Cumberland County to serve as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, replacing Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec County. This appointment is effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 331)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Rob Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Dave Miramant of Knox County to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. This appointment is effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 332)

**SENATE OF MAINE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Rob Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec County to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, replacing Senator Dave Miramant of Knox County. This appointment is effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 296)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMISSION TO INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES  
IN MAINE BY STUDYING ZONING AND LAND  
USE RESTRICTIONS**

January 4, 2022

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
Maine State Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Resolve, 2021, chapter 59, the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Craig Hickman

Senate Chair

S/Speaker Ryan Fecteau

House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 297)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
CREATING BASIC INCOME SECURITY**

January 4, 2022

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
Maine State Senate  
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Resolve, 2021, chapter 405, the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Benjamin Chipman

Senate Chair

S/Colleen Madigan

House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 298)

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMISSION TO CREATE A PLAN TO INCORPORATE  
THE PROBATE COURTS INTO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

January 4th, 2022

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
Maine State Senate  
The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 104, the Commission to Create a Plan to Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Barbara Cardone

House Chair

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 300)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 26, 2022

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:

January 5, 2022

Dennis Marble of Hampden for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Joseph R. Hanslip of Sanford and Noel C. March of Hampden for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

The Honorable Julie Ann O'Brien of Augusta for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §4561, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Curtis Bohlen of Pownal for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control and Robert S. Carlton of Freeman TWP, Dominic J. LaJoie of Van Buren, Patricia M. Ianni of Falmouth and Deven Morrill of Scarborough for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, M.R.S.A §1471-B, this reappointment and these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester and John S. Beliveau of Falmouth for reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Edmund J. McCann of Portland to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission as the labor representative.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Susan M. Lessard of Bucksport for reappointment and Sarah E. W. Alexander of Easton, Barbara Vickery of Richmond and Robert Marvinnay of Readfield for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, MRSA §341-C, this reappointment and these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

on January 6, 2022

The Honorable Thomas D. Warren of Portland for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §104, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The Honorable William Stokes of Augusta for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The Honorable Deborah P. Cashman of West Bath for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The Honorable Susan Oram of Falmouth and the Honorable Bruce Jordan of Veazie for appointment as an Active Retired Judges on the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157-B, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Meghan K. Szylyvian, Esq. of Brunswick, Joshua A. Randlett, Esq. of Hampden, Peter J. Malia Jr., Esq. of Fryeburg and Terrence M. Harrigan, Esq. of Bangor for appointment as Judges of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

on January 12, 2022

Andrew Wells, Esquire of Durham for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 301)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CONNECTME AUTHORITY  
59 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0059**

January 4, 2022

Honorable Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Honorable Ryan Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Please find attached the required report pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023 from the ConnectME Authority.

Sincerely,

S/Peggy Schaffer

Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 310)

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

January 26, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 1532 An Act To Protect Maine's Air Quality by Strengthening Requirements for Air Emissions Licensing

State and Local Government

L.D. 1187 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Amending the Pardon Powers of the Governor

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 451 An Act To Remove the Party Designation from Return Envelopes for Absentee Ballots for the General Election

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of House

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 311)

**MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 13, 2022

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2022.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at [Terry@mgfa.com](mailto:Terry@mgfa.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
S/Terry Hayes

Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 312)

**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER  
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 13, 2022

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2022.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information.

I can be reached at 622-1958 or by email at [Terry@mhhefa.com](mailto:Terry@mhhefa.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
S/Terry Hayes  
Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 313)

**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK  
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 13, 2022

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank due by February 1, 2022.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at [Terry@mmbb.com](mailto:Terry@mmbb.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
S/Terry Hayes  
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 314)  
**MAINE MUNICIPAL AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION  
COOPERATIVE AGENCY**

January 22, 2022  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
Pursuant to 5 MRSA, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency due by February 1, 2022.  
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
S/Scott M. Hallowell  
MMRECA

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 316)  
**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
36 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0036**

January 15, 2022  
Hon. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate  
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
130th Maine Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
In accordance with Title 9-B M.R.S. §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format at [www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions](http://www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions).

Very truly yours,  
S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III  
Superintendent

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 317)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  
66 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

Letter of Transmittal  
January 18, 2021  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Honorable Janet T. Mills  
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgement, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following report and schedule:

- Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements
- Management Representation Letter

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/Jacob B. Norton, CIA  
State Auditor

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 318)  
**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND  
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY  
82 STATE HOUSE STATION, ROOM 107 CROSS BUILDING  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0082**

January 14, 2022  
The Honorable Nathan Libby, Senate Chair  
The Honorable Genevieve McDonald, House Chair  
Members of the Government Oversight Committee  
82 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate  
Members of the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
Members of the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995(4), I respectfully submit the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) Annual Reports for 2021. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as an independent, non-partisan resource is meant

to support the important role of legislative oversight and to help improve the performance of State government. The staff of OPEGA and I continue to be committed to serving Maine's legislators and citizens as a trusted source of objective, credible information.

Sincerely,  
S/Lucia A. Nixon  
Director

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 319)  
**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE  
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

November 1, 2021  
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Finance Authority of Maine's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report as required by 10 M.R.S.A. §974.

Please let me know if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,  
S/Carlos R. Mello  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 320)  
**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE  
5 COMMUNITY DRIVE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

November 1, 2021  
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Finance Authority of Maine's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report for the Maine Educational Loan Program as required by 20-A M.R.S.A. §11427.

Please let me know if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,  
S/Carlos R. Mello  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 321)  
**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
323 STATE STREET  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131**

January 20, 2022  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with college personnel. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission-related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under-way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
S/David Daigler  
President

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 323)  
**MAINE PORT AUTHORITY  
16 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 24, 2022  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required FY 2021 report from the Maine Port Authority due by February 1, 2022.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
S/Matthew Burns  
Interim Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 324)  
**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
19 UNION STREET  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 21, 2022  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
Pursuant to 5 MRSA §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2021.  
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
S/Amy M. Sneirson  
Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 325)  
**MAINE DAIRY & NUTRITION COUNCIL  
333 CONY ROAD  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau,  
Enclosed for your review is the calendar year 2020 Audit Report of the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council, prepared by Austin & Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. We are pleased to offer it for your consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact either Austin & Associates or myself. Austin & Associates can be reached at their office in Auburn at 783-9111 and I can be reached at our office in Augusta at 287-3621.

Sincerely,  
S/Sarah J. Littlefield  
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 328)  
**MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
139 CAPITOL STREET  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332**

January 24, 2022  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System due by February 1, 2022.

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

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
S/Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke  
Chief Executive Officer

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

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 333)  
**SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL  
7 AMES WAY  
MACHIAS, MAINE 04654**

January 20, 2022  
Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:  
Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, section 12023, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the 2020-2021 Quasi-Independent State Entities Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA). SCEC is a nonprofit organization that works to create jobs and prosperity in Washington County; we are also the economic development arm of Washington County government. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

The former U.S. Navy Base in Cutler is comprised of roughly 20 acres and five commercial buildings comprising 75,000 square feet. The Authority is working to bring these facilities back into productive use. In 2021, the WCDA procured by competitive bid the services of Roof Systems of Maine to repair and improve drainage from the warehouse roof. The work was completed in October 2021 at a total cost of \$23,065.50. The Authority was also awarded a grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. EPA Brownfields Program to clean up contamination at the former recreation building. The Authority made no procurements over \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived. WCDA did not make any contributions greater

than \$1,000 or changes to policies and procedures in the past year.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
S/Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.  
Executive Director

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

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.  
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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At this point, Representative CEBRA of Naples and Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

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Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram assumed the Chair.  
The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

#### **SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

##### **Recognizing:**

Bob Winslow, of Belfast, who was inducted into the Maine Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. Mr. Winslow has coached the Belfast Area High School boys swim team for 48 seasons, his athletes achieving multiple Class B titles, runner-up slots, individual swimming and diving state championships and a New England Diving Championship. He has received multiple Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year awards, as well as Class B Swim Coach of the Year and Class B Diving Coach of the Year awards. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 491)

Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast.  
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DODGE of Belfast, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

##### **READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Dodge.

Representative **DODGE**: Men and Women of the House. I rise today to share my congratulations to Coach Bob Winslow of Belfast on his induction into the Maine Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. His 48 straight seasons of guiding the Belfast Area High School boys swim team to so many collective and individual championships and honors are all most noteworthy accomplishments. Our students and communities have benefited from his service and dedication. Thank you, Coach, for your many years of positive leadership in the classroom and the inspiration and support you continue to give to our area swimmer athletes. Congratulations. Go Lions.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

##### **Recognizing:**

the Honorable Donald Berry, of Belmont, who has been inducted into the USA Track and Field Officials Hall of Fame. Mr. Berry, who served as a member of the Maine House of Representatives from the 118th Legislature to the 121st Legislature, coached for 25 years at Belfast Area High School, also teaching chemistry, and has served as a sports official at several age levels over 36 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 492)

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.  
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo, Representative DODGE of Belfast.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DODGE of Belfast, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

##### **READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Dodge.

Representative **DODGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to share my congratulations to Coach Don Berry of Belmont on his induction into the USA Track and Field Officials Hall of Fame. Your years at Belfast Area High School coaching cross-country, 25 years leading the boys track team and 36 years and counting as an official at local, state, regional and national competitions are all outstanding accomplishments that speak to your diligence and work ethic. Thank you for your positive example of leadership as a coach and educator in our community. It is an honor to stand today as your former student-turned-legislator to say thank you for the academic rigor of your biology and chemistry classes that I and hundreds of students experienced oh so many years ago at Crosby Junior High, then Belfast Area High School. Thank you also for your four terms in this Body, serving your constituents and the people of Maine. Congratulations, Coach.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

##### **Recognizing:**

Justin Rolfe, of Fairfield, a professional boxer and owner of Rolfe's Gym in Waterville, who won the American Boxing Federation Atlantic Heavyweight Title, his second title belt. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 493)

Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

##### **READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it is with great honor that I rise before you today to recognize the accomplishments of Justin Rolfe of Fairfield. Justin started his boxing career over a decade ago. What started out as a hobby turned into a passionate career. As an amateur, Justin became a strong fighter. He learned lessons from each win and each loss. He worked hard and won two Northern New England Golden Glove Titles and a New England Golden

Glove Title before turning pro. As Justin's love for the sport of boxing grew, so did his career as a professional boxer. He is owner/operator of Rolfe Boxing Gym in Waterville, where he trains people as young as 10 years old about boxing. He teaches, not only the techniques of this sport, but also of discipline and confidence. He's created a gym that members see as family and they look out for one another, providing encouragement and also find opportunities to give back to their community. When I asked Justin why he was so passionate about teaching the next generation about boxing, Justin said that it was about more than just the sport; it was about teaching young people that if they work hard, they don't have to leave Maine to do what they love. Throughout his career as a professional boxer, Justin's worked with great trainers to refine his skills and continue learning effective techniques to use in the ring. Through his hard work and dedication, he won the USA New England Heavyweight title in 2020 and in June of 2021, he won the American Boxing Federation Atlantic Heavyweight Title, solidifying his name in the pro boxing world. I ask each of you to join me in congratulating Justin in his title win and also in wishing him continued success.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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**Recognizing:**

the Beth Israel Congregation synagogue, in Bath, on the 100th Anniversary of its dedication. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 498)

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc,  
Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TEPLER of Topsham,  
was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise to celebrate my own synagogue, where I and my family have worshipped for 38 years. It has been in the City of Bath for 100 years. The building itself is 100 years old. On Thursday, February 9, 1922, the following article appeared in the Bath Independent newspaper: Bath synagogue dedication with much ceremony. Hebrews now have a church of their own. This is the language of 1922, I must say. Beth Israel Synagogue, new religious home of Bath Hebrews on Washington Street near Winter has been formally dedicated as a place of worship. And this small but lovely building has been a Jewish place of worship since that time. Many of the families who participated in this dedication who are named in this 1922 article, their descendants are still members of the congregation. This is one of the oldest synagogue buildings in the State, in Bath. At the time that it was dedicated, many, many members of the Bath community came out and celebrated with the community. We will have a celebration of this 100th anniversary on the 29th, Sunday and we will march the same route that our ancestors did as they came up to the new synagogue building. However, what has changed is our sense of safety and comfort in the building. In 1922, the building was built set back from

other buildings on the street in a show of modesty but the community welcomed the Jews of Bath and surrounding towns who worshipped there. Now, there is a little bit of a sense of foreboding. I don't know about you, but my synagogue has a security committee, something that we didn't have 38 years ago and I hope that we will not face a need for that committee to deal with issues in the near future. Please keep us in mind as you think about safety and also about antisemitism in our country and celebrate with the community of Bath as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Beth Israel Synagogue. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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**Recognizing:**

the Honorable Glenn Cummings, of Portland, on his retirement as President of the University of Southern Maine. Mr. Cummings served in the Maine House of Representatives from 2001 to 2008, including as Majority Leader and as Speaker. His long public service includes service as a high school history teacher in Gorham and as a faculty member at Southern Maine Community College and the University of Southern Maine. He served as interim president of the University of Maine at Augusta and as president and executive director of Good Will-Hinckley and the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, one of the State's first charter schools. He also served as a deputy assistant secretary within the United States Department of Education under President Barack Obama. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

(HLS 503)

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals,  
Representative ANDREWS of Paris, Representative ARATA of  
New Gloucester, Representative ARFORD of Brunswick,  
Representative AUSTIN of Gray, Representative BABBIDGE  
of Kennebunk, Senator BAILEY of York, Senator BALDACCI of  
Penobscot, Representative BELL of Yarmouth, Senator  
BENNETT of Oxford, Representative BERNARD of Caribou,  
Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative  
BICKFORD of Auburn, Senator BLACK of Franklin,  
Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative BLUME of  
York, Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Senator  
BREEN of Cumberland, Representative BRENNAN of  
Portland, Senator BRENNER of Cumberland, Representative  
BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative BRYANT of Windham,  
Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Representative  
CARDONE of Bangor, Representative CARLOW of Buxton,  
Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, Senator  
CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative CEBRA of Naples,  
Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator CLAXTON of  
Androscoggin, Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston,  
Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, Representative  
COLLINGS of Portland, Representative CONNOR of Lewiston,  
Representative COPELAND of Saco, Representative COREY  
of Windham, Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth,  
Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, Representative  
CRAVEN of Lewiston, Representative CROCKETT of Portland,  
Representative CUDDY of Winterport, Senator CURRY of  
Waldo, Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, Senator DAUGHTRY  
of Cumberland, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Senator  
DESCHAMBAULT of York, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland,  
Senator DILL of Penobscot, Representative DILLINGHAM of  
Oxford, Representative DODGE of Belfast, Representative



DOLLOFF of Milton Township, Representative DOORE of Augusta, Representative DOUDERA of Camden, Representative DOWNES of Bucksport, Representative DRINKWATER of Milford, Representative DUCHARME of Madison, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship, Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Representative FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, Representative FOSTER of Dexter, Representative GEIGER of Rockland, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln, Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, Representative GRIFFIN of Levant, Representative GRIGNON of Athens, Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Representative HAGGAN of Hampden, Representative HALL of Wilton, Representative HANLEY of Pittston, Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford, Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, Representative HEAD of Bethel, Representative HEPLER of Woolwich, Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, Representative HYMANSON of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative JAVNER of Chester, Senator KEIM of Oxford, Representative KESSLER of South Portland, Representative KINNEY of Knox, Representative KRYZAK of Acton, Representative LANDRY of Farmington, Representative LAROCHELLE of Augusta, Senator LAWRENCE of York, Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative LOOKNER of Portland, Senator LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative LYFORD of Eddington, Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls, Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative MARTIN of Greene, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Representative MASON of Lisbon, Representative MATHIESON of Kittery, Representative MATLACK of St. George, Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Representative McDONALD of Stonington, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Representative MEYER of Eliot, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator MOORE of Washington, Representative MORALES of South Portland, Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland, Representative MORRIS of Turner, Representative NADEAU of Winslow, Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade, Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer, Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick, Representative O'NEIL of Saco, Representative ORDWAY of Standish, Representative OSHER of Orono, Representative PARRY of Arundel, Representative PAULHUS of Bath, Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Representative PERKINS of Oakland, Representative PERRY of Calais, Representative PERRY of Bangor, Representative PICKETT of Dixfield, Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, Representative PLUECKER of Warren, Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro, Representative QUINT of Hodgdon, Senator RAFFERTY of York, Representative RECKITT of South Portland, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook, Representative RISEMAN of Harrison, Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, Representative ROCHE of Wells,

Representative ROEDER of Bangor, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Representative SACHS of Freeport, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, Representative SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Representative SHARPE of Durham, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, Representative STANLEY of Medway, Representative STEARNS of Guilford, Representative STETKIS of Canaan, Senator STEWART of Aroostook, Representative STOVER of Boothbay, Representative SUPICA of Bangor, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TEPLER of Topsham, Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative THERIAULT of China, Representative THORNE of Carmel, Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, Representative TUELL of East Machias, Representative TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram, Representative WARREN of Hallowell, Representative WARREN of Scarborough, Representative WHITE of Mars Hill, Representative WHITE of Waterville, Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Representative WOOD of Portland, Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative ZAGER of Portland, Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Talbot Ross.

Representative **TALBOT ROSS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As a ninth-generation Mainer, I humbly rise to express my deep gratitude to the Honorable Glenn Cummings. In my hometown of Portland, all roads lead to the University of Southern Maine. The university is a trusted and treasured partner at all levels of the community's education system, which I have known throughout my life as a young child growing up in Portland. I've always been proud to have this institution in Portland and so very, very proud to have the Portland campus within the district I represent. This has never been truer than under the leadership of the Honorable Glenn Cummings. It is not an exaggeration to say Dr. Cummings' resume is unmatched. Here at the Maine State House, he served as the Chair of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Majority Leader and then Speaker of the House. He sponsored the bill that created the State Community College System and under his leadership, we made historic investments in our higher education system and our economy and Maine became the first in the nation to pass a predatory lending bill into law that still serves as a model for the rest of the country. He was responsible for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, RGGI, which laid the foundation for combatting climate change over 15 years ago. He worked diligently across the aisle to pass the largest bond package in Maine history, investing in our schools, roads, bridges, downtowns and environment.

A minor thing that I think you will all appreciate that will probably not go down in the annals of our legislative history, but you can thank Dr. Cummings for the reason we have Wi-Fi right now in this chamber. I think Dr. Cummings would say that it wasn't an easy accomplishment, it was a battle until the end, but we are all quite grateful. Most importantly, he led this

chamber with dignity, respect and empathy for all Members and staff. Dr. Cummings went on to lead Good Will-Hinckley, overseeing the creation of the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary within the U.S. Department of Education, working to improve access to adult education and literacy training, career and technical education at community colleges and before his tenure as president of the University of Southern Maine, Dr. Cummings also served as the interim president of the University of Maine at Augusta here in our State's capital. Dr. Cummings is a person of incredible talent, a smart and visionary leader, but what I want to say in closing is to share the words of his faculty colleagues at the University of Southern Maine, which will give you a clear and concrete idea of the kind of individual that Dr. Cummings is beyond his professional achievements. The USM Faculty Senate's Executive Committee asked me to share these thoughts with you, my Honorable Colleagues in the House:

Dear Members of the Maine Legislature, we write this letter to convey to you the privilege and honor it has been to know and work with Glenn Cummings. As many of you are aware, Glenn assumed the presidency of the University of Southern Maine on July 1, 2015 and the tasks before him were immense. Since then, President Cummings has raised \$150 million in philanthropic gifts, balanced seven consecutive budgets and grown reserves to just under \$7 million. Under his tenure, USM has improved the student retention rate, attracted more high-performing students, increased the number of incoming and out-of-state students and begun the important work of making USM a welcoming place for the state's increasing diverse population. As impressive as these tangible benefits are, it is the intangibles that best demonstrate the quality of Glenn's leadership. First, he showed the genuine concern and interest for those of us who work at USM. Glenn says thank you to people for undertaking a task. It does not matter if the task is big or small, he always appreciates it. More importantly, he recognizes it. Second, he has integrity. One might disagree with Glenn, one might not see an issue or problem the same way, but one was able to disagree and move on to the next issue. Third, Glenn has humility. Being president doesn't mean that he was always right or had all the answers and he knew this. Indeed, Glenn's willingness to listen and learn from others is the hallmark of a great leader. Fourth, Glenn is kind. In today's world, we appear to have reached a point in which kindness is interpreted as weakness, yet this quality serves a university president well. Kindness is an asset, not a deficit. So, as members of the Executive Committee of USM's Faculty Senate, we would like to say thank you, Glenn. You have been a wonderful president for USM. We realize that a great deal of the work that you do is behind the scenes, as you have often publicly remarked, students are unlikely to remember the president. But we disagree. You have made such a profound contribution to the University of Southern Maine over the past several years that we believe wholeheartedly you are likely to be remembered for all the right reasons and for some time to come. Sincerely, Members of the USM Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to celebrate Dr. Cummings and his incredible record of public service. Our State is a better place for our students and for all of us, for all

of us who call Maine home, for all that this great leader, patriot, has done for us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Brennan.

Representative **BRENNAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. First, I'd like to thank Representative Talbot Ross for introducing this sentiment and for the words that she just spoke regarding Glenn Cummings. I'm very pleased that he's here today with his mother, with his son and with his wife. I'm also pleased that there's a strong showing from the University of Maine System, recognizing the contribution that Dr. Cummings has made to the University System. Thirty years ago, in 1992, I was first elected to the House of Representatives in the State of Maine. A month after I was elected, I got a telephone call from a constituent; Glenn Cummings. At that time, he was a teacher at Gorham High School, high school teacher. And he introduced himself to me and told me his educational background. We had a very positive discussion about education and about what he was doing. A month later, he called me again and had another issue that was of concern to him regarding education. We discussed that and three months later he called me again. And I said oh, my gosh, I have this type of constituent that's going to be calling me all the time. Fortunately, I found his calls to be helpful and insightful and at the end of my term of eight years in 2000, I asked Glenn to step forward and fill my seat, which he did. And he was elected to this House in 2000. Two years later, I was elected to the Senate and I had the opportunity to serve as a second senator on the Education Committee when Glenn was the House Chair. And I had the opportunity to watch him manage that committee and to advance educational issues in the State of Maine. Two years later, I was elected Senate Majority Leader and he was elected the House Majority Leader and every day we would commiserate about the difficulties of being in the Senate or being the House and occasionally all the good things about both of those. And I could go on further talking about Glenn, his resume and his accomplishments, but similar to Representative Talbot Ross, I think it's important to focus on three issues that you will not find on Glenn Cummings' resume. And the first is his vision, the second is his leadership and lastly his ability to collaborate and work with other people. And long before, in this State or even in the country, we were talking about climate change and the climate crisis, Glenn Cummings was acting to make sure that the State of Maine was protected going forward in environmental issues and taking action that would make sure that our children had a future and we did not destroy the environment in the State of Maine. He passed the largest bond issue in the history of the State of Maine that invested in lands for Maine's future and invested in our university and community colleges; largest in the history of the State. That type of investment, that type of vision. And the one thing that you'll see throughout his career, throughout his resume, is his focus on education. Because he knew that was the key to making Maine prosperous in the future and a way to empower people to make sure that they control over this future.

And in addition to the work that he did as Speaker, he then had a national platform in the Obama Administration as Assistant Secretary of Education and accomplished great things for community colleges. And, lastly, his stint as

president at the University of Southern Maine. When he took over, the university was in a downward trajectory; enrollment had dropped, budget crisis, staff morale, faculty morale was at its lowest. And in a short period of time, he outlined a vision for the future of USM. He inspired other people, enlisted other people in his vision and now USM is on an ascendancy. It is moving forward and we're very hopeful that the next president will be able to pick up where President Cummings has left off. So, finally, I want to thank Glenn for his service to the State, I want to thank him for being a friend to me both in the Legislature and within the community and I want to thank him for the contribution that he has made to the State of Maine. And, lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to respectfully object to the first line of the sentiment that says that Glenn Cummings is retiring. He is not retiring; he is simply stepping to another place in Maine and he will continue to be of public service, he will continue to make contributions and I can't imagine that the word retirement is in his vocabulary at this point. So, thank you very much and I hope you will join me as well as other people in the House in congratulating Glenn Cummings in the next phase of his life.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Zager.

Representative **ZAGER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of brief remarks to complement the outstanding words that the prior two representatives from Portland shared that were outstanding and fitting. A lot of the folks in the district that I represent study at or worked at the University of Southern Maine at the Portland campus. And recently I was talking to folks about the retirement of President Cummings and, not surprisingly, there was so much that they shared that was effusive. One person, a librarian, called him a transformational leader; transformational leader, even in times of crisis and trouble, he has boldly shown what is possible. He has shown this as I've become more and more familiar with his record, he's shown what's possible to students at all levels and also to fellow scholars. He's shown what's possible in multiple educational institutions in Maine, as we've just heard elaborated, shown what's possible to colleagues in this chamber. He's shown what's possible at the US Department of Education, spearheading sustainability initiatives and helping boost graduation rates. In short, it seems to me that the public system of higher education and our future in general are both better because of President Glenn Cummings. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Carlow.

Representative **CARLOW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to convey congratulations and special thanks to President Cummings for his dedication and continued service to the people of the State of Maine and the students of the University of Maine System. During his tenure as president, he presided over a period of historic growth for the University of Southern Maine and I commend him for his faithfulness to the mission of providing high-quality, affordable higher education to every Maine student. No doubt he will continue to advance that cause in his future professional endeavors. Thank you again, Dr. Cummings, for your service. His contributions and leadership will be lasting and long-remembered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem, Men and Women of the House. It's my honor to rise and chime in about the great leader who we are honoring today. And although it's hard to add to the great remarks of the Representative from Buxton, the Representative from Portland, the other Representative from Portland and the other Representative from Portland, I do need to note that; to my friends from Cumberland County that the man that we are honoring today is a proud son of Sagadahoc County and I predict that he will spend more time in Sagadahoc County in the near future. Men and Women of the House, when I was a teacher in a previous lifetime, before my legislative service, I was very interested in the topic of differentiation; meeting the needs of multiple learning styles and multiple learning backgrounds and many students in the same classroom. And so, I was eager to attend a workshop, I believe it was at the Augusta Civic Center, in November of 2004 and I was absolutely floored by the brilliance of the lecturer, whose name was Leslie and I was so inspired by what she had to say about differentiation that I went up to speak with her afterwards, as you do when you really hear someone that has a lot to say, a lot to offer. And while I was speaking with Leslie, she received a phone call, she had a cellphone, it was a newfangled thing and on the call, she learned that her husband, Glenn Cummings, had been elected as Majority Leader of the Maine Legislature. And so, I thought that was pretty cool. And fast-forward just a year or two and Glenn was asking me to run for Legislature and told me, well, somewhat truthfully, that it was possible to be an educator and also a legislator. And, well, I let myself be convinced and in November of 2006, he was sworn in as Speaker and I was sworn in for the first time as a Member of this Body.

Everything that has been said about him is true and there are a couple of other things that I just want to share with you briefly. The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the predatory lending, which, by the way, it was incredibly insightful. The national economy was on the verge of going into a tailspin when he saw the problem with predatory lending and made Maine a leader in doing something about that. All of those education issues that have been mentioned, yes, he worked on all of that and more. We created that year when he was Speaker the ConnectMaine Authority because he did understand the need for not just Wi-Fi in this chamber but the need for high-speed internet across the State. And I think he especially perceived that as an educator. So, the ConnectMaine Authority was born during his tenure as Speaker.

Dr. Cummings had the good taste never to become a member of the other Body. That's another very important aspect of Mr. Cummings. And Dr. Cummings knows the best sushi restaurants in Augusta and Hallowell, in the Portland area and in the Greater Washington DC area, so, keep that in mind if you ever have the opportunity to be lunching with him. He knows how to build a backyard hockey rink and has done that more than once. This is a well-rounded individual who is not just a list of accomplishments. He's a father, he's a husband, he's a son and he is a loving son of, yes, Sagadahoc County, but also of the State of Maine. On that day that I was

sworn in; I forget, I think it was 123rd Legislature, in January of that year, Speaker Cummings spoke of the Maine that inspires him, the Maine that dignifies our work in this chamber. And he spoke of the smell of salt air in the morning, the smell of the Maine pines and of the inspiration that he felt every time coming over the hill and seeing the dome of the State House and how that inspiration never lost him for as long as he served in this Body. I think that those were heartfelt statements. I remember being incredibly inspired by them. His tenure the following two years absolutely lived up to that kind of inspiration and every step of the way, every decision he made, he dignified the work of this Body, he dignified the work of the people and the people's house. So, I just want to say, to add my congratulations and the congratulations of the people of Sagadahoc County and all of us not only to Dr. Cummings, to Glenn, but also to Leslie, Kiernan, to Sky and, yes, of course, to mom. Thank you for being with us today.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief, although Glenn would probably be saying; Babbidge, now is not the time for that. Thirty-six years ago, I was heading up the State social studies teacher's organization and I met the young, new department chair of the Gorham High School social studies department and I was very impressed. We talked curriculum and I knew then that we had a leader in the State of Maine. Eighteen years later, when I came to this Body, he was already a leader here in the House of Representatives and, of course, he was Speaker for the 123rd. Of course, we've all worked with him as president of the University of Southern Maine. We know of his many, many accomplishments. I just wanted to say I love that Leslie and family are here to hear this recognition and Glenn Cummings is a man of warmth, dignity, grace, compassion and is a true gentleman and I give him great congratulations on behalf of all of those who have worked and served with him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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**In Memory of:**

Frank M. Dunbar, of Bucksport. Mr. Dunbar was a lifelong resident of Bucksport, where he was known by many as "Papa." He was a veteran of the United States Army, becoming an expert marksman and serving as a member of the rifle team. He later served as a firearms safety instructor in Maine. After his military service, he became a barber, working for 54 years and retiring in 2016. He also worked as an auctioneer and served as a notary public, performing weddings for generations of families. He served on the Bucksport Town Council, Economic Development Committee and Board of Assessment and also on the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Commission. He was a member of the Bucksport Rod and Gun Club and the Bucksport Historical Society, served as President of the Class of 1958 Alumni of Bucksport High School and served as Chaplain of American Legion Post 93. He was a member of the Belfast Nazarene Church and the Bucksport River of Hope Church. Having a passionate interest in veterans' affairs, he was a charter member of the Veterans' Memorial Committee and was instrumental in placing flags on veterans' graves. He received

the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award in 2009. Mr. Dunbar will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of over 62 years, Jacqueline, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 496)

Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Representative DOWNES of Bucksport.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mr. Dunbar and I were both tenth-generation Mainers related to the Enoch Hutchins, one of the first of our relatives in the State. I like to think of him as like a sixth or seventh cousin never removed. He was a great gentleman and all of his accomplishments that were stated here, among them were probably the best remembered was his auctioneering. I think it was probably a process that he made almost no money at because he almost always volunteered to raise money for the Historical Society or Boys Club or Girls Club and it was just the kind of thing that he did to be a part of the community. I remember once at an auction, he was raising money for our Historical Society and I took up a or, I should say my son took up a little stuffed toy to give to the auction to raise money. And Frank knew, because I had told him, that my son really wanted that toy back again so he would probably be the first bidder on it. So, Frank told everybody when the auction started, he held the toy up and said nobody can bid on this except for Al Hutchins, that was my son and he bid a dollar and Frank let him have it. I told that story once a few years ago at a Rod and Gun Club that Frank invited me to speak to and when we got done with that little talk I had mentioned that, Frank came up to me afterwards and he said the best speech he'd ever heard. And that's just the way he was; everything was positive and upbeat and I'm not only proud to be related to him but pleased to be able to speak in his behalf today. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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**In Memory of:**

Richard Holbrook Grant, of Machias. Mr. Grant was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Finance Corps in the Philippines. He taught at Shead Memorial High School in Eastport, Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan and the campus school at the University of Maine at Machias. He served as Superintendent of Schools in East Corinth, later becoming Superintendent of School Administrative District #37 in Harrington. After his retirement, he owned and operated the Holbrook Inn in Bar Harbor. Mr. Grant will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 501)

Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington, Representative ALLEY of Beals.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.  
**READ.**

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to recognize and thank the family of Mr. Holbrook for his service to our State and country and extend my condolences to his grandson, Mr. Ben Grant and his entire family. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.  
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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At this point, Representative CUDDY of Winterport was added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

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#### **SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the State's Hemp Program"

(S.P. 683) (L.D. 1942)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Protect School Administration Officials from Harassment and Abuse"

(S.P. 676) (L.D. 1939)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Ensure That Building Codes Allow the Installation and Use of Products and Equipment That Use Certain Federally Regulated Refrigerants"

(S.P. 680) (L.D. 1940)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Caribou Utilities District Charter To Include Broadband Services"

(S.P. 686) (L.D. 1949)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discriminatory Practices Related to the 340B Drug Pricing Program"

(S.P. 673) (L.D. 1938)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Expand the Address Confidentiality Program to Victims of Certain Human Trafficking Crimes" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 684) (L.D. 1943)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Clarify the Exemption from Income Tax and Withholding Tax Liability for Certain Out-of-state Suppliers of Spirits Purchased by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations"

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1937)

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"

(S.P. 682) (L.D. 1941)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety in Maine's Marijuana Programs" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 685) (L.D. 1948)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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The following Joint Order: (S.P. 687)

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 677)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 13-19, 2022 AS FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA WEEK**

WHEREAS, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world, helping over 230,000 members prepare for careers in business each year; and

WHEREAS, the concept for Future Business Leaders of America was developed in 1937 by Hamden L. Forkner, who envisioned a national organization that would unite the thousands of business clubs in the nation's high schools and colleges; and

WHEREAS, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences; and

WHEREAS, among the goals of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda are creating more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise; encouraging members in the development of individual projects that contribute to the improvement of homes, businesses and communities; enabling members to develop character and prepare for useful citizenship and fostering patriotism; encouraging the practice of efficient money management and scholarship and school loyalty; assisting students in the establishment of occupational goals; and facilitating the transition from school to work; and

WHEREAS, members of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda understand that the future depends on mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family and educational institutions, as well as people around the world, and that every person should prepare for a useful occupation and carry on that occupation in a manner that brings the greatest good to the greatest number; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 13-19, 2022 as Future Business Leaders of America Week and send our appreciation to Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda as it works to instill in the nation's youth the qualities necessary to become responsible business leaders.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**. **READ** and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Report of the Chair-Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 620**

Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance"

(S.P. 661) (L.D. 1862)

Reports a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers were **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers were **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative MATHIESON of Kittery, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1419) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HYMANSON of York, MEYER of Eliot, QUINT of Hodgdon, TEPLER of Topsham)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, SENIOR CARE FACILITIES, REHABILITATION FACILITIES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND CARE WORKERS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, long-term care facilities, senior care facilities, rehabilitation facilities and assisted living facilities as well as care workers have remained dedicated to providing quality care and quality of life for older individuals and individuals with disabilities in Maine throughout the great challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the well-being and safety of older individuals and individuals with disabilities in the State depend in large part on the unfailing dedication of care workers, including nurses, home health aides, personal support specialists, certified nursing assistants, direct support professionals, certified residential medication aides and mental health rehabilitation technicians, all of whom provide daily, conscientious, professional hands-on care in care facilities and individuals' homes; and

WHEREAS, care workers have been instrumental in promoting and safeguarding the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of older individuals and individuals with disabilities throughout the very difficult separation from family members and friends due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, care workers have worked diligently to provide care and comfort to older individuals and individuals with disabilities in long-term care facilities, senior care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, assisted living facilities and in individuals' homes during outbreaks of COVID-19 at risk to their health and even their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize and honor the heroic service performed by these institutions and caregivers who greatly enrich the public good.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Mathieson.

Representative **MATHIESON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and esteemed House Members for allowing me to speak today

in support of the Joint Resolution 2546. This resolution honors the exceptional efforts of our long-term care, senior care, rehabilitation and assisted living facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, a constituent, Trisha Cummings, who happens to be related to Glenn Cummings, sent me a link to a documentary titled Closed Doors, Open Hearts: Nursing Homes and COVID-19. This film highlights two facilities, one that Trisha is an administrator of. It chronicles the continued heartbreaking challenges and tragedies of responding to this pandemic. It celebrates long-term care staff who, in my humble opinion, are true heroes for continuing to show up day after day after day, even in the face of personal risk. Most long-term care workers, unlike myself who is a health care provider, cannot offer their services through telehealth. They risk compromising the health and wellbeing of their patients if they don't show up for work. The reality is this pandemic has and continues to devastate this industry. No one has felt this more than the residents, their families and these incredibly dedicated staff members. It's an extremely difficult situation and they're going into a flu season in the worst staffing crisis in history. We need to help these dedicated heroes continue to deliver care to our family members; our sisters, our brothers, our mothers, our fathers, our grandparents. They need help, they need to not be neglected. Thank you for the dedication to this staff for continuing to go above and beyond, for caring for our family members, your residents, in the face of great personal risk. Please know we are aware of your sacrifices, we are aware how you continue to serve and how this affects your physical and mental health. Thank you for continued compassionate care and support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.  
Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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**BILLS RECALLED FROM GOVERNOR**

(Pursuant to Joint Order - House Paper 1418)

Resolve, To Create the Commission To Examine Reestablishing Parole

(H.P. 610) (L.D. 842)

(H. "A" H-736 and H. "B" H-743 to C. "A" H-717)

- In House, **FINALLY PASSED** on July 2, 2021.

- In Senate, **FINALLY PASSED** on July 19, 2021.

On motion of Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by House Amendments "A" (H-736) and "B" (H-743) thereto**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED ADOPTION of Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by House Amendments "A" (H-736) and "B" (H-743) thereto**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **FURTHER RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED ADOPTION of House Amendment "B" (H-743) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)**.

On motion of Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship **House Amendment "B" (H-743) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-754) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Friendship, Representative Evangelos.

Representative **EVANGELOS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Women and Men of the House. This bill passed the last day of our session in July and, as is the prerogative of the Chief Executive, they have the right constitutionally to hold a bill and this was one of the ones that got held. The problem is that the bill had; the committee that's going to study this had a report-out date of January 15th. Well, obviously, that's not going to happen. So, all we're doing here is I'm changing the report-out date so the study group can meet and study this issue and report back to the Legislature. The new report-out date will be December 1st and any report that comes from it will be taken up by the 131st Legislature. That's all this is, folks; it's just a courtesy we usually extend to each other on committee or commission report-out dates and that's all I'm asking, to extend this to December 1st and allow them to do their work. I'm happy to answer any questions and thank you.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "C" (H-754) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-717)**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of House Amendment "C" (H-754) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-717). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 446**

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Kessler, LaRochelle, Libby, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Sachs, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Thorne, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Collings, Doore, Grignon, Hanley, Head, Kryzak, Landry, Mason, Paulhus, Roberts, Roche, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sylvester, Tuell, Tuttle.

Yes, 84; No, 49; Absent, 17; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 17 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "C" (H-754) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) was ADOPTED.**

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by House Amendments "A" (H-736) and "C" (H-754)** thereto was **ADOPTED.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by House Amendments "A" (H-736) and "C" (H-754)** thereto.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by House Amendments "A" (H-736) and "C" (H-754) thereto. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 447**

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Caiazza, Cardone, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Kessler, LaRochelle, Libby, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreia, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Bryant, Collings, Doore, Grignon, Hanley, Head, Kryzak, Landry, Mason, Millett, Paulhus, Roberts, Roche, Sharpe, Sylvester, Tepler, Tuell, Tuttle.

Yes, 81; No, 50; Absent, 19; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 50 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 19 being absent, and accordingly the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-717) as Amended by House Amendments "A" (H-736) and "C" (H-754)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 299)  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**1 STATE HOUSE STATION**  
**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

January 7, 2022

The 130th Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 130th Legislature:

By the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing L.D. 151, *An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining.*

L.D. 151 is a 12-page bill that would create a new legal framework governing collective bargaining in Maine's agricultural sector. The bill would authorize agricultural workers to bargain collectively and require agricultural employers to do the same. It contains complicated provisions dictating when and how mediation and arbitration between agricultural workers and employers must take place and restricting how contracts between these parties may be modified or terminated. It also creates procedures for complaints, hearings, and enforcement by the Maine Labor Relations Board. This bill, which was a concept draft until presented at the public hearing, is complex legislation that intersects with Federal law, namely the National Labor Relations Act. Unlike a previous law that targeted one large industrial egg producer with a history of abuses<sup>1</sup>, this bill would apply to every farm in Maine with more than five employees, seasonal or year-round, part-time or full-time.

I have carefully reviewed the public testimony presented to the Labor and Housing Committee, which was overwhelmingly in opposition, as well as direct correspondence to me from farmers and interested parties both supporting and opposing the bill. I also listened to the extensive floor debate on both bills related to farmworkers in Maine - the other being L.D. 1022, which did not pass the Legislature.

I have worked hard throughout my time as Governor to do all I can to support agriculture in Maine. Our small, family-owned farms are cornerstones of nearly every rural community across Maine, coming together to form the backbone of an agricultural sector that is an economic engine for our state and important part of our heritage.

But Maine's farms are confronting a series of significant challenges, some of which are longstanding in nature while others have been worsened by the pandemic, but all of which present dire threats to the livelihoods of our farmers. For example, our dairy industry has long been under pressure from low milk prices, inconsistent Federal regulations, and competition from nondairy products. Just last year 14 organic dairy farms were notified they will lose their contracts with a global supplier of organic milk products.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also taken a significant toll on Maine's agricultural sector, disrupting supply chains, shifting markets, and, notably, contributing to an acute labor shortage in Maine and increased prices for fuel and groceries. In fact, I have heard directly from local farmers who describe the

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<sup>1</sup> PL 1997, c.472, §1, repealed, 2011



painstaking difficulty they are experiencing in attracting and retaining the workers they need to sustain operations. Farmers have also struggled against severe drought in northern and western Maine – conditions that are likely to be more common as the effects of climate change intensify – and the discovery of "forever chemicals" further threatens some farming operations.

All of these concerns about the sustainability of our farms led the Legislature in recent years to enact many protective measures, including: a Right to Farm law, 7 MRS 151; a Food Sovereignty Act (2007 and 2017), 7 MRS ch.8-F; an Agricultural Bargaining Board, 13 MRS 1956; expansion of the Land for Maine's Future program; and most recently Art I, §25 of the Maine Constitution, the Right to Grow, Raise, Harvest, Produce and Consume Food, as ratified by the voters in November 2021. The same concerns are also why my Administration has dedicated significant Federal relief funding to support the ongoing operations of farms and why, through my Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, we are taking action to improve their processing infrastructure.

Given these serious challenges, I cannot, in good conscience, allow a bill to become law that would subject our farmers to a complicated new set of laws that would require them to hire lawyers just to understand. I am also concerned that this bill, at this time, would further burden our small, family-owned farms by saddling them with increased costs (costs that would likely be passed along to Maine people in the form of higher prices) at a time when State government should be doing all it can to support Maine farms and ensure they are able to thrive in the years to come. While this bill is well-intended, I fear its unintended consequence would discourage the growth of farms in Maine.

I am a committed supporter of collective bargaining rights for workers generally. My Administration supported a prevailing wage and other worker rights and has consistently negotiated strong public employee contracts. In states where agriculture is dominated by factory farms and large corporate interests, I agree that it is critical that workers receive the protection of strong labor laws. But Maine's farming community is different and consists mostly of small, family-oriented operations. Those farms, large or small, who hire seasonal temporary foreign workers generally fall under stringent Federal H-2A regulations.

I am open to working with legislative leaders, farming interests and advocates to develop a bill that provides appropriate protections for agricultural workers, but such legislation should be tailored to the unique circumstances of our agricultural sector, which this bill is not. For these reasons, I return L.D. 151 unsigned and vetoed, and I urge the Legislature to sustain this veto.

Sincerely,  
S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying item An Act To Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them To Organize for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining

(H.P. 107) (L.D. 151)  
(C. "A" H-679)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Harnett.

Representative HARNETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise today to address items, 2-9 and 2-11, seeking an override of the Chief Executive's veto. With liberty and justice for all. Six words; with liberty and

justice for all. To me, they have always been the six most important words in our Pledge of Allegiance. Words have meaning. Great writers choose words carefully and with intention. Careful readers pay close attention to those carefully-chosen words. Sometimes, however, when we repeat words over and over and over again, we lose sight of their meaning or, worse, we do not even think about them any longer as we repeat them out of rote, unthinkingly, in parrot-like fashion. This morning as we began our day in this hallowed chamber, we all stood and solemnly recited our Pledge of Allegiance. But did we pay attention? Did we listen to our own words? Did we notice that we use the word "all" and not "some"? With liberty and justice for all. It was not with liberty and justice for some. Did we stop to consider that if we only give rights to some, if we give liberty and justice to some but not all, we fail to honor the very words we recite at the beginning of each day in this Legislature?

Today, I am asking you, my respected colleagues in the House of the 130th Maine Legislature, to consider the words contained in our Pledge of Allegiance as you consider the Chief Executive's veto of LD 151, An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining. I also ask you to put those six words into action by joining me in overriding the Chief Executive's veto of this bill. LD 151 is not an attack on Maine's family farms. Most farms are not even covered, as you must have more than five employees for LD 151 to even apply. It is not an attack on any farm or any employer. LD 151 is a bill that simply extends to Maine farm workers, the people who feed us and our families, who put food on our tables, with the same exact legal rights that protect every other working person in Maine and throughout our United States of America. LD 151 provides these rights to farm workers and tells them that we see you, we value you, we respect you, we thank you, we appreciate you and we proudly include you in the words; with liberty and justice for all.

What does LD 151 allow farm workers to do? It allows two or more farm workers to talk to their employer about improving their pay without fear of losing their jobs. It allows two or more farm workers to talk to one another about work-related issues beyond salary such as safety or housing concerns without fear of losing their jobs. And it allows a single farm worker to talk to their employer on behalf of one or more farm workers about improving workplace conditions, again without fear of losing their job. These are hardly radical concepts, but the Chief Executive's veto effectively denies those very rights to farm workers and keeps in place a system of laws that has historically given those rights to some and not all. With liberty and justice for all. Maine can do better. Dirigo; Maine can lead. I ask you to join me today and override this veto. Make Maine a better and fairer state. Make Maine a leader and a State that puts its State motto into action. Maine leads. Dolores Huerta, who for decades worked side by side with Cesar Chavez to improve the lives and working conditions of our nation's farm workers, the people who feed us every day, once asked; every single day we sit down to eat, breakfast, lunch and dinner and at our table we have food that was planted, picked or harvested by a farm worker. Why is it that the people who do the most sacred work in our nation are the most oppressed and the most exploited under our system

of law? We can answer that question today and say that in Maine we will do better, we will lead. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King told us that the moral arc of the universe is long but it bends towards justice. Today, we can bend it towards justice just a little more. With liberty and justice for all. I thank you and I ask you to join me in voting to override the Chief Executive's veto. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion and I hope that the rest of you will join me in sustaining the veto of the Chief Executive. I would like to point out that this bill has been hanging over the heads of farmers since June 16th when it was first enacted and here only now are we talking about it. They've had this hanging over their heads for over half a year and that's just not fair. Despite the theories and the rhetoric that have propelled this narrative here that leads to this bill, they don't bear reality in the real world. We have overwhelming evidence that farmers really do work right beside their workers. They are considered teams. There's no exploitation there. This bill refers back to things that happened years ago, it's an anachronism, really and that's what propels this bill. The reality is these farmers are very accommodating to their workers. I talked to a farmer just yesterday I've known for years and he said things have really changed in the last few years, it is very difficult to find workers, they are pretty much in the driver's seat about what we offer and what they'll do. We not only give them pay, we give them room and board, oftentimes transportation, heat and electricity; there are quite a number of things that are offered to them. There are also laws in existence that protect them from being exploited. So, I don't think there's any necessity for this bill at all.

I live closer to the State House than most everybody here. I live 15 miles away. And on my way in this morning, I saw three farms that are no longer in operation. They just didn't close up because they just decided to retire, there are so many instances that they have to face where they can't afford to stay in business so they have to close their shops. Is this what we want? How is this going to help the workers that this bill ostensibly protects if there's no work for them? Mr. Speaker, there are a myriad of reasons I could go on and give why this veto should be sustained. I think there are probably other people who wish to speak after me, they can probably speak to it better than I can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. In the Chief Executive's veto letter, she points out how we had an egg farmer in Maine who definitely deserved the reprimands that were set forth on behalf of what he was doing on his farm. That farm was dealt with and farmers across the State have worked to ensure that no one is subject to those types of conditions in the State of Maine anymore. In a press piece quoting the bill's sponsor, it's pointed out that in 1980, which was over 40 years ago, there were concerns about migrant workers in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey and no issue was mentioned in

this to be happening in Maine, yet the egg farmer previously mentioned I believe was operating here at the time. Today's farms, who employ the migrant and immigrant workers have strict guidelines under the federal H-2B visas which allow these people to come and work in the United States. They're under scrutiny to ensure that those workers are treated properly and with positive working conditions. Additionally, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension has an arbitration program that works to help all workers and employers on Maine's farms.

We don't have large corporate farms here in Maine. We don't have the geography for it. We have small family farms, where employees become family despite not being blood relatives. Our farms do try to compete with those large corporate farms across the country and around the world, but our short growing season based on our geography means we have to do what we can. As the saying goes; we need to make hay when the sun shines. In fact, that's one of the crops that my family farm produces. We need three days of sunny weather to be able to dry the hay, to mow it, to dry it and then bale it up. We need those in a row, not Monday/Wednesday/Friday and have rain in between because that will turn the hay moldy and it could be a real problem. So, it gets to be an issue sometimes with our Maine weather because the weather can change in an instant; don't like it, just wait a minute. So, we do often watch the weather forecast and find that all of a sudden now we're maybe going to get some showers coming through and we just pray that we can get that hay off the field so that we can feed horses, cows, sheep, etcetera from our farm. On my family farm, we have two other families that work for us full-time. One has been working for us who was hired over 30 years ago to help re-shingle a roof. He still works for us today. In fact, his son now also works for us. We watched him grow up from the day he was born to now. He's 26 years old now and still works for us today. Another one of my employees just had a baby, her son is 10 months old. One of the benefits that she has is she brings him to work every day. She doesn't have to pay for child care. Her production is not as great as it could be if she didn't have her son there, but having her there and having that child have the opportunity to stay with mom, that's a benefit that is just priceless with the cost of child care today. And these are the things that are happening on our family farms. These people may not be blood relatives, but they are family and we treat them as such. And with programs out there like the University of Maine Cooperative Extension arbitration program, this is a very unnecessary bill that will be costly to family farms who are barely trying to make ends meet because they are trying to compete with these corporate farms that are outside of the State of Maine.

We're a small end-of-the-line state. Geographically, our growing season is very short. We cannot have our workers decide well, I don't feel like working in 90-degree heat to throw hay, to bale hay, to put it up in the barn, because it's just too hot, I'm not going to do it. And we can't have them walk away in the middle of putting in that crop. It would be just detrimental to our production. So, we need to make sure that our farms are protected and they are and Maine farmers just aren't doing the things that this bill initially was trying to fix. We've fixed these problems over the years and I encourage anyone; I would love to give anyone a tour of my farm. I'd love

to have you see what my employees think of us as employers. Because we treat them right. We give them time off when they need it. Our schedules are; we're very flexible with our employees.

We have a few days a year, Maine Maple Sunday, they have to work that weekend. We let them know we need the help because we get thousands of people that come to visit. Many Members of this chamber have come to see my sugarhouse that weekend. We keep it going. It's a lot of fun and our employees enjoy it. They love being able to interact with the public. We make sure that they have time off when they need it for doctor's appointments and other issues. In October, one of my employees, the one with the 10-month-old son, her family came down with COVID. Minor, they weren't overly sick but they did their quarantine and stayed home. Their 7-year-old child developed COVID over Halloween. One of the things that we did because these people are our family, my husband and I made a plan, we went to the store, we bought the candy and we went and visited, did our social distancing, wore our masks and brought the little girl a big bag of Halloween candy because she couldn't go trick-or-treating because of the virus. Even though she had no symptoms, the only reason they knew she had it was she tested positive. These are the things that our family farms are doing for our employees. We care and they are family. So, please, follow my light and vote no on the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to share the story of a former student that's relevant to this issue. I'm speaking not to generate debate but this is the last time I'm going to have an opportunity to vote on this issue, it's my fourth and last term. I thank you for not applauding upon learning that, but I want to talk to you about my student, Tom. Tom is the kind of student, he was a little bit quiet at the beginning of the school years but he became a leader, an outstanding student, he would be a leader among us today or the leader of a corporation or, the sky was the limit for this boy. But for the last two decades, he's been helping to organize the most underprivileged workers in California and in the American south. It's not a lifestyle anybody would choose. His passion is social justice. So, how did he happen to choose this path? It wasn't because he had a certain social studies teacher, it was because he went to a fine school, had wonderful professors and then he interned at the Maine Department of Labor Migrant and Immigration Division. And there he found his life's work because he found injustice. Being from Kennebunk, I've had the opportunity through my job as a trolley driver in the summer, to at 11 or 12 o'clock at night while I'm waiting to pick up some clients or whatever, to speak to workers who have come from other countries; Belarus, Mexico, everywhere and I learned of their plight. One particular group lived in a home, kind of isolated. Their TV broke. They were given a ride to Walmart once a week and it opened my eyes to the fact that the America that these people are experiencing isn't the America that you and I know. Farm workers are a sub-class that's an entirely different situation. Why can there be injustice in Maine from contract farm labor workers? And the answer is because there can be injustice and why can there be injustice is because we allow it. So, in memory and in

congratulations, my admiration for the life's work of Tom Fritchie, I'll be voting to do what this Legislature is enabled to do and that's to use its influence to override the veto of the Chief Executive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Friendship, Representative Evangelos.

Representative **EVANGELOS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did want to speak to urge people to override this veto. You know, farm work is extremely hard physical work in the hot sun. I want to share with you what happened to me last May. I grow all my own food, as the Good Representative from Warren knows, he's my neighbor, I have an enormous self-sufficient undertaking at home and I grow just about anything you can imagine but I'll plead the Fifth on the leafy green stuff. But I knew the rains were coming on a hot May day and I spent 10 hours outside getting my crops in. I walked into the house, collapsed and for the second time this year, my wife took me to the hospital. I don't see the irreparable harm in allowing people to sit down and talk. I think that's central to an American civilization. I also recognized that day that, when I was in the hospital, recovering from my injuries and dehydration, I had health insurance. I had the benefit of the single health insurance that this job pays me and gives me. So, I have coverage. And we know that people are going to get sick and hurt doing this kind of work. That day, Representative Evangelos needed a union to protect me from myself. And I accept the fact, because I know a lot of them, that our farmers in this State are good people. They work extremely hard and we know the stress the industry is under. I do accept all that. But, you know, human nature in any distribution of a population base, there's going to be a lot of good people in Maine but there's always a few that aren't. So, I'm just asking for the Body to consider this carefully because our country has always benefitted by people sitting down at the table and working out their differences. And so, I will support the Representative from Gardiner's motion and I'll be voting to override the veto. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wilton, Representative Hall.

Representative **HALL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, this is not the 1970s, nor is it the 1980s. There is no longer a DeCoster Egg Farm. Most of the barns, once holding over 7 million birds, now sit empty. Hillandale Corporation now owns the complex. They have less than 350,000 birds, with their intent of having no birds in Turner by the end of this summer. All of their processes have been moved out of state, along with all their jobs. Some say LD 151 is a solution in search of a problem. It is much worse than that; it makes the current problems even worse. It will drive even more farms out of business, increase unemployment and make basic food items unaffordable for families that already are struggling to put food on the table and heat their homes. Consider what Maine has already lost before the pandemic. According to the USDA census, Maine lost 573 farms between 2012 and 2017. Maine also lost 10% of its farmland, dropping from 1.45 million acres in 2012 to just under 1.3 million acres in 2017. Maine farmers experienced a 15.8% decline in average net income per farm. The average net income per farm fell from \$20,141 to \$16,958. It is likely worse than that now since those terrible numbers were

recorded before the pandemic. Now, like all of us, they are in the midst of historic price increases. Fuel is up 60%, gasoline is up 57%, diesel fuel costs up 44%, feed costs up 60%, fertilizer costs, and this is no joke, I've called the fertilizer company to order fertilizer for this year; up 125% and my supplier told me that's if we can even get it and we're not sure of that at this time. Those costs are passed on to consumers.

Consider how bad Maine's unemployment rate is compared to other New England states and the rest of the country. Maine's current unemployment rate is higher than the national average and significantly worse than other New England states. This bill, if enacted, will make it even worse. And, finally, consider our constituents. They are paying more to heat their homes and fill up their cars. When they shop, beef is up 15%. Ground beef, hamburger, is up 18%. As a farmer, I'm not sure where that money is going. I realize we can't use props on the floor, but in my pocket, I have a sales slip from a beef animal I sold last week. I received 62 cents a pound for that animal. That's right; 62 cents a pound. Think about it. Hamburger in the store is \$7-8.00 a pound. Sixty-two cents versus \$7.00; quite a difference. Where did the money go? People living on a fixed income must now choose between heat, medicine and food and other monthly bills. Maine agriculture is small, local, family-owned agriculture. Our largest dairy farm in the State milks 1500 cows, not like the big large farms out in the Midwest that milk 20,000-plus. This 1500-cow farm is family-owned and family-operated. You get to know your farmer and where your food comes from.

Mr. Speaker, just stop and think before you push your light; do you support your local farmer down the road or are you going to help put them out of business? On behalf of family farms, workers and Maine consumers, I urge you to sustain this veto. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milford, Representative Drinkwater.

Representative **DRINKWATER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, two of my five towns are heavily farmed. Every farmer I spoke to was very concerned that the impact of LD 151 would cause them harm. The sponsor testified that in Maine employees are not considered employees under State law. Farms that have employees are required to have Workman's Comp and are covered under the Maine Civil Rights Act. Maine's Department of Labor has a Maine monitor advocate. The State monitor advocate monitors agricultural employers for compliance with the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Protection Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. To do this, the monitor advocate conducts field checks in the industry, provides information and advocacy for migrant and seasonal farm workers on issues such as wages, housing and discrimination, informs farm workers of their rights, right to file a complaint and the services available to them through Maine career centers. Ensures that migrant workers seeking employment services receive the same level of services as non-agricultural or non-immigrant career center customers. To say that farm workers are not protected by Maine law is false. Mr. Speaker, the sponsor talked about the poor working conditions he witnessed and the violations he witnessed such as DeCoster Egg Farm in 1989. DeCoster Egg Farm was exploiting their workers and needed to be dealt with and dealt with, it was. Quote, I was proud that Maine won

its lawsuit on behalf of the workers against DeCoster and that his no trespassing policy along with his pattern of enforcing it through threats and intimidation were found to violate the Maine Civil Rights Act, end-quote. Again, to imply that Maine farm workers have no protection is false. The system, Mr. Speaker, may not be perfect, but it does work, as witnessed by the latest fine of \$250,000 paid by Maine Tomato.

There are protections for farm workers. Every farmer that took time to testify spoke against this bill. Mr. Flannery from the Maine Potato Growers spoke of the global market they are competing in and the need to hold the line on prices. Lisa Turner from the Maine Vegetables and Small Fruit Growers Association said; I think the union organizers who are here to testify today will have made themselves all kinds of new work which I think will be very lucrative for them. Ralph Caldwell, beef farmer, said it well, quote, I'm opposed. The free market will buy where they want to get the best price. If Maine products are too much, Maine farmers will not be able to compete and they will go out of business, end-quote. Mr. Speaker, this bill states that any farm with five or more workers will have a right to join a union. If they do, the bill would require binding arbitrations if the parties cannot agree to a contract. Can you imagine the cost these places upon a farmer? Farmers already work on small margins. The current rate of inflation has already wreaked havoc on all of us. The farmers are now facing a 75% increase in fuel, 60-80% increase in electricity. And as we just heard a while ago, Mr. Speaker, 125% increase in feed. Add to this the need to hire lawyers to navigate the collective bargaining process and you will have the perfect Maine blizzard. I'm certain we'll see a decline in farmers. The agricultural business that are affected by this bill are beef farmers, vegetable farmers, livestock farmers, fruit farmers, forestry performed by farmers and dairy farmers. We are already seeing a decline in the dairy farmer as witnessed by the announcement that 14 Maine dairy farmers are losing their contracts. Can you imagine what would happen if the workers went on strike during a harvest? Only one State has enacted this bill, Mr. Speaker and that's California. Mr. Speaker, I went to the Google machine and California's economy is the fifth highest in the world, with a GDP of \$3 trillion. Maine's GDP is \$67.7 billion and has no ranking. Mr. Speaker, this is Maine, not California. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Caribou, Representative Bernard.

Representative **BERNARD**: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today in opposition of the pending motion. I have to tell you that after reading the Chief Executive's very detailed explanation of her veto, I really didn't believe that there would be a big discussion about it today. So, I'm not as well-prepared as I need to be. This is hen-scratching, but it's coming from my heart. Liberty and justice for all was mentioned earlier and I have to say that family farmers are part of that "all". With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, I want to clarify, as I think I heard earlier and I know is part of the bill, that even the smallest of farms would be impacted by this bill. The bill mentions part-time, full-time and seasonal workers. Let me tell you that a small farm, it's very easy to go over five. I know very few family farms that have fewer than five people working on them at any time during their year, which changes tremendously. You know, we can't put

food on the table, we talk about putting food on the table, but we can't do that if the farms are shut down. Workers can talk to their farm employers now because these are farm families and they are, indeed, members of the family. I live there, I know it and we know it from other members who have those kinds of farms right here sitting in this Body. I talk to farm workers all the time and they want me to tell you that this Body needs to understand that they respect their farm employers and they appreciate the idea that they can work for them, because that's what puts food on their table as well. And they don't want their farm employers worrying about the next piece of government overreach and what they might have to attend to if this kind of legislation goes through.

If you've never worked on a farm, these are hen scratchings just came out of me, if you've never worked on a farm, I can certainly understand a mistaken impression of what it's like to work on a farm. I've worked on a farm, a lot of people in this room have worked on a farm and I hope that you'll remember that and know that yes, it's difficult work, but it's not impossible work, it's important work and it has to be able to be a cooperative teamwork kind of endeavor, where the workers are working together with the farmers. I've never seen a farmer ask a worker to do anything that he or she wouldn't do themselves. I thank the Executive for her wisdom in vetoing this ill-conceived bill and I hope that you will follow me in sustaining it. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have worked on a farm as a potato picker back in the days of learning what work is all about and I also worked in what they call packing sheds where you put the potatoes up for market. It's tough work but if you don't like to do it, don't do it, find something else, but leave them alone. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 448V**

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fay, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, McCrea, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Rudnicki, Sampson,

Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Collings, Doore, Grignon, Hanley, Head, Kryzak, Landry, Mason, Paulhus, Perry, Roberts, Roche, Sharpe, Sylvester, Tuell, Tuttle.

Yes, 67; No, 66; Absent, 17; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

67 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

**Pursuant to Resolve**

**Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**  
Representative LANDRY for the **Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 77, section 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Related to Hunting Dogs and Civil Trespass"

(H.P. 1454) (L.D. 1951)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Resolve**

**Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

Representative HARNETT for the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 104, section 8 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1453) (L.D. 1950)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Change of Committee**

Representative MARTIN from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Create a Rental Fleet Registration Program and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles"

(H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1890)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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On motion of Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, the House adjourned at 1:14 p.m., until the call of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 687) and in honor and lasting tribute to June Theresa Beaulieu Washburn, of Skowhegan, Goff Richard French, of Smithfield, Frank M. Dunbar, of Bucksport, Richard Holbrook Grant, of Machias, Douglas Denico, of Madison, Richard Farnsworth Jr., of Kennebunk and Martha Hallisey-Swift, of Brunswick