

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
20th Legislative Day
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

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

Prayer by Honorable Richard A. Pickett, Dixfield.
National Anthem by Notes of Kindness, Westport Island.
Pledge of Allegiance.
The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 406)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 42 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 19 Unanimous Reports
 - 1 Ought Not To Pass
 - 1 Ought To Pass
 - 17 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 10 Divided Reports
 - 1 Leave to Withdraw
 - 12 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair
S/Margaret M. O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 408)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 35 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 18 Unanimous Reports
 - 2 Ought Not To Pass
 - 1 Ought To Pass
 - 13 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 2 Referred to Another Committee
 - 17 Divided Reports

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Susan A. Deschambault
Senate Chair
S/Charlotte Warren
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 409)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 63 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 19 Unanimous Reports
 - 2 Ought Not To Pass
 - 1 Ought To Pass
 - 16 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 24 Divided Reports
 - 20 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Joseph Rafferty
Senate Chair
S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 410)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

44 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 21 Unanimous Reports
 5 Ought Not To Pass
 4 Ought to Pass
 9 Ought To Pass As Amended
 3 Referred to Another Committee
 18 Divided Reports
 5 Gubernatorial Nominations
 Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Mark W. Lawrence
 Senate Chair
 S/Seth A. Berry
 House Chair
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

59 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 33 Unanimous Reports
 6 Ought Not To Pass
 2 Ought To Pass
 24 Ought To Pass As Amended
 1 Referred to Another Committee
 6 Divided Reports
 20 Gubernatorial Nominations
 Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Heather B. Sanborn
 Senate Chair
 S/Denise A. Tepler
 House Chair
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 411)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:
 31 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 13 Unanimous Reports
 3 Ought Not To Pass
 2 Ought To Pass
 8 Ought To Pass As Amended
 13 Divided Reports
 5 Gubernatorial Nominations
 Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Stacy Brenner
 Senate Chair
 S/Ralph L. Tucker
 House Chair
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 413)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:
 101 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 77 Unanimous Reports
 10 Ought Not To Pass
 8 Ought To Pass
 58 Ought To Pass As Amended
 1 Referred to Another Committee
 23 Divided Reports
 1 Leave to Withdraw
 Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Ned Claxton
 Senate Chair
 S/Michele Meyer
 House Chair
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 412)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL
SERVICES

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

The Following Communication: (H.C. 414)
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 45 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 14 Unanimous Reports
 - 4 Ought Not To Pass
 - 10 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 13 Divided Reports
- 2 Leave to Withdraw
- 16 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Glenn "Chip" Curry
Senate Chair
S/Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

- 87 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 16 Unanimous Reports
 - 4 Ought Not To Pass
 - 10 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 2 Referred to Another Committee
- 51 Divided Reports
- 20 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Anne M. Carney
Senate Chair
S/Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 415)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 16 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 8 Unanimous Reports
 - 3 Ought Not To Pass
 - 4 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee
- 3 Divided Reports
- 5 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/James F. Dill
Senate Chair
S/H. Scott Landry, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 416)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

The Following Communication: (H.C. 417)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 89 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 18 Unanimous Reports
 - 6 Ought Not To Pass
 - 12 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 44 Divided Reports
- 27 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Mathea Elisabeth Daughtry
Senate Chair
S/Michael A. Sylvester
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 418)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

April 15, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 8 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 5 Unanimous Reports
 - 1 Ought to Pass
 - 4 Ought To Pass As Amended
- 2 Divided Reports
 - 1 Taken Pursuant to Joint Rule 309

Respectfully Submitted,
 S/David R. Miramant
 Senate Chair
 S/Joyce "Jay" McCreight
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 419)

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

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 24 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 17 Unanimous Reports
 - 3 Ought Not To Pass
 - 3 Ought To Pass
 - 11 Ought To Pass As Amended
- 6 Divided Reports
- 1 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Joseph Baldacci
 Senate Chair
 S/Ann Higgins Matlack
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 420)

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 60 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 36 Unanimous Reports
 - 8 Ought Not To Pass
 - 27 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee
- 23 Divided Reports

- 1 Gubernatorial Nominations
- Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Benjamin M. Chipman
 Senate Chair
 S/Maureen Fitzgerald Terry
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 421)

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 25 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 17 Unanimous Reports
 - 5 Ought Not To Pass
 - 3 Ought To Pass
 - 7 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 2 Referred to Another Committee
- 3 Divided Reports
- 5 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
 S/G. William Diamond
 Senate Chair
 S/Roland Danny Martin
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 422)

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 15, 2022
 The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
 The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House
 130th Maine Legislature
 Augusta, Maine 04333
 Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:
 We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 47 Total Number of Bills and Papers
- 25 Unanimous Reports
 - 4 Ought Not To Pass
 - 2 Ought To Pass
 - 18 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee
- 17 Divided Reports
- 5 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
 S/Craig V. Hickman

Senate Chair
S/Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 423)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030-D, I am submitting to the 130th Legislature, the 2022 Report of Maine's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

If you have any questions concerning this report or need additional information, please contact me at 626-8401.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1533) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville)

**JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 1-7, 2022 AS
TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, many people with serious, chronic mental health conditions, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or severe depression, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea and vomiting, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, or DRBAs, including antipsychotic medications; and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful, and even lifesaving, for many people, it can also lead to tardive dyskinesia; and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk and extremities; and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia can develop months, years or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after they have discontinued use of those medications. Not everyone who takes a DRBA develops tardive dyskinesia, but if it develops it is often permanent; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer from tardive dyskinesia, and, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in every 4 patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience tardive dyskinesia; and

WHEREAS, tardive dyskinesia is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the disorder are commonly misdiagnosed, and regular screening for tardive dyskinesia in patients taking DRBAs is therefore recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, while years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs regarding tardive dyskinesia, it is important to continue to raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia in the public and the medical community; 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 designate May 1-7, 2022 as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week and respectfully encourage each individual in the State to become aware of and better informed about tardive dyskinesia.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Arford.

Representative **ARFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to present the Joint Resolution designating May 1st through 7th, 2022, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week. I do this in collaboration with the National Association of Mental Illness Maine, which strongly supports increasing awareness regarding tardive dyskinesia, which impacts roughly 500 Americans who are prescribed medications to manage symptoms of psychosis. Awareness regarding this condition and continued normalization regarding mental health issues supports the one in four Mainers living with mental health challenges. A similar statement of support has or will be adopted by all 50 states. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Geiger.

Representative **GEIGER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with my colleague, Representative Arford, on this resolution. Severe mental illness is such a harsh disorder, with severe prolonged impacts on the ability to live a full life. Unfortunately, the early antipsychotic medications, while effective, often brought severe side effects like a blunting of cognitive function, weight gain and permanent lifelong effects like tardive dyskinesia. This often added to peoples' sense of pain and sense of otherness. Thank God the newer antipsychotics do not carry this long-lasting, often permanent side effect, but for those who remain with it and for those others who take medications that are dopamine receptor blocking agents for other reasons, it remains a risk and a severe side effect. And so, I appreciate those who are working to bring acknowledgment and compassion to those who suffer it. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED.**

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative WHITE of Mars Hill, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1534) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, McDONALD of Stonington, ORWAY of Standish, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot, POULIOT of Kennebec)

JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JUNE 27, 2022 AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE AS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, all citizens possess the basic human right to the preservation of personal dignity and deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress can result from any number of stressors including combat, interpersonal violence, severe impact collisions, natural disasters and exposure to the suffering of others; and

WHEREAS, the diagnosis known as post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, was initially formulated in 1980 by the American Psychiatric Association to describe and categorize the psychological aftermath of severe traumatic distress; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress has historically been unjustly portrayed as a mental illness caused by a preexisting flaw in character or ability, and the term "disorder" carries a stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown through electromagnetic imaging that severe post-traumatic stress causes physical changes within the brain that are more accurately described as an injury than as a disorder; and

WHEREAS, referring to post-traumatic stress as a disorder may seem to disparage the injured and may discourage them from seeking timely care for their behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, timely and appropriate treatment of post-traumatic stress injury can diminish complications and prevent suicides; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury that meets the criteria for a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders deserves disability compensation equal to that allowed for PTSD under the law; and

WHEREAS, while all citizens suffering post-traumatic stress injuries deserve our compassion and consideration, those brave members of the United States Armed Forces who have received these injuries while risking their lives to protect our freedom, health and welfare deserve special recognition for their gallantry, commitment, devotion and sacrifice; 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 designate June 27, 2022 as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day and June as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month and respectfully urge the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to continue working to educate victims of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents or natural disasters and their families, as well as the general public, about the causes, symptoms and treatment of post-traumatic stress injury.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1535) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, STEARNS of Guilford)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 2, 2022 TO MAY 6, 2022

WHEREAS, Maine's future depends upon the provision of high-quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers are among the most dedicated of public servants in the State; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise public awareness of the contributions of teachers and to promote greater respect for and understanding of the teaching profession; 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 the week of May 2, 2022 as Teacher Appreciation Week and strongly encourage the citizens of the State to recognize the efforts of teachers in educating the children of their communities and to support teachers in their efforts.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Morales.

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to acknowledge the teachers in our State and also acknowledge that this is the middle, hump day, of school vacation week, where I wish all of our teachers in our State who have worked so tremendously hard that they are able to experience rest and joy and time outside. I wish for good weather for them and I just thank them so much for all of the hard work that they do on behalf of our children and our families in this State. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED.**

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the following House Order: (H.O. 23)

ORDERED, that Representative Susan Bernard of Caribou be excused April 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Barbara A. Cardone of Bangor be excused April 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Danny Edward Costain of Plymouth be excused April 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Josanne C. Dolloff of Milton Township be excused April 11 and 14 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Frances M. Head of Bethel be excused April 11, 12, 13 and 14 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peter A. Lyford of Eddington be excused April 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Braden Sharpe of Durham be excused April 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peggy Jo Stanley of Medway be excused April 18 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Fred Hatch, of West Gardiner, who is retiring as the Maine House of Representatives Sergeant-at-Arms after many years of public service. Mr. Hatch became Sergeant-at-Arms after service as a member of the chamber staff and as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 792)

Presented by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

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

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

Representative **BABBIDGE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Esteemed Members of the House, this opportunity to recognize Fred Hatch reminds us that we elected officials come and go but it is professional staff that makes State government run properly. That's certainly true in my committee on judiciary with Peggy Reinsch and Sue Pinette, the clerks who have run this chamber during my activism, Ed Pert, Joe Mayo, Millie McFarland, Rob Hunt, are top shelf. Fred Hatch has made my experience here and all of us, I think, to be pleasant and professional. Many days, I've entered the chamber harried, deep in thought, when I've been greeted with a very warm "good morning, Representative Babbidge" with a big smile, like he knows something that I don't know. Fred improves our quality of life around here. I try to set goals that are attainable but in addition to substance, I wanted to get through the 130th healthy in mind and body. Another one was to escape the 130th without having been removed from the Body by the Speaker and escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms out of the chamber. If I were to be escorted out of the chamber, I would want it to be Fred Hatch that would take me out. Because I know once we left the chamber and entered the hallway, there would be a smile on his face, maybe a hearty laugh and a "have a good day, Representative Babbidge." I am glad for Fred in reaching this moment where he can enjoy life and family. I hope he enjoys, have a wonderful retirement and a little bit of golf and I just want him to know that he has made a difference to me and to so many of us here in the chamber. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winterport, Representative Cuddy.

Representative **CUDDY:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. When I heard recently that Mr. Hatch was going to be retiring, I was immediately sad for every Legislature that comes after this one. When I first arrived here and I was walking through those doors and seeing into this chamber, I was nervous. I was on edge. This is a new thing and I wasn't sure I was going to be able to do it. And upon walking through the door, Don opens the door and there's Fred Hatch. And just like the Representative from the town I can't remember at the moment said; Kennebunk? Nice. Only took four years. There was Fred on the other side. He reached his hand out, he shook my hand, he said "good morning, Representative." Since that day, he's said "good morning, Representative Cuddy" every day. There's 151 of us and I don't know if it's a natural talent or a mission, but he gets our names. I didn't remember where the Representative from Kennebunkport was from just a moment ago. But I was immediately welcomed. All the staff makes us feel welcome, makes us feel like we can do what we do here and actually makes it so we can do what we do here.

But Fred on those days, we've all suffered losses in this chamber legislatively, personally and on those days when I've come in and it hasn't felt like a place I really wanted to be, Fred's still there with a smile, a handshake, pats you on the back, a quick joke and it feels okay to be here. And the legislators that come after us are not going to have that for themselves and I really am sorry for them. I'm glad for all the first-term legislators that we got to be back in the House, that you got to be welcomed by Fred. I didn't realize you were a Raiders fan, I just found this out. I was a long-suffering Raiders fan as well. We'll see what Vegas does for them. But I will sincerely miss you. It's one of the things that has sort of made me happy that I decided not to run for reelection because we're going out the same year. That's pretty good for me. I will miss you, Fred. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to congratulate Fred Hatch on his retirement and thank him for his service. But it would not be proper to do so before I tell him how much I will miss him. As a matter of fact, if Fred's retirement was a bill on the Chief Executive's desk, I would put in a motion to recall it. I may never get into my desk again when Fred leaves. I do not have a clue where my keys are. But Fred's always got me covered and gets me into my desk. His presence has brightened my days here with his welcoming smile and kind disposition. I will truly miss you, Fred and I hope you have a wonderful retirement.

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

Representative **ZAGER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honor and a privilege to rise and join my Colleagues from Winter Harbor, Winterport, Kennebunk and I know in spirit everyone else in this chamber, in honoring Fred Hatch, our beloved Sergeant-at-Arms. Everyone, of course, is familiar with Fred's cheer, his good will, his leadership of the chamber staff. We know how he fosters decorum, which helps makes this a most dignified workplace. And in circulating among the membership of the House Democrats, Republicans,

Independents, I heard some beautiful things, some of which has been already shared. People; one person said I felt welcome since day one. Fred makes us smile and feel at home every day. He's a calming influence, which we all know, especially at this point in the session, is crucial to the work of the people. He's an all-around nice guy and one Member shared that he had been working late, 3 a.m. the night before and that's difficult in any circumstance but when he got here the next morning and saw Fred, he knew the day was off to a good start. A true service. Fred makes us feel welcome and all feel important to the work that we do here, which I believe is fundamental to what we're here for, representative democracy. So, I thank you, Fred, for making us all feel like the House is a home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I got here eight years ago, Fred was already here, but I get the distinction of leaving together with him at the end of this session. So, and Fred is somebody who, in my opinion, as we've already heard, makes this place run very, very smoothly. He's always there, he's got a command presence to him but it's in a way that's professional and gentle and you are able to be able to just respond to it without any question. And I think when Fred probably realized what my name was I remember, I think it was Fred and I apologize if it wasn't, was when I had the privilege, if you want to call it that, to be escorted out of the chamber, like and go to the Speaker's room. So, I think it was Fred that escorted me, but we won't talk about that any further, but I do wish Fred, I wish you all the happiness, I wish you a great retirement, enjoy your family and the rest of your days and have a great retirement, my friend.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Paulhus.

Representative **PAULHUS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I can honestly say that Fred Hatch is a friend of mine. And I was working on the Senate side as Sergeant-at-Arms when Fred first came to this building. And over the years, we've worked together as partners, him on the House side, me on the Senate side and then later on I came down to the House and worked with Fred, side by side as chamber staff in this very chamber. And we've spent many hours and talking and laughing and sharing stories. I knew this, Fred. But Fred is everything that everyone has shared and he has brought goodness and light to this chamber on days when it is hard to be here, it is hard to get through the day sometimes. And Fred is going to be missed. I know for me it's always going to be hard because, as everyone has said, Fred always welcomes us when we come to the chamber and sometimes Fred forgets and he'll say "hi, Sean" and he's like, I mean, "Representative Paulhus, I'm sorry." But that's okay, I am, I prefer to be "hi, Sean." So, I won't go any further but I couldn't not stand up and say a few words to my good friend who deserves all the time with his family after this. He's worked hard, he's done amazing work here and I'm proud of him, proud of the work he's done, proud of his legacy that he's going to be leaving behind here in this chamber. Thanks, Fred.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm sure you've heard of Paul Harvey, where you heard the rest of the story. Fred and I went to school together and you've heard of the MAD proposition, Mutually Assured Destruction, where we could each tell stories about each other that would ensure our destruction. So, I'm going to remain silent except to wish you well, Fred, in your new life. God bless you and your family and you be quiet, I'll be quiet.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative O'Connell.

Representative **O'CONNELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I would've turned around to listen to Representative Zager but I didn't want to get in trouble. I want you to know, know that you made a difference. You made it possible for us to do the job that we need to do. You made that happen. I want you to know that you've dealt with some interesting and difficult folks. And the way you dealt with those interesting folks, me being one of the recipients thereof, is a professionalism and a very courteous way you did it and I admire that greatly. That is to be admired. Especially on the long evenings. The most important thing is I want you to know you paid your dues, you paid your dues, you've done you're done, you did a great job and you were so very much appreciated. Don't ever forget that. So, thank you for what you do.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Weld, Representative Skolfield.

Representative **SKOLFIELD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just want to rise and offer my congratulations to Fred. So many of us in this chamber have so eloquently spoken about his time here and our relationship with him and I, too, share a fond relationship and a fond friendship with Fred developed over the last eight years. And I just want to wish him well, as others have said. But I do wish that, well, he's a man of many talents. He's got a lot of talents and skills, some of which have been developed during his time in this chamber and I hope that when he retires that every once in a while he will in his home, sight unseen, continue to practice walking sideways because it may come in handy again someday. So, thank you, Fred. God bless you and best going forward.

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

Representative **DODGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise with great fondness to offer congratulations and thanks to our Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred Hatch. I of course agree with the Representatives, the Good Representatives from Winter Harbor, Portland, Winterport, Kennebunk, East Dixfield, Bath, Pittston, Brewer and Weld. Fred, thank you for being the friendly face of the House. Thank you for being a friendly face for legislators and for the public. I discovered this long before I was really here as a legislator, when I visited this Body. Thank you for being the energy of helpfulness when things need to get done. You exhibit great leadership, communication and coordination skill. Thank you for respecting and supporting our work here. As has already been said, thank you for being the daily smile of greeting, the handshakes, the elbow bumps, the twinkle in your eye, the impish grin and, with me, our various dance moves.

All of these give all of us a positive start to every day. I have needed that and others have shared that they have needed you also. We appreciate you on a personal level and a professional level perhaps more than you know or are really finding out this morning. I offer my heartfelt thanks to you and on behalf of other Members of this Body. We wish you all joy, good health, happiness and our best to you always. We know you know the stories, you know the secrets, we know that you will keep those wisely. Thank you for everything. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My colleagues have summed up so many of the same thoughts that I have but I'm going to share a slightly different story. As, you know, we all get greeted when we come into the chamber with a smile, a handshake, an elbow bump as the Representative from Belfast said, or even a hug. And I appreciate that. But for me it's been when I've come in in the middle of the summer in shorts and a tee shirt, trying to be incognito, but I drove a different vehicle. You see, the Representative from Winter Harbor needs to just put those keys on his car keychain and his vehicle keychain, he'll find his keys. But when you take a different vehicle that doesn't have those keys and you're trying to be incognito and you can't be because you need to get into your desk for something that you're passing through. Very much appreciative of being able to knock on the door, help and always having that quick visit, ended up turning into an hour long where we'd just chat in the halls and just have a great time and I'm going to miss those chats. But we are leaving, as some of the other Representatives have said that are leaving now, it's been a great eight years with you. I remember when you took over as Sergeant-at-Arms when your predecessor retired and it's been a lot of fun and I hope that you'll come by and visit every once in a while to see some of us that might still be here or might not be, or maybe we'll all come in on a welcome back day together and we can just stand out there and have fun and chat while everybody else is in here doing work. Thank you so much, Fred and congratulations on your retirement.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the Body. I had the pleasure of having a wonderful conversation in the hallway yesterday with Fred and I'm hopeful that I won't have a Point of Order directed at me for discussing the motivations of a Member of the Legislature because, Fred, I consider you a Member of the Legislature. But Fred considers himself a part of us and I was deeply moved by that because you are. And he has a sense of honor and pride in this institution that really made me tear up. And I know that when Fred's out there defending our institution, when he hears a disparaging remark, he'll be out there defending us. And I really appreciate that and know that your voice in defending us and making people understand how honorable a Body we are and you are part of us. So, go out there, defend. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know a lot of others have shared a lot of other stories about Fred and they're great stories and Fred will be greatly missed. But, with that, one story, during my first term, it was one morning, I was headed to caucus, I was racing another Member to caucus and missed a step on the landing to caucus and managed to twist my ankle. Thanks to Fred, I managed to get to session that day and, not only that, to the hospital after session. Much to the chagrin of HR, I was here, but Fred made that all possible. And not only that but even subsequent follow-up appointments. For those who don't know that I can't drive, I can't and Fred was a godsend during that time and I'm sure I wasn't much of a pleasure carting around in a wheelchair for six weeks, but I dearly appreciate Fred and not just that but every time through the building and wish to congratulate you on your retirement and best wishes for the future.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Geiger.

Representative **GEIGER**: Thank you. This is my first term. It's been such an honor to be here on so many levels, to be allowed to serve my community and the people of Maine, the opportunity to change lives hopefully for the better. But for me, personally, working alongside colleagues has brought me such joy and one of those joys is entering this Body on the mornings of session to be greeted by the warm smile, the kindness and the professionalism of our Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred Hatch. Mr. Hatch has served this Body for many years honorably, loyally and well. He and I bonded very quickly over our mutual love of Rockland and I am happy to say that while you'll all miss him, as of Friday he becomes my constituent and neighbor in the city of Rockland and I am thrilled to have him. I can't imagine a better citizen. So, I welcome you, Mr. Hatch, to my little city and say that if I am lucky enough to win reelection, I will miss you every day that I serve here. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also am in my first term and what a tumultuous term to try to figure out how to do things in this building. Thank goodness for Fred. I was in here the first session, up on the fourth floor, trying to do committee work because if I did it in my house I'd be distracted by laundry or the fact that I also work remotely for my job. And so, this allowed me the opportunity to separate the legislative world from my personal and professional world. And, Fred, you were my guiding hand and my rock through all of this. I had no idea how to get into places, where to go, what to do and with his help and the help of his staff, which I very greatly appreciate and I would always make sure to swing by their office to say good morning and he always would greet me with a very lovely smile and if I didn't remember in the beginning where the bathroom was, point me in the right direction of that as well. And I greatly appreciate you, Fred. I am going to miss you so much. I hope that I'm lucky enough to be here again for the next term, but you will be greatly missed and I'm so glad that I got the opportunity to serve while you were still here. Thank you.

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

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All I want to say simply is thank you for eight years of smiles, Mr. Hatch. You have made my day on some of the darkest ones. Thank you.

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

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Fred. Everything everybody has said is absolutely true. I first met Fred 30+ years ago in this House. He's always been the same the whole time and we're so comfortable with him and his great sense of humor that a couple years ago I put a parking ticket on his vehicle. And it was a parking ticket that I got from my garbage pickup man because I had parked in my own dumpster's way so he couldn't pick it up. So, I put that on Fred's car and he took it like I knew he would. Thank you, Fred.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Brooks.

Representative **BROOKS**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to share the appreciation for Fred Hatch. I really appreciate all the service that you've given to our State and our Legislature. You always greet people with a warm smile, as we've heard over and over again. Your professionalism is really impressive. The teamwork that you demonstrate with the entire chamber staff is really, really great. I've heard over and over again you say have you gotten your lunch when we have a break. It seems like you're always looking out for people that you work with and it shows. It really, really does show. And having served here for eight years, knowing that you have earned your retirement, the State will miss you greatly and I do appreciate everything that you've done for the State and for us.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Guilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fred Hatch is a true Mainer and has served us well for over 30 years. And there's a special saying in the State of Maine that we reserve for only the best of the best and that is simply this; Fred Hatch is finest kind.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I met Mr. Hatch on the first day I arrived here. I was lost, didn't really know where to go. He quickly came up to me, we found out we shared a friend in common and in my haste to say thank you, I started calling him Captain. And I've called him Captain every day since in my full eight years. And we frequently meet each other either early in the morning or late at night and he will have a booming "Representative Pierce" which I always appreciate and I say "Captain" and it's just a great moment. I'm a little teary. Your care and your professionalism will not go unnoticed and it will not be matched and we will miss you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Alfred, Representative Sampson.

Representative **SAMPSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Fred. You truly embody the heart and spirit and action of a joyful servant of the people. And that deeply touches me and clearly this Body. I

want to thank you. Every time I show up, you actually act like you're very happy to see me. It means the world and you truly will be missed and your replacement has big, big shoes to fill. Thank you, sir.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House and my constituent, Fred. I'm only going to say a couple things about this chamber. One being that in my first year eight years ago, I came in and I sat down in my chair and it was at the like lowest position. And if you are a woman of my stature, you don't want your chair at the lowest position because you want to be able to see over your desk. And so, I like said Fred, can you and in the middle of everything, I got up and got out of the way and Fred came over and fixed my chair. Because I don't know if you guys remember this but when you first get here, everything makes you nervous, at least it did for me. And so, the second thing I'll say because my colleagues want me to say it is we know the raucous caucus is your favorite. I mean, the back row caucus. But I also want to tell you that Fred will be really missed in West Gardiner. Because also when you get elected and you start serving a new town that you haven't served in, you know, Hallowell, I've served in for a long time but I hadn't served West Gardiner. And I remember the first time I went to town meeting and as you guys know, who was the guy I was looking for? I was looking for Fred. And I was looking for Fred because I knew if I stood next to Fred, I'd be able to talk to everybody else. Because everybody wants to talk to Fred and Joyce and it isn't about the private club they host in their house, it isn't about Woodies, it isn't about that, it's about that Fred is gracious. He's gracious to everyone. Every time I come in the chamber, he makes sure that everybody knows that that is my Representative, that's my Representative. He and Don fight, Don also lives in West Gardiner so they go back and forth. And I've heard so many of you say that he also lights up when you come in and that's just; that's who he is. And that's really a gift. Because this place can really make you feel uncomfortable sometimes and you make everybody comfortable. So, I'm looking forward to Woodies on the Sea over there in Rockland and, Fred, congratulations. You are a gift.

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

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate it. I thought I was going to get kicked out the other day because I aggravated the Speaker and I come to find out it'd be Fred who'd be the one to escort me out. So, anyway, Fred, it's nice to know you for a short period of time and all the best to you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sarge. Leadership is not endowed on a person because of a title. It doesn't come as an entitlement when one is assigned a seat at one of these desks, any of these desks on this House floor. Nor even in an elevated position at the rostrum here in this chamber. Leadership is something that one learns and one earns over time. It's something that shows when a person, whatever their status, interacts with those above them, around

them and most especially with those that they lead, that answer to them. And I will simply say that Sarge, your staff chose your leadership and it's not something that's loud, but it shows your type of leadership, the fact that not only how they follow your direction, but your interaction with them, their interaction with you and their interaction with those around them. So, I thank you very much for your leadership. Congratulations. We will miss that.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway.

Representative **ORDWAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my Colleagues in the House. Fred, I rise to wish you congratulations on your retirement and thank you for making me feel like the most important person when I walk through that door. And my colleagues in the House, you've cheapened that. Fred, good luck on your retirement, Godspeed. Thanks for everything. Thanks for your service to our State.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Livermore Falls, Representative Lyman.

Representative **LYMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Colleagues of the House. I want to say as a new Member, I first met you bringing my students here from schools and you had the same welcoming, friendly smile for all of us. And being a new Member, I don't feel like I just got to know you, I feel like it's somebody that I've known and I very much appreciate that. But probably most importantly, I appreciate the fact that the impact that my brother left on this House, you did not hold against me and you let me have a clean slate. So, for that, I'm very appreciative. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some time ago, I was at the Denver Zoo and I happened to be there at the time that the penguin keeper was feeding the penguins. Afterwards, I sort of waved him aside and asked if I could ask him some questions and I said this must be the most wonderful job, isn't it wonderful to work with penguins and he said it's like being in a room of hungry 2-year-olds who will never grow up. I wonder why I'm reminded of that story. Thank you for being our penguin keeper. And, also, I would like to thank Mr. Hatch for being the impetus for perhaps the longest, most positive bipartisan work that has been done in this House in at least since I've been here. I'm so blessed as a freshman to be able to have gotten to be here at the same time as you. And I know our titles are Honorable but perhaps Mr. Hatch is the most honorable in this room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Dolloff.

Representative **DOLLOFF**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fred, you have made every day that I come into this chamber and it doesn't matter what my day started out to be, you've turned it right around. You have a special place in my heart because of your sparkle in your eye and the hugs that you give me that I really need that day or whatever it takes. You have such a kind soul. And as you can hear everything that everybody's said about you, Fred, I really hope we can take with us what you have given and what you have shown us and keep the kindness, keep the thoughtfulness and keep your smile. I want to thank you so much. It's my honor to have

known you and I wish you the the best-ever retirement anybody can have.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Fellow Members of the House and Fred. Everything everyone has said about Fred so far has been true. But I want to wish you the best retirement possible and have fun in Rockland and all that. I also want to thank you. Every day, you say hello to me and it's no great surprise to anyone in this Body to know it hasn't been a great year for me and yet every day when you do that, I know that you know and I appreciate that so deeply. I also want to thank you for your leniency with my flagrant rule breaking that continues all the time and, in fact, you've actually hand-delivered contraband chocolate to me and I know you know what it is and thank you as everyone in my row and neighborhood will know, so, thank you very much, Fred. I will miss you a lot.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to add my voice and my thanks and my congratulations to Fred on this day. But as I'm listening to everything, I have to admit, my mystery writer brain is going and when I set a mystery in this chamber, which I will do at some point, I am going to have to have a character who's the Sergeant-at-Arms, maybe his name's going to be Ted Match and he's ready to retire and he knows everybody's secrets, oh, Fred, I hope you don't turn out to be the villain.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Collings.

Representative **COLLINGS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Fred, seriously, you never told me you were retiring. Aren't you kind of young? I mean, next year, if I come back here, I was going to work on a big pension reform bill, you might want to come back and after all these nice things people are saying, you may want to stay a little bit. But I know you're great to be here, it's truly an honor to work here with you. People like you, you're just as important as anyone in the building, if not more, you have so much knowledge that helped people. We couldn't do it without you. And I know you're such a gentleman that you haven't told anyone that I'm your favorite legislator, so, if you want to rethink going to Rockland, Portland property is wicked cheap right now, it's a buyer's market, so stop in and I'll help you out because I know you'll miss me. But, seriously, thank you so much. You've been just wonderful and we're all going to miss seeing you here every day. I hope you come back and visit. So, thank you, Fred.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fred, all I can say is you're magical. You're able to open doors and fix chairs and more than anything you're able to keep us all riveted in our seats just so that we can hear what other people want to say about you. And as a new legislator, to me, you don't just fill this area, you fill the whole building. For two years, some days I was the only legislator in this building and you always found me and you welcomed me and I never once felt alone because you were here. So, thank you from the

bottom of my heart. I hope to be here again next year also, obviously, but no one will be able to take the place that you have, so, thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Crockett.

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the great privilege of working with Fred in a previous life. In the early '90s, I called on Fred when he was working at AG of Maine and I was selling Country Kitchen bread to the independent stores throughout the State. And the first thing I must say, I didn't get that wonderful warm greeting that everybody, including myself, has received every day for the last four years. You're a true gentleman, my friend. Good luck.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, Fred. I'll keep it short for you. It's been a pleasure to work with you. I've loved our greetings and your toleration of me being a hugger and a kisser. I concur with what everyone says, has said previously and as soon as my work is done in this Body, I look forward to joining you in retirement for some barbecue and a beverage. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I'm really pleased to have the opportunity to say thank you to Fred and wish him a great retirement. And also, in addition to that, I want to point out that through the years, he's been a great teacher for an awful lot of staff, some of which have become legislators, heaven forbid. And we can thank him for that. In addition, I really think that, well, I also have to thank him for serving during my term as Speaker and for the work that he did for the people that I worked for and with during that period. I really want to think of what he's going to do when he leaves here because he won't have to get those phone calls from the Clerk or the Clerk's office and he's going to have a withdrawal period as a result of that because I know and have been, you know, involved with some of those things when I was Speaker, I know what that's like and sometimes he's on the receiving end or the giving end and so, that's all part of what takes place. Finally, I want to say I have a great opportunity that he could write a book about some of the things that have taken place while he's been here and some of the stories that he could tell about some of you and me would make a great, great book and would sell well across the State of Maine and in some areas better than others. But I really want to congratulate you for the work that you've done for the Maine House and for the people of Maine. And you deserve a fantastic retirement.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair wishes to thank the Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred Hatch, for his years of service to the State of Maine. It's clear from today's comments the kind of impact you've had on this Body, this Legislature, the 130th, but most certainly Legislatures that have come before us and this institution that serves the great people of the State of Maine. You will be deeply missed, Fred. But having seen you outside the building, outside of the chamber staff attire, I think you'll be in very good, I think you'll be able to go about your retirement

incognito because it is very difficult to recognize you outside this building. So, with that, thank you, Fred.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: So, evidently, I break lights and my light doesn't go on, too. But I would be remiss if I did not stand, even though this seems a little bit over right now. I'm retiring, too and I'm really glad because it won't be the same here without you, but I'm really standing because I know that I've been trying for you. I remember the first time I got reprimanded for chewing gum. I continued to fake chewing gum just so Fred would have to come and reprimand me. Thank you for your patience with me all these years. I wish you the best in your retirement and every day of your life. Thank you.

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

Recognizing:

the Honorable John L. Martin, of Eagle Lake, a member of the Maine House of Representatives representing House District #151, on his 54 years of legislative service to the people of the State. In 1964, Representative Martin began his service with the Maine House of Representatives, where he served until 2000. From 1971 to 1974, he was House Minority Leader, and from 1975 to 1994, he served as Speaker of the House, the longest term of service as Speaker in the State's history. From 2000 to 2008, he served in the Maine Senate, with a term as Assistant Majority Leader. In 2008, Representative Martin returned to the House, where he is currently serving, including serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules. During much of his legislative career, he also served as an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Governmental Affairs at the University of Maine Fort Kent. We extend to him our appreciation for his years of devoted public service and offer him our best wishes;

(HLS 793)

Presented by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator BAILEY of York, Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Senator BENNETT of Oxford, Senator BLACK of Franklin, Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator BRENNER of Cumberland, Senator CARNEY of Cumberland, Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, 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, Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec, Senator KEIM of Oxford, Senator LAWRENCE of York, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator MOORE of Washington, Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, Senator RAFFERTY of York, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Senator STEWART of Aroostook, Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Senator WOODSOME of York, 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, Representative

BELL of Yarmouth, Representative BERNARD of Caribou, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative BLUME of York, Representative BOYLE of Gorham, Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Representative CARLOW of Buxton, Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, Representative CEBRA of Naples, 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, Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Representative DODGE of Belfast, Representative DOLLOFF of Milton Township, 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, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Representative FAY of Raymond, 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, 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, Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative JAVNER of Chester, Representative KESSLER of South Portland, Representative KINNEY of Knox, Representative LANDRY of Farmington, Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta, Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative LOOKNER of Portland, Representative LYFORD of Eddington, Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls, Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, Representative MARTIN of Greene, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Representative MASON of Lisbon, Representative MATHIESON of Kittery, Representative MATLACK of St. George, 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, 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, Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro, Representative QUINT of Hodgdon, 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, Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Representative SACHS of Freeport, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, Representative SAMPSON of Alfred, Representative SHARPE of Durham, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, Representative STANLEY of Medway, Representative STEARNS of Guilford, Representative STETKIS of Canaan, Representative STOVER of Boothbay, Representative SUPICA of Bangor, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative TEPLER of Topsham, Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative THERIAULT of China, Representative THORNE of Carmel, Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, Representative TUELL of East Machias, Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, 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, Representative ZAGER of Portland, Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

In Memory of:

the Honorable Melvin Newendyke, of Litchfield. Mr. Newendyke worked at Livermore Falls Trust for many years, retiring as Executive Vice President in 1998. After his retirement, he spent his days working on the family farm, haying in the summers, and helping with his son's excavation business. He served in the Maine State Legislature as the State Representative for Litchfield, Monmouth and Wales in the 125th and 126th Legislatures, from 2010 to 2014. He was a longtime member of South Lewiston Baptist Church and more recently attended Litchfield Plains Baptist Church, and he was active in the Rotary Club. Mr. Newendyke will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 58 years, Barbara, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 805)

Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales. Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator BAILEY of York, Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Senator BENNETT of Oxford, Senator BLACK of Franklin, Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator BRENNER of Cumberland, Senator CARNEY of Cumberland, Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, 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, Senator FARRIN of

Somerset, Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec, Senator KEIM of Oxford, Senator LAWRENCE of York, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator MOORE of Washington, Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, Senator RAFFERTY of York, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Senator STEWART of Aroostook, Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Senator WOODSOME of York, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, 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, Representative BELL of Yarmouth, Representative BERNARD of Caribou, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative BLUME of York, Representative BOYLE of Gorham, Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Representative CARLOW of Buxton, Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, Representative CEBRA of Naples, 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, Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Representative DODGE of Belfast, Representative DOLLOFF of Milton Township, Representative DOUDERA of Camden, Representative DOWNES of Bucksport, Representative DRINKWATER of Milford, Representative DUCARME of Madison, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship, Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Representative FAY of Raymond, Representative FOSTER of Dexter, Representative GEIGER of Rockland, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln, Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Representative GRIFFIN of Levant, Representative GRIGNON of Athens, Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, 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, Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative JAVNER of Chester, Representative KESSLER of South Portland, Representative KINNEY of Knox, Representative LANDRY of Farmington, Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta, Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative LOOKNER of Portland, 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, 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, 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, Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro, Representative QUINT of Hodgdon, 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, Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Representative SACHS of Freeport, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, Representative SAMPSON of Alfred, Representative SHARPE of Durham, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, Representative STANLEY of Medway, Representative STEARNS of Guilford, Representative STETKIS of Canaan, Representative STOVER of Boothbay, Representative SUPICA of Bangor, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative TEPLER of Topsham, Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative THERIAULT of China, Representative THORNE of Carmel, Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, Representative TUELL of East Machias, Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, 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, Representative ZAGER of Portland, Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I pause today to just take a moment to remember the life of my friend, the Honorable Mel Newendyke. I first met Mel when he was campaigning for the 125th Legislature. He stopped by our farm, introduced himself and asked my family what were our concerns and how we thought things were going in Augusta. That turned out to be a long conversation. He put his foot on the bumper, arms on his tailgate and just listened. Over the next four years, he was my Representative. We campaigned together, we worked together. I was a county commissioner and he was the State Representative. We had overlapping districts. But we became friends. We spent countless times at the Litchfield Fair for the entire weekend, manning the booth that Mel had graciously donated for the cause. I want to thank his family, his amazing

wife, Barbara, his children, his grandchildren who he was so proud of, for sharing Mel Newendyke with the people of Litchfield, Monmouth and Wales. He will be sadly missed but I learned from Mr. Newendyke of his faith. I know he's in a better place. It's difficult to let somebody go who's made that much of an impact on you, but I thank God that I knew Mel Newendyke and it was truly an honor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

In Memory of:

Bob McEvoy, of South Portland. Mr. McEvoy was a veteran of the Air National Guard, serving as a communications specialist in Heidelberg, West Germany during the Berlin Crisis of 1961. He had a five-decade career in public service, first working for the City of Yonkers, New York, later working for Rye, Schenectady County, Rockefeller College and, through his work with USAID, communities in Chile, Romania, Poland, Libya and Kenya. He served as a member of the International City/County Management Association, or ICMA, National Civic League Model City and County Charter Committees, the ICMA Government Affairs and Policy Committee, the ICMA Credentialing Advisory Board, the Government Accounting Standards Board Advisory Council, the New York State City/County Management Association, the National League of Cities and the New York State Judicial Screening Committee. In 2004, the ICMA recognized him with its Distinguished Service Award. Mr. McEvoy will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 806)

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative KESSLER of South Portland, Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MORALES of South Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Morales.

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Friends and Colleagues in the House. I just wanted to share a few words with you all about my dad. As many of you know, he passed away this January. This session has been pretty challenging for me, caring for him, but it has been the greatest honor of my life to do so here in Maine. As you've heard, he's from New York and he's a New Yorker true and true but he loved Maine. Since I moved here in 2002, it was his second favorite place to be other than at home with his family. I just wanted to share with you, too, because for my dad, local government was his life. He truly believed that local government had the power to innovate and care most deeply and most carefully and directly for the people that local government serves because of its close proximity. And he did some great things in his 40 years of public service for local government and I'll just share a few of them. He created the first public defender system in the county that he worked in, he created the first public health system in the county that he worked with and he created the first compost and recycling program back in the '80s in the county that he worked in. And

one of the things he loved so much, which we all love as a family, is music and arts. And he realized we had small musical theater that didn't have a stage large enough to bring shows like Hamilton to the stage but he recognized that if we were able to do that in this county, that that would be a true economic development boon for the county. And so, he invested in it and, lo and behold, Hamilton came around and our family went to see it but you can really see what investing in music and arts really does for a community. And I'll just share personally that my dad was a great listener and an involved learner. He often told me that he's a better person because of the conversations that we've had and the friends of mine that I've brought to the house that he's been able to meet because of their diverse backgrounds and experiences. And the last thing I'll say is that the greatest gift that my dad gave to me is my voice. He always valued my voice. I was the only child in the room or the only teenager in the room, he created a space and he honored my voice and I wouldn't be here standing with you all today, I truly believe this, without that gift. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

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

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-1018) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1036) thereto in the House on April 19, 2022.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1017)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-557)** on Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the State's Hemp Program" (S.P. 683) (L.D. 1942)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton

LANDRY of Farmington
SKOLFIELD of Weld
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-558)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco

McCREA of Fort Fairfield

OSHER of Orono

PLUECKER of Warren

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-582)** thereto.

READ.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the Bill be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** until later in today's session pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

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 to Table the Bill until later in today's session pending Acceptance of Either Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 601

YEA - Alley, Arford, Austin, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Downes, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Libby, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Madam Speaker, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Babbidge, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Dolloff, Doudera, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Crafts, Evangelos, Gifford, Harnett, Hasenfus, Lookner, Perry, Roche, Sharpe, Stanley, Sylvester.

Yes, 90; No, 45; Absent, 12; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 45 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

BILLS RECALLED FROM GOVERNOR

(Pursuant to Joint Order - House Paper 1536)

Resolve, Regarding Monitoring of and Reporting on Energy Use Data Standards and Online Energy Data Platforms (H.P. 1499) (L.D. 2017) (C. "A" H-942)

- In House, **FINALLY PASSED** on April 11, 2022.

- In Senate, **FINALLY PASSED** on April 12, 2022.

On motion of Representative KESSLER of South Portland, 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** by **Committee Amendment "A" (H-942)**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-992)** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a minor tweak to this bill. It gives the Chief Executive's office a couple extra months to do their study as they requested; a perfectly reasonable bill. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-992)** was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-942) and House Amendment "A" (H-992)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-528)** on Bill "An Act To Cap the Value of Contracts for Renewable Resources and Distributed Generation Resources" (S.P. 248) (L.D. 634)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York

STEWART of Aroostook

VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

CARLOW of Buxton

CUDDY of Winterport

FOSTER of Dexter

GRIGNON of Athens

WADSWORTH of Hiram

ZEIGLER of Montville

(H.P. 242) (L.D. 344)
(C. "A" H-764)

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

Signed:

Representatives:

- BERRY of Bowdoinham
- GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
- KESSLER of South Portland
- SACHS of Freeport

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-528) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-581)** thereto.

READ.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.** **Committee Amendment "A" (S-528)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-581) to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-528)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-528) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-581) thereto was **ADOPTED.**

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-528) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-581)** thereto in concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS
Act**

An Act To Update the Regulation of Public Utility Monopolies

(H.P. 764) (L.D. 1026)
(H. "A" H-1041 to C. "C" H-1027)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Prohibit Discrimination Based on the Sex of an Individual

TABLED - March 9, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

PENDING - **FINAL PASSAGE.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **FINAL PASSAGE.**

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

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM:** Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise once again in opposition to the motion before us and appreciate the opportunity to share my reasons as to why I do not support this proposal. I commend the sponsor, the Honorable Representative from South Portland. I know this is a proposal she has worked on for many years and it is very dear to her. While I can agree with her on the need for equality, we may disagree on what equality looks like and on how we get there. Are we discussing a need for equal treatment when it comes to our justice system? When it comes to employment? When seeking housing? Or are we discussing equal treatment of women in the eyes of men and women? If it is the first, then we already have measures in place to try and ensure equality. If it is the second, then, sadly, I don't believe there to be any piece of legislation or constitutional amendment that will ensure that equality. While I was leaving the chamber the last time this failed to earn enough votes for enactment and an individual at the back of the chamber says she doesn't get it. I assume they were referencing my position in opposition. Perhaps I was incorrect, but it did make me pause and question had I done enough to explain my position. If the comment was, indeed, aimed at me, what did this individual think I didn't get about some of the challenges women face, especially being a woman in a position of authority and a position historically held by men? I stand here today in my second term as the House leader of a party that many like to refer to as a party of old white men and yet I am equally paid and afforded the same desk and services as my male predecessor. It is true there are some challenges that I have faced that I doubt my male predecessor had to face. When I was first running for this position, some individuals reached out to me to say, didn't I agree that I would be a good assistant position like the previous assistant, who just happened to be a female? When I was elected as leader, there were those that said I was only elected because I was a woman. And, mind you, that wasn't said in a girl power way. I also heard the sexual innuendo rumors referencing how I received support from males within this caucus. I've had a press reporter feel the need to reference my bathroom habits when I failed to make a statement on some issue, but this individual didn't feel the need to make the same reference about the then-assistant leader who also failed to make a statement because he, too, told the reporter he needed to use the restroom.

I have experienced repetitive incidences where individuals have spoken directly to my chest, individuals have commented on my skirt or dress being too short or too tight, that my cleavage is too distracting or I am completely ignored in conversations while my male counterparts are not. My husband and I have an ongoing joke to see how many times

individuals will assume he is the House Leader when we attend events and conferences where my first name hasn't been shared. It happens more often than not. Due to my many years of experience in this building, I make a conscious decision to try to not have meals alone with male representatives or my chief of staff or to travel to conferences without my spouse, a family member, or a female friend because I'm all too aware of how easily individuals cast aspersions upon females in these situations. And, to be fair, I don't believe men are always spared from the gossip in my situations, but in my experience, women seem to be judged more harshly and be on the receiving end of more derogatory remarks. So, I ask again, are we talking about equality in tangible matters or are we talking about equality in how women are treated? If it's the tangible, well, in many of the instances above, I am equal when it comes to protections provided under the law. I have protections against discrimination. Our Maine Constitution Article I, Section 6-A says no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law nor be denied the equal protections of the laws nor be denied the enjoyment of that person's civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof. Our U.S. Constitution Amendment 5 states within it that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law and Amendment 14, Section 1, also states nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or protection without due process of law. Maine Title 5, Chapter 37-B, civil rights act, subsection 4684-A states for purposes of this chapter in Title 17, Section 2931, a person has the right to engage in lawful activities without being subject to physical force or violence, damage or destruction of property, trespass on property or the threat of physical force or violence, damage or destruction of property or trespass on property motivated by reasons of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. Our Maine Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of protected class in employment, housing, places of public accommodation, education and extension of credit. Protected classes include race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation which includes gender identity and expression, physical or mental disability, religion, age and other categories in certain context.

Being able to have standing to prosecute when I am discriminated against, harassed, denied access or entry, or mistreated in a workplace setting, that all exists for me and I could use all of these to pursue legal avenues in some of the instances that I have shared. If any of these protections that exist in law at the State level need to be amended, then certainly let us have that debate, but respectfully. I don't believe any amendment to our constitution is going to result in the desired impact. I do not believe it is needed to provide me with any more protections. If we are talking about the intangible, the respect of women, the belief that men and women are indeed equal, that women can hold positions of authority because they are worthy, I don't believe that can be achieved through any Statute or constitutional wording. I do not believe adding the words to our constitution equality of rights under the law may not be denied or abridged by the State or any political subdivision of the State based on the sex of an individual is going to sway or change the minds of those

individuals who do not now view men and women as equal. It won't prevent those who choose to judge because I am a woman that I must be weak, less intelligent, an object, overly emotional, unstable, or unreasonable, that any of my achievements have been earned in some less than desirable way. These individuals, both male and female, and let me repeat that, both male and female who choose to judge women who do not conform to what their view of a woman is, will continue to hold their smallminded, outdated judgments. So, while I can wholeheartedly agree in striving for equality, equality starts with each of us. It lies with how we choose to treat each other, how we choose to speak about each other, how we choose to raise our children and grandchildren to view each other. I was raised by an incredibly strong woman and a man who certainly didn't see role distinction based upon sexual identity for any of his children. We were all expected to achieve and were not given chores based upon any gender role. Due to that upbringing, I am proud to stand before you today as the second female House Republican Leader, the first to serve two terms in such a role, to say I am not less than any individual in this chamber. And while you may disagree with me on the upcoming vote, I ask that you respect me as an individual and know I have not come to this position lightly and I do, indeed, get it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I appreciate the eloquent words of the distinguished Representative from Oxford. I have heard the argument made before that because of the makeup of this House of Representatives, is there really a problem. I don't think taking a small measure of the success and status of a certain population is relevant in this case when we're talking about a class of people. I merely want to clarify the bit about the law. The 14th Amendment or Article I of our own constitution in Maine does talk about equal protection of the law. It seems that that should be enough but it took a half-century for equal protection of the law to apply to women's right to vote. We had to expressly add in the United States Constitution that women had the right to vote in order to bring about that change. My grandmother lived with us when I was a teenager. I can remember as a 15-year-old looking at her and saying Gram was 42 before she had the right to vote. That was shocking to me that it was that recent in our American story. Now, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a wonderful piece of legislation. It banned discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion and national origin. That should cover it, shouldn't it? And yet, eight years later, President Nixon had to sign a Title IX Amendment to that act in order to allow girls in our schools to have anything equal as far as activities in school. That was 1972 that that passed, I believe. My daughters were born in 1977, 1979 and 1986. They were recipients of Title IX expressed rights in the law. Now they're successful young people, well, young to me, they're in their 30s and 40s. But their rights are not necessarily protected when it comes to being a woman in what is sometimes a man's world.

So, what would this amendment do? By putting something in constitutional language, the difference isn't whether you and I treat each other appropriately, the difference is whether the courts will defend a complainant if they feel

they've been unjustly discriminated against. And courts, once language is in constitutional language, use the threshold of strict scrutiny, which means that in none of our rights are absolute. They can be challenged. Our freedom of speech has limits, our freedom of religion has limits, but, on the other hand, if you're going to challenge a constitutional right, then the necessity to be able to successfully challenge it is to show a compelling State interest. That's a very, very high threshold, a national interest. So, the idea for me in this amendment is to put blind justice, equality of the sexes, at the highest level of law for our justice system to defend the little person of either sex that may be discriminated against when that is challenged. It's about justice and fairness and the difference is whether it is an expressed right constitutionally or merely inferred. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Final Passage. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

This being a Constitutional Amendment, a two-thirds vote of the membership of the House present being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 602

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

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Gifford, Hall, Lyford, Martin, Paulhus, Perry, Roche, Sharpe, Stanley, Sylvester.

Yes, 77; No, 59; Absent, 11; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Resolution **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE** and was sent for concurrence.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1538)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that, in accordance with emergency authority granted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature is extended for one legislative day.

READ.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE**.

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

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: First, my question for the Speaker; is it the intent that our day of return will be Monday?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative, expecting all the work to be completed this week with the amendments that are going to be necessary to run items off of the appropriations table and the special study table ready for us to go on Monday, hoping for an early start.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And if I may proceed?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: So for Members that will, certainly of my caucus, that will be supporting this, I want to give voice to their concerns and their disappointment that we find ourselves that we're in this position and we understand it is through no fault of the work of this Body nor of the nonpartisan offices but, needless to say, we are upset and frustrated at the number of times that this Body was here to do work and we didn't have work that presented itself from the other chamber in front of us and if that had happened then we wouldn't find ourselves in this predicament that we find ourselves in. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage of the Joint Order. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 603

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauR, Foster, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Grohoski, Hanley, Harnett, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Madigan, MartinR, MartinT, MasonR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettH, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Pebworth, Perkins, PerryJ, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Grignon, Haggan, Harrington, Kinney, Lyman, Prescott, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Gifford, Hall, MartinJ, Paulhus, PerryA, Roche, Sharpe, Stanley, Sylvester.

Yes, 126; No, 11; Absent, 10; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

126 having voted in the affirmative and 11 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Joint Order was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Reduce Volatility in the Net Energy Billing Program and To Define "Competitive Electricity Provider"

(S.P. 248) (L.D. 634)
(S. "A" S-581 to C. "A" S-528)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Ensure Transmission and Distribution Utility Accountability"

(S.P. 697) (L.D. 1959)

Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in the House on April 19, 2022.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-550) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-575) AND "B" (S-583)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion of Representative **KESSLER** of South Portland, the House voted to **RECEDE.**

On further motion of the same Representative, Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.** **Committee Amendment "A" (S-550)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-575) to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-550)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

On motion of Representative **KESSLER** of South Portland, **Senate Amendment "A" (S-575)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Senate Amendment "B" (S-583) to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-550)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

On motion of Representative **KESSLER** of South Portland, **Senate Amendment "B" (S-583)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-1043)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-550)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative **Kessler.**

Representative **KESSLER:** Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the amendment before you right now is language that has been adopted by the Senate and --

The **SPEAKER:** The Member will defer. The Chair will remind the Member to not speak of the actions related to the other Body. The Member may proceed.

Representative **KESSLER:** My apologies, Mr. Speaker. One thing that was heard in this debate on LD 1959 was the need to look at competitive bidding with our investor-owned utilities. And this amendment will have the Public Utilities Commission open a docket to look at the procurement of goods and services to thoroughly analyze if it is in the best interest of ratepayers to do such a thing. I believe wholeheartedly that it is and this is an amendment that would not be possible without the support of Members of this Body who stuck with it and I appreciate that help. We all realize that we are at a turning point in fighting climate change and needing to decarbonize our economy and that's why it is important that LD 1959 move forward. Compromise is difficult

sometimes but I believe that this is a step in the right direction and I hope you will consider voting in favor of this amendment. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative **Grohoski.**

Representative **GROHOSKI:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and good afternoon, House Colleagues. I know Mainers value accountability. They want to see government take meaningful action. To have increased utility accountability, we need strong enforcement tools. I have been and will continue to advocate for stronger enforcement, more teeth. I will support this motion and I will continue this work to bring Maine ratepayers the fair treatment they deserve. Thank you.

Representative **WADSWORTH** of Hiram **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-1043)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-550).**

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

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hiram, Representative **Wadsworth.**

Representative **WADSWORTH:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This has been a turbulent 24 hours for this bill. In that time, we've had a bunch of roll calls and we've had a bunch of demands from the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Mr. Speaker, take a look at the fiscal note on this bill. I'll read it for those that can't view it. Fiscal details and notes: This bill establishes new performance standards for T&D utilities operating in the State and creates new oversight responsibilities for the PUC. The bill includes ongoing allocations of \$692,791 to be given in fiscal year 2022/23 for six utility analysts positions and five staff attorney positions and associated all other costs. The PUC will also require additional allocations of \$650,000 in fiscal year '23/'24 and \$250,000 for contracted services related to the additional reporting requirements outlined in the bill. The PUC is funded by an assessment set to produce sufficient revenue for the expenditures allocated by the Legislature for operating the PUC. The increased allocations of this bill require a corresponding increase in the revenue from the assessment on the transmission distribution utilities. So, what does that boil down to, Mr. Speaker? That boils down to higher assessments equal higher electric rates for our constituents. Thank you.

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

Representative **BERRY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Colleagues in the House, I rise in favor of the pending motion. Among other things, the amendment before us directs the Public Utilities Commission to exercise its longstanding authority to make sure our public utilities are operating efficiently and prudently spending customer money by requiring them to competitively procure necessary goods and services. We often hear that competition is the American way. Competition, the American way, is badly needed by our utilities. We all understand too well that this has been a difficult bill. This topic is difficult. It's difficult because of an inconvenient truth. That inconvenient truth requires it to be difficult. Today, electricity is the very lifeline for a livable planet. And it was never easy, even before this moment. Ten decades ago, Chief Executive Percival Baxter engaged in a pitched battle with the then-owner of Central Maine Power,

Walter Wyman. The issue then was who should control the rivers of Maine. Chief Executive Baxter lost that battle and CMP won it. Five decades ago, a young State senator named Joe Brennan stood up on the floor of the other Body on an April morning such as this one. Senator Brennan observed that Central Maine Power seemed to own this building and he stated rhetorically, that we might just as well give them the keys to the place.

I've served here for 14 years now. Eight of them have been on the committee historically chaired by Central Maine Power. That was a joke. I can say we've made a few steps forward in that time, but I don't think we've quite yet started to, quote, think anew and act anew, as Lincoln asked us to do. And we have certainly not yet learned truly to disentrail ourselves or truly to save our country or our climate. Even today, it's easy to dismiss the importance of utility accountability. Baxter understood it and he lost. Brennan understood it and his PUC did make some marginal progress. But since then, we have lost ground, a lot of it. And we have also arrived at a point where our utility has become the monopoly platform provider on which our entire clean energy future depends. A great extinction has begun. A climate emergency has commenced. It is inconvenient to have to make hard choices, to make one another uncomfortable, to think new thoughts, but it is urgent. It is urgent because the lifeline to rescue our children's future is electricity. We cannot accept political palliative and pablum. We must demand strong medicine, not palliative from placebo-peddling profiteers. We must be willing to make ourselves uncomfortable or our children's future will be far, far more uncomfortable than we want to imagine. We must listen to the silent voices of those who do not attend our meetings, who do not intervene at Public Utilities Commission proceedings, who do not donate to and advise 501C3s and C4s because they cannot afford to, or are too young and will inherit the mess we leave them. I appreciate all who've worked hard on this bill, or have worked on it at all. You, Mr. Speaker, my excellent colleagues on the committee from both sides of the aisle, the executive, the commission, our nonpartisan staff and partisan staff, the public advocate, the other Body, the sponsor of the bill, the advocacy community who has fought hard on both sides and who I know will shepherd the gains made here. The young people who have asked us to do more and to be our best selves for them, for all of us. This is not the bill I would've written, but it is now a step forward. So, today, I stand to take one small step with all of you and for the people of Maine and to vote yea and to continue our work together. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freeport, Representative Sachs.

Representative **SACHS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with my good friend, the Representative from Hiram, that this bill has indeed had many, many evolutions over the past few days. I do want to point folks to the revised fiscal note, which reduces the positions down to one staff attorney position and two utility analyst positions, down from five staff attorneys and six utility analysts. Accountability, efficiency and maximum impact with this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of House Amendment

"A" (H-1043) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-550). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 604

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

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Blier, Cebra, Connor, Gifford, Grignon, Hall, Lookner, Paulhus, Perry, Prescott, Roche, Sharpe, Stanley, Sylvester.

Yes, 77; No, 56; Absent, 14; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 14 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-1043) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-550) was ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-550) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1043) thereto was ADOPTED.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-550) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-1043) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

At this point, the House performed the Ceremony of Lights.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the House will proceed with the ceremony of lights. During the Ceremony of Lights, we take this time to honor those of us who after years of service will be moving on serving your community outside of the State House. We will truly miss you here in the House chamber. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your service. You did an immense amount of work to earn your seat in this chamber and even more once you got here. You have been steadfast in your dedication to the people of Maine, the institution of democracy and to this legislative chamber plus that chamber across town where we first met, the Civic

Center. You have probably sacrificed a great deal during your days here, both to your work, your professional lives and, of course, to your families. As you look around this chamber, as you look at the 130th Legislature and each other one last time, no matter where you sit literally or proverbially, our service, our belief in democracy and our role in this chamber will forever bind us together with this shared service, with this shared experience serving the people of Maine.

We took an oath and in doing so, each Member here represented the closest connection our State government has with its citizens. We have had difficult and trying days in this chamber but we've had good days and laughter and the incredible feeling that happens when we come together and compromise to do the work on behalf of our constituents. When you reflect on your service, I hope you remember that together we all move forward our shared goals for this beautiful State and the children and families in our districts. I hope that you look back and know with certainty that at the end of the day, you fought for better opportunities, for good-paying jobs, for health care and for education in all of our communities. You've passed legislation that improved our infrastructure, you did your part to keep our water and our air clean and preserve Maine's natural beauty for future generations. I have been honored to serve alongside each and every one of you. And while we may not always see eye to eye, we have sat in this chamber together, we have served together and we have together, left a lasting legacy that makes up the rich history of our State. At this time, we will remember the Members lost. The Clerk will call the Roll for the Members no longer with us.

THE CLERK: The Representative from Acton, Representative Stanley Kryzak, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Augusta, Representative Donna Doore, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Sanford, Representative John Tuttle, 30 years of legislative service.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of the Members lost.

The SPEAKER: As the Clerk calls your name, please vote green. I know that might be hard for some of you. The Clerk will read the names.

THE CLERK: The Representative from Caribou, Representative Susan Bernard, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Bucksport, Representative Kathy L. Downes, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Winslow, Representative Cathy R. Nadeau, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Medway, Representative Peggy Jo Stanley, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Portland, Barbara A. Wood, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Winterport, Representative Scott W. Cuddy, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Nicole Grohoski, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Thom Harnett, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Stonington, Representative Genevieve McDonald, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Blue Hill, Representative Sarah Pebworth, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Durham, Representative Braden

Sharpe, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Athens, Representative Chad Wayne Grignon, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Oakland, Representative Michael D. Perkins, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Portland, Representative Michael A. Sylvester, 6 years of legislative service; the Representative from Sanford, Representative Matthew A. Harrington, 7 years of legislative service; the Representative from Standish, Representative Lester S. Ordway, 7 years of legislative service; the Representative from Beals, Representative Robert W. Alley, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from York, Representative Lydia C. Blume, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Heidi E. Brooks, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Windham, Representative Patrick W. Corey, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Oxford, Representative Kathleen R.J. Dillingham, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Old Town, Representative Michelle Dunphy, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Friendship, Representative Jeffrey Evangelos, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Pittston, Representative Jeffery P. Hanley, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Bethel, Representative Frances M. Head, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from York, Representative Patricia Hymanson, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Knox, Representative MaryAnne Kinney, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Eddington, Representative Peter A. Lyford, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Harpswell, Representative Joyce J. McCreight, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Auburn, Representative Gina M. Melaragno, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Richard A. Pickett, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Teresa S. Pierce, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Waterboro, Representative Dwayne W. Prescott, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Weld, Representative Thomas H. Skolfield, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Guilford, Representative Paul A. Stearns, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Canaan, Representative Joel R. Stetkis, 8 years of legislative service, there's always one, every year; the Representative from Topsham, Representative Denise A. Tepler, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from China, Representative Timothy S. Theriault, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Ralph L. Tucker, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from East Machias, Representative William R. Tuell, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Hiram, Representative Nathan J. Wadsworth, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Charlotte Warren, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Mars Hill, Representative Dustin Michael White, 8 years of legislative service; the Representative from Berwick, Representative Beth A. O'Connor, 10 years of legislative service; the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Christopher W. Babbidge, 12 years of legislative service; the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bruce A. Bickford, 12 years of legislative service; the Representative from Naples, Representative Richard M. Cebra, 14 years of legislative service; the Representative from Sinclair, Representative Roland Danny Martin, 14 years of legislative service; the Representative from

Gray, Representative Susan M.W. Austin, 16 years of legislative service; the Representative from Windham, Representative Mark E. Bryant, 16 years of legislative service; the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative John L. Martin, 54 years of legislative service; and the Representative from Biddeford, Speaker Ryan M. Fecteau, 8 years of legislative service.

The SPEAKER: This is now the opportunity by which I get to embarrass my counterparts in the corners, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, respectively. First, the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy. I guess I should say, first and foremost, up front, it's I think pretty unique to be in a situation where we have a Majority Leader, a Minority Leader and a Speaker who are all terming out at the same time who all joined the Legislature at the same time in their capacities as State Representative and I have been very grateful to be able to work alongside both of you. The Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy, I have so appreciated just the patience and delicacy by which you approach this work. I think one thing that I'll remember you saying when you ran for the position that you now hold, I think you started your remarks by saying something to the effect that most people think that I'm soft-spoken and that I might not have a position on something or I might not be the person you expect to hold a position of leadership like this, but I can lead. And you have proven over these last two years to be the leader that the House Democrats, our caucus, has needed. You've been a steady hand in leadership. I have so appreciated the opportunity to share ideas, good and bad, with you, just to have someone to listen to a bad day or a good day and I am really grateful I had the opportunity to serve in this capacity with you serving in that capacity. I could not have done it without you and I am so, so immensely grateful and I think the Legislature has been better served because of your leadership over these eight years but, most importantly, in the capacity you've served as leader of the House Democrats. So, thank you very much.

The Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham, there is so much that goes into having a relationship with a member of the other party who you need to be making decisions with or consulting with and trying to make sure that we can find a pathway forward for all of the dilemmas, big and small, that come our way. And there's, you know, I think it often goes unnoticed but there are so many little details that go into this work and having someone that you know is not necessarily going to agree with you on every step of the way but is going to provide the trust and respect and a two-way street is fundamental, it is absolutely required to do the work that we do here. And I am so thankful that I have had the chance to serve as Speaker of the House with you as the Leader of the Republican Caucus. I don't think we would've been as successful in the work that we had before us in this Legislature if I didn't have you in that corner to work with, to share ideas with and, frankly, to find common ground when common ground was needed to move either an issue or a procedural issue forward. It takes trust, it takes respect and I am so thankful that I had a chance to lead with you leading the House Republicans and they should, all of us should be grateful for the leadership that you have provided to the State

of Maine. And so, with that, I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you and I'm grateful for what I hope to be a lifelong friendship with you, Representative Dillingham. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's an honor to rise and be given the opportunity to offer remarks today. When I began my employment in the House Republican office in 2001, I never expected and would not have imagined then that I would be standing here 21 years later as the House Republican leader. I can measure milestones of my life during my time working and serving in the House Republican Office. I watched in horror with the rest of the nation as the Twin Towers fell while here in the building, that was within my first couple months of employment. My daughter who was here yesterday in the balcony was in first grade when I started and now has her Master's degree and is a middle school science teacher. My mother was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's and we lost her to the disease during that time. I have been married, divorced and married again during my time here. That's it. And I do apologize to HR for having to process the name change paperwork four times. I was able to serve as an aide to my dad, the Honorable Roger Jackson and then took his seat in the House, literally sitting in the same seat he had, seat number 58. I've had the opportunity to work and serve with so many wonderful individuals and I've made some really good friends, many having made a lasting impact on my life. To serve with and learn just the fraction from one of my mentors, the Good Representative from Waterford, has been a highlight for me. To have the opportunity to serve with you, Mr. Speaker, to be able to debate with you, have discussions with you, trust in your word has made my last two years as leader enjoyable, even though I knew nine times out of 10 I was going to be on the losing side of a vote. That even may be generous. You've brought a measured approach to the position of Speaker, order within the disorder and have served with fairness and integrity.

I've enjoyed my conversations with the Majority Leaders, even when in opposition and I appreciate their civility and our ability to see and treat each other as more than just our political parties. I've made many friends within the nonpartisan offices and I thank them for the work that they do. We often say it but it's absolutely true, we in this chamber could not do what we do without the work of those offices. They are diligently working in tucked-away offices, making sure our systems work, making sure data is updated and uploaded online, that our amendments and all our bills are drafted, filed and printed and made available for us and many times working past the late hours that we work here. They are there to answer questions of our constituents visiting the building and provide security for all of us here. And it is with great gratitude that I want to thank them for all the work that they do and they're all gone other than the Clerk and chamber staff, but thank you very much. Serving in this Body and as the Republican Leader for the past four years is an experience unlike any other I have had in my life. It's been an honor to

walk in these hallowed halls and to be counted among those who have been elected to serve as the voice of their districts in this chamber. I will be forever grateful for the trust placed in me and for the opportunity to serve. I have often said my heart is in the House. A piece will always remain with the House.

Thank you to the Members who have shared such kind words with me today and, from the bottom of my heart, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take a moment, Mr. Speaker and thank you. Mr. Speaker, hold on, hold the phone. Mr. Speaker, you lead the 130th Legislature through a pandemic. You navigated difficult conversations and policy changes, you supported our nonpartisan staff as they developed new ways for us to legislate. You worked with every person in this Body to lift up our values and our legislation. You rolled with the punches and you did not allow yourself or this Body to skip a beat. We've accomplished so much in the last two years and we could not have done it without your steady leadership, your listening ear, your strong voice and your respectful nature. This State and this chamber have been lucky to have you and I have been lucky to work alongside you and I thank you.

ENACTORS
Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Monitoring of and Reporting on Energy Use Data Standards and Online Energy Data Platforms (H.P. 1499) (L.D. 2017) (C. "A" H-942; H. "A" H-992)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Act

An Act Regarding Utility Accountability and Grid Planning for Maine's Clean Energy Future

(S.P. 697) (L.D. 1959) (H. "A" H-1043 to C. "A" S-550)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 755)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance," S.P. 661, L.D. 1862, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the Senate.

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

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

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 754)

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.

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

The SPEAKER: That concludes our work. We will be sending out a notice, but we will be back in on Monday of next week with an intended start time of 9 a.m.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having been here for eight years and seeing many colleagues come and go and everything and having three Speakers that I've sat under, I would be remiss to not make mention of the fact that the professionalism you've shown, the way you've handled this really challenging session that we've had and your fairness and all the ways that you have really worked hard to try to work with all of us, it should not go unnoticed and I appreciate it very much, sir.

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

On motion of Representative **MORALES** of South Portland, the House adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 754), in honor and lasting tribute to Honorable Melvin Newendyke, of Litchfield and Bob McEvoy, of South Portland.