

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
9th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 9, 2023

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

Prayer by Reverend Shane Stoops, First United Pentecostal Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Sammie Angel, Dixfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 7, 2023 was read and approved.

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

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize a couple of high school teams from my hometown of Turner. We have the Leavitt Area High School Football Class C State Champs here with us today as well as the Leavitt Area High School Golf Class B State Champions as well. Both of them, tremendous accomplishment being able to achieve their State Championships in their respective sports. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication to be able to achieve that.

There are also several here that are recognized for their individual accomplishments in that regard as well. Harry Haylock is the 2022 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Golf Coach of the Year. Harry was actually there when I was in high school, he coached my brother in golf, though I don't know if he wants to take credit for his game. As well, his daughter, Jade Haylock, is being recognized, so very special father-daughter recognition today for the individual class Championship for Class B girls. With the football team, Mike Hathaway is being recognized as the 2022 Campo Conference Coach of the Year. Mike's been there for many years. Similarly, this is a family affair for him. Both of his sons played football for him and his father has coached with him, so this is a tremendous accomplishment, another State Championship for him with the Leavitt Area High School football team.

Noah Carpenter is being recognized as the Maine Football Gatorade Player of the Year and Beau Mayo is here being recognized as the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive Lineman Award. All of these athletes work very hard and they deserve our recognition and I thank you for recognizing me so I can recognize them.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 65)

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

February 9, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:
on February 6, 2023

John M. Jemison, Jr., Ph.D. of Orono and David Adams of Mapleton for reappointment and Mark Neavyn, M.D. of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Pursuant to Title 22, M.R.S.A §1471-B, these reappointments and this appointment are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.
on February 8, 2023

Susan Krauss Loomis of Castine, Elizabeth A. True of Sedgwick and Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, USN-Ret. of Harpswell for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees. Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,
S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 66)

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

February 7, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

L.D. 77 An Act to Require the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Maintain Public Restrooms at State Parks

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 67)

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

February 6, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health and Human Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Carney of Cumberland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 312 An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment"

(H.P. 321) (L.D. 516)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, NEWMAN of Belgrade, WHITE of Waterville.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Emergency Medical Services Organizations"

(H.P. 331) (L.D. 526)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits"

(H.P. 355) (L.D. 550)

Sponsored by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, FREDERICKS of Sanford, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senators: HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances"

(H.P. 356) (L.D. 551)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, ARDELL of Monticello, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PAUL of Winterport, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures"

(H.P. 320) (L.D. 515)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GREENWOOD of Wales, HAGGAN of Hampden, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Bill "An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools"

(H.P. 323) (L.D. 518)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BAGSHAW of Windham, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Conduct a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses

(H.P. 324) (L.D. 519)

Sponsored by Representative RUNTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: HOBBS of Wells, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Comprehensively and Equitably Reform Electricity Rates"

(H.P. 347) (L.D. 542)

Sponsored by Representative RUNTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential Support Workers"

(H.P. 325) (L.D. 520)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Necessary Medical Care for Certain Minors"

(H.P. 340) (L.D. 535)

Sponsored by Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: MALON of Biddeford, MOONEN of Portland, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil"

(H.P. 341) (L.D. 536)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SARGENT of York, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, JAUCH of Topsham, MATLACK of St. George, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury"

(H.P. 344) (L.D. 539)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, JAVNER of Chester, MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine"

(H.P. 345) (L.D. 540)

Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor.

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

Bill "An Act to Establish a Cabinet-level Position to Ensure a Continuum of Care to Support Children and Their Families"

(H.P. 350) (L.D. 545)

Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act Regarding Child Abuse and Endangerment"

(H.P. 351) (L.D. 546)

Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, GALLETTA of Durham, MILLETT of Waterford, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage"

(H.P. 358) (L.D. 553)

Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, DUCHARME of Madison, LANDRY of Farmington, PERRY of Calais, SWALLOW of Houlton.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Add Gray Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs"

(H.P. 336) (L.D. 531)

Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Limits on Bass Fishing in Washington County Rivers"

(H.P. 342) (L.D. 537)

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Chance of Receiving a Moose Permit for Maine Service Members and Veterans"

(H.P. 349) (L.D. 544)

Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CRAY of Palmyra, HYMES of Waldo, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RISEMAN of Harrison, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 352) (L.D. 547)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: DAVIS of East Machias, LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STROUT of Harrington, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process"

(H.P. 337) (L.D. 532)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford, HENDERSON of Rumford, PERRY of Bangor.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in New Commercial and Multifamily Parking Lot Construction"

(H.P. 329) (L.D. 524)

Sponsored by Representative RUNTE of York.

Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representative: SARGENT of York.

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

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at Hospitals, Law Enforcement Facilities and Fire Departments"

(H.P. 335) (L.D. 530)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORIARTY of Cumberland, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Qualification of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions"

(H.P. 343) (L.D. 538)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RECKITT of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Counties for Judicial Costs"

(H.P. 348) (L.D. 543)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, HALL of Wilton, HEPLER of Woolwich, LEMELIN of Chelsea, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act Regarding a Discovery Rule for the Statute of Limitations for Cases of Medical Negligence"

(H.P. 354) (L.D. 549)

Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RECKITT of South Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: BAILEY of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining"

(H.P. 330) (L.D. 525)

Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances"

(H.P. 364) (L.D. 559)

Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Auditor to Report on Taxpayer Money Funding Maine Nonprofits

(H.P. 319) (L.D. 514)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GREENWOOD of Wales, HAGGAN of Hampden, HYMES of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Political Patronage with Regard to State Legislators"

(H.P. 326) (L.D. 521)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GREENWOOD of Wales, HAGGAN of Hampden, RISEMAN of Harrison, Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs"

(H.P. 353) (L.D. 548)

Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Families to Deduct Vehicle Excise Taxes on State Income Tax Returns"

(H.P. 322) (L.D. 517)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HASENFUS of Readfield, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn, PLUECKER of Warren, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act to Remove the Annual Filing Requirement in the Property Tax Stabilization Laws"

(H.P. 334) (L.D. 529)

Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax"

(H.P. 338) (L.D. 533)

Sponsored by Representative LANIGAN of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, NESS of Fryeburg, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

Bill "An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine"

(H.P. 346) (L.D. 541)

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICKS of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representative: BOYER of Poland, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow When Operated on Public Ways"

(H.P. 327) (L.D. 522)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ANKELES of Brunswick, CARLOW of Buxton, CRAFTS of Newcastle, O'CONNELL of Brewer, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits"

(H.P. 332) (L.D. 527)

Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, FAY of Raymond, GOLEK of Harpswell, JAUCH of Topsham, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees"

(H.P. 333) (L.D. 528)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PARRY of Arundel, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18 to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate"

(H.P. 339) (L.D. 534)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of Madison, MORRIS of Turner, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POMERLEAU of Standish.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'"

(H.P. 357) (L.D. 552)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, HENDERSON of Rumford, PERRY of Bangor, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: FARRIN of Somerset.

Bill "An Act Concerning Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fees, Fines and Driver's License Reinstatement"

(H.P. 361) (L.D. 556)

Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates"

(H.P. 365) (L.D. 560)

Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis"

(H.P. 360) (L.D. 555)

Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, COLLINGS of Portland, HYMES of Waldo, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BAILEY of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Continue the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program"

(H.P. 359) (L.D. 554)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GEIGER of Rockland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act Regarding Rental Housing Applications"

(H.P. 363) (L.D. 558)

Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Decrease Discrimination Based on Evictions in Housing Applications"

(H.P. 362) (L.D. 557)

Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, GEIGER of Rockland, LOOKNER of Portland, MATHIESON of Kittery, OSHER of Orono, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested.

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services

Representative MEYER for the **Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 328) (L.D. 523)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 9)

ORDERED, that Representative Poppy Arford of Brunswick be excused Feb 7 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Valli D. Geiger of Rockland be excused Jan 24 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich be excused Jan 31 and Feb 2 for legislative business reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lucas John Lanigan of Sanford be excused Feb 2 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lois Galgay Reckitt of South Portland be excused Dec 7 and Jan 17 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Tiffany Roberts of South Berwick be excused Jan 31 and Feb 2 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Erin R. Sheehan of Biddeford be excused Jan 4 and 10 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Charles A. Skold of Portland be excused Jan 24 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Austin L. Theriault of Fort Kent be excused Jan 31 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Mark Walker of Naples be excused Feb 2 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's with great pleasure and pride that I stand before you today to congratulate the Skowhegan River Hawks football team on their State Championship win.

These young men embody the spirit of teamwork, competition and great sportsmanship. Each of these athletes demonstrate the importance of determination, perseverance and comradery both on and off the field. Head Coach Ryan Libby and his amazing coaching staff have helped these young men learn life-long lessons that can't be taught with pen and paper and they have shared their journey with our entire community. Superintendent Jon Moody stated that, quote, it was amazing to see our community rally behind these boys and the accomplishments of these young men and their fellow classmates before them are a testament to the importance of extracurricular activities in our schools and communities across the State, end-quote.

This is a moment 44 years in the making. The last time our community held a football championship was in 1978 when the Skowhegan Indians became State Champions. The team is joined today by Coach Dave Wing and Coach Mike Walker, who were coaches on the '78 team. On behalf of Skowhegan and surrounding communities in our school district, I congratulate each of these athletes. They hold the work ethic and determination to be successful in anything they set out to do. Please join me in extending congratulations to the Skowhegan Riverhawks.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Greg Dugal, of Lincolnville, on his retirement as Director of Government Affairs for Hospitality Maine after 20 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 91)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It gives me great pleasure today to recognize Greg Dugal on his retirement as Director of Government Affairs at Hospitality Maine.

Greg has always stepped up to represent Maine's vital hospitality industry very well here at the Legislature and before the public. He's been extremely helpful to me on those issues I may not understand, and there are a few of them. He's approachable, he's thoughtful, he's informative and he's always a gentleman. I was sorry to hear of his retirement but I'm happy for him as he enters the next stage of his life and I wish him nothing but the best. I hope that life is good and he has a chance to catch up with him and his wife Donna and also now that they're both retired, he and Tom Brady can catch up with each other again. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Sheehan.

Representative **SHEEHAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Dear Colleagues, I, too, rise to congratulate Greg Dugal on his retirement. I want to thank him for the generosity he showed me during my first term as a legislator. It's hard to overstate how stressful it is to land in the Legislature with no experience and without the perspective afforded by institutional memory. If I was formulating my position on a complicated bill impacting hospitality or working through a legislative idea of my own, Greg always made time to provide me with his take on the history of similar efforts, to suggest strategies for building consensus, or to connect me with other helpful folks from the lobby, industry, State agencies or the Legislature itself. But what I appreciated most as a citizen lawmaker was the open-mindedness and patience that Greg modeled in his legislative work. As a legislator and as a hospitality business owner, I often find my priorities in conflict with the legislative positions adopted by Hospitality Maine. This didn't stop Greg from listening, identifying common ground and providing support from that place. I want to thank Greg for his help and wish him the very best in his retirement.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Colleagues, I just want to lend my voice to thanking Greg Dugal for all his efforts as well. My husband and I owned an inn in Camden for 12 years when Greg was very involved in our Chamber of Commerce. He was always very helpful, fun to talk to. When we sold our inn, I actually went to work for Greg for six months; a very long six months. He's quite a task master, he was great as the Director of our Chamber of Commerce, I had a fun time working with him, and I was happy to reconnect with him again in the halls here of the State House. So, we'll miss him. I'm sure I'll see him around in my district, but I just want to say also thank you for all your work that you've done for us, Greg.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Honorable John Martin, of Eagle Lake, who has been named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his 54 years of legislative service and advocacy for the people of Aroostook County and especially the St. John Valley. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 93)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fort Kent, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand here about 60 years from a path that was paved for many of us. The Honorable John Martin is somebody that I've had the pleasure of actually working with. When I was in high school, my senior year, I was a Representative on the Student Council and Honorable John Martin was on the board at that time. So, I did get to know him and the year was 1964, maybe some of you might've been serving at that time, but many of us faintly heard of John Martin, especially some of the freshmen in both caucuses. I will just say

that, you know, certainly, he's somebody that paves a path of leadership and dedication to the State of Maine and it's supposed to be a secret, so hopefully none of you text him and congratulate him, but he's going to be awarded the 2022 Fort Kent Greater Chamber of Commerce Award tonight and if I can beat the traffic and head out here before too long, I'm going to have the great honor of presenting the award, and I also have the great honor of trying to fill his shoes in this House. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Terry.

Representative **TERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the people of Fort Kent for recognizing our fearless leader, John Martin, on this honorable distinction. He, obviously, is very well missed in this whole Chamber and we wanted to on behalf of all of us wish him congratulations from his hometown. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate it. The Honorable John Martin was the Speaker of the House when I first came. It was after a tumultuous year in '91 where there was some debate over this thing called reforming Workers' Comp. But John Martin knew the system and was very respectful of what the People's House does for the people of the State of Maine. Even though we were on opposite sides of the aisle and we were probably on opposite sides of most issues, he deserves our respect and I appreciate this occurring today.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Ruth White, of Orono, a junior at Orono High School, who has been named the Gatorade Maine Girls Cross County Runner of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 41)

Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative PERRY of Bangor.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative OSHER of Orono, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Osher.

Representative **OSHER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Fellow Members of the House, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to recognize Ruth White.

Ruth is an Orono High School student and an outstanding scholar-athlete. She's a member of the National Honor Society and she's won awards at the Maine State Science Fair and she's an incredible runner. Ruth placed 17th in the country in the 2022 Champ Sports National Cross Country Championships. She was recently named the Gatorade Maine Girl's Cross Country Runner of the Year, Portland Press Herald Maine State Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year and the Varsity Maine Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. In addition, she's the only runner in Maine history to win the New England Cross Country Championship two years in a row. Our community is so very proud of her.

When I was a child, girls did not have many opportunities to participate in athletics. My brothers played ice hockey and

soccer on club and school teams, and I wanted to play ice hockey, too, but girls were not welcome unless they were the very best of the best. When I was 12, Title IX was signed into law. Title IX is the portion of the Educational Amendments Act that recognized gender equity in education as a civil right. As schools began to comply with that law, the opportunities for girls to participate in school sports increased. By the time I went to college at Cornell University, Title IX was in effect there. I, a figure skater, was invited to join the women's ice hockey team. My ability to skate was an asset to the team because there weren't enough young women who had played ice hockey before college to fill the team's roster.

Now, 50 years after Title IX, girls in Maine and around the U.S. have opportunity to participate in athletics from an early age. Ruth and so many other girls are now able to participate and excel in sports, gain the benefit of being part of an athletic team, be supported by their schools, and achieve incredible successes.

Ruth is not here with us today because, in addition to her dedication to athletics, she's dedicated to her studies and didn't want to miss class. I look forward to delivering her sentiment to her in Orono.

Thank you for the chance to share a little bit about this outstanding young woman with you today, Madam Speaker.

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

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Ought to Pass as Amended**

Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 105) (L.D. 205)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-5) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-6)** thereto.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-6) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-6) 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-5) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-6)** thereto in concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 231)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or 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**.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Maine Residents Have Priority Access to State Park Campsites"

(S.P. 233) (L.D. 562)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 239) (L.D. 568)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students"

(S.P. 229) (L.D. 512)

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

(S.P. 241) (L.D. 570)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Net Energy Billing Laws to Require Net Energy Billing Credits to be Nonlapsing"

(S.P. 226) (L.D. 509)

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

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

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Its Environmental Permitting Laws

(S.P. 225) (L.D. 508)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes" (S.P. 222) (L.D. 505)

Bill "An Act to Improve Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Reducing Barriers to Maintaining Health Care Coverage" (S.P. 224) (L.D. 507)

Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers" (S.P. 227) (L.D. 510)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services" (S.P. 237) (L.D. 566)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Child and Family Court Process by Increasing the Number and Duties of Family Law Magistrates" (S.P. 223) (L.D. 506)

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 235) (L.D. 564)

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's System for Protecting Sixth Amendment Rights" (S.P. 236) (L.D. 565)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board" (S.P. 228) (L.D. 511)

Bill "An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Maine Workers" (S.P. 230) (L.D. 513)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast" (S.P. 234) (L.D. 563)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors" (S.P. 221) (L.D. 504)

Bill "An Act to Require a Military Service Member's Agent with Power of Attorney to Be Legally Responsible for Paying Bills During the Member's Deployment" (S.P. 232) (L.D. 561)

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Ethical Election of Constitutional Officers by Restricting Certain Campaign Contributions" (S.P. 238) (L.D. 567)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory" (S.P. 240) (L.D. 569)

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

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

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

ENACTOR Emergency Measure

An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties (S.P. 105) (L.D. 205)
(S. "A" S-6 to C. "A" S-5)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **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**.

On motion of Representative MORRIS of Turner, the House adjourned at 11:56 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2023, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 231) and in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Rodney Latham Scribner of Randolph and Robert Phillip Johnson, Sr. of Lincolnville.