

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Wednesday  
April 5, 2023

In compliance with a proclamation of Governor **JANET T. MILLS**, the Senators convened in the Senate Chamber at ten o'clock in the morning and were called to order by President **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook County.

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Prayer by Rev. Susan Reisert of Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Hallowell.

**REVEREND REISERT:** Thank you. Good morning. Let us pray. Gracious, Holy, and Merciful God, as we have gathered this day, we are mindful that this is a holy time for so many. Holy week for Christians, Ramadan for Muslims, and Passover for the Jewish community, and as we gather this day we pray for strength and wisdom, courage and blessing, that those assembled in this place will, in their work, keep in mind and in heart all of those who may serve in this state, that they'll be filled with the spirit of cooperation and of honesty and integrity. As we have been taught through holy scripture, may these makers of law and policy look out for the wellbeing of those in need, that in their deliberations always seeking the good of all, that Your blessing and Your light, O' God, may rise among us. May these good women and men assembled here work together, listening and speaking to each other to model for all of those who live in the beautiful state, you and old and in between, a respect for the image of God that lives in each of us. As we look at the chaos and violence of this world, may we never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy, nor for those who work so hard to protect us. Shower upon us Your grace and Your blessing, O' God. Help us to be humble, helpful, and hopeful, appreciating that we are stronger when we recognize our common humanity, when we take seriously the biblical command to love neighbor as we love ourselves. As our diversity reflects Your image, O' God, we offer this prayer in the many names to which You are known. Amen.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator James D. Libby of Cumberland County.

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Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 30, 2023.

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Off Record Remarks

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The Following Senate Communication: S.C. 287

**STATE OF MAINE  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, there exists in the State of Maine an extraordinary occasion arising out of the need to resolve many legislative matters pending at the time of the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine; and  
**WHEREAS**, the public health, safety and welfare requires that the Legislature resolve these pending matters as soon as possible, and in any event prior to the date of the Second Regular Session of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine, including but not limited to the state budget, pending legislation, pending nominations of state board and commission members, and pending nominations of judicial officers by the Governor requiring legislative confirmation;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JANET T. MILLS**, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the constitutional power vested in me as Governor pursuant to Article V, Part I, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, do convene the Legislature of this State, and hereby request the Representatives to assemble at ten o'clock and the Senators to assemble at ten o'clock in the morning in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in order to receive communications, resolve pending legislation carried over from the First Regular Session of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature and act upon pending nominations and whatever other business may come before the legislature.  
**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta and dated this thirty first day of March Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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**QUORUM CALL**

29 Senators having answered the Roll, the Chair declared a quorum present.

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On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 18

**ORDERED**, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that in accordance with Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

**READ and PASSED.**

The Chair appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 19

**ORDERED**, that a message be sent to House of Representatives informing that body that in accordance with Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

**READ and PASSED.**

The Chair appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Hold School Employees Civilly Liable for Failure to Notify Parents Regarding Medical Issues of Students Under 18 Years of Age"

H.P. 906 L.D. 1410

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

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Address Poverty by Increasing Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs"

H.P. 933 L.D. 1437

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Housing Voucher Program and Providing Site-based Housing Services"

H.P. 918 L.D. 1422

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 272

**STATE OF MAINE  
131st LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 29, 2023

The Honorable Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Peter Lyford of Penobscot County to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, replacing Senator Eric Brakey of Androscoggin County.

Furthermore, I have appointed Senator Eric Brakey of Androscoggin County to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Senator Peter Lyford of Penobscot County.

These appointments are effective by the date of this communication. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 273

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –  
Appointment of Owen McCarthy of Gorham

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Owen McCarthy of Gorham for  
appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is  
contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after  
review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and  
Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 274

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –  
Appointment of John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington for  
appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is  
contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after  
review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and  
Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 275

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees – Valerie  
Landry of Ocean Park

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Valerie Landry of Ocean Park for  
appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is  
contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after  
review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and  
Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 276

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Harold L. Stewart, II as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Harold L. Stewart, II of Portland for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 277

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Jennifer A. Archer as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Jennifer A. Archer of Falmouth for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 278

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable James F. Martemucci as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable James F. Martemucci of Arundel for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 279

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable William R. Stokes as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable William R. Stokes of Augusta for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 280

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Gregory A. Campbell as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Gregory A. Campbell of Hampden for appointment as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 281

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Keith A. Powers as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Keith A. Powers of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 282

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

March 31, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Sari S. Greene of South Portland to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Sari S. Greene of South Portland for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 283

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 23, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Crafts of Newcastle, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 493 An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished  
Firearms Inventory

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 261

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

March 24, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Hickman of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 249 An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws  
Regarding Political Action Committees

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica  
House Chair

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

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Off Record Remarks

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The Following Communication: S.C. 286

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

March 28, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Ralph Tucker of Brunswick, for appointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Daughtry, M. of Cumberland  
Representatives 7 Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Galletta, J. of Durham, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Ralph Tucker of Brunswick, for appointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping  
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Hancock, Senator **GROHOSKI**, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DUSON**, the Senator from Waldo, Senator **CURRY**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#71)**

YEAS: Senator: BRAKEY

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, DAUGHTRY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, CURRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, LAWRENCE, POULIOT

1 Senator having voted in the affirmative and 28 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Ralph Tucker** of Brunswick for appointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 285

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

March 24, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 806 Resolve, to Study the Issue of Persons Who Go Missing in State Parks

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,  
S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 269

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 28, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 745 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon  
Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels  
Without Permission from Affected Property  
Owners

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 270

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

March 30, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 156 An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for  
Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8

L.D. 213 An Act to Maintain the Authority of the Maine  
School for Marine Science, Technology,  
Transportation and Engineering  
(EMERGENCY)

L.D. 253 An Act to Add Health and Physical Education  
Requirements to High School Diploma  
Standards

L.D. 257 An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for  
High Schools

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 265

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 24, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 905 An Act to Expand Energy Choice Through  
Municipal Utilities

This is notification of the Committee's action.



Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 266

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 29, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 689 An Act to Study the Construction of a Nuclear Power Facility in the State

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 264

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

March 28, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 959 An Act to Prohibit Food Waste by Grocery Stores

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 271

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

March 30, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 200 An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age

L.D. 463 Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age

L.D. 573 An Act Regarding Child Care Subsidy Payments and Eligibility

L.D. 1031 Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 288

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 31, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 876 An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State
- L.D. 927 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to Conduct an Independent Assessment Regarding a Proposal to License Genetic Counselors
- L.D. 1035 An Act to Adjust Reimbursement for Chiropractic Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey Senate Chair S/Rep. Anne C. Perry House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 263

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,  
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

March 28, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 532 An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 268

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

March 28, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 716 An Act to Assist Nonprofit Service Providers
- L.D. 1043 An Act to Create an Office of Ombudsman to Help Nonprofit Organizations in Their Interactions with the Government

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney Senate Chair S/Rep. Matt Moonen House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 284

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

March 31, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 363 An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the  
Sentence Review Panel of the Supreme  
Judicial Court

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney S/Rep. Matt Moonen  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 262

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

March 27, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 727 An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation  
Benefits for First Responders Injured in the Line  
of Duty

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 267

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

March 24, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 487 An Act to Establish Coastal Waters and  
Submerged Lands Regional Planning  
Commissions

L.D. 586 An Act to Protect Maine Fisheries from the  
Effects of Industrial Recirculating Aquaculture  
Operations

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny S/Rep. Allison Hepler  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries"

S.P. 601 L.D. 1480

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve Sexual Assault Kit Tracking"

S.P. 605 L.D. 1484

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, PERRY of Calais, SMITH of Palermo.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund

S.P. 591 L.D. 1472

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, MALON of Biddeford, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing"

S.P. 584 L.D. 1465

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law

S.P. 599 L.D. 1479

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Transfers of Land in Resource Protection Areas"

S.P. 589 L.D. 1470

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, LYFORD of Penobscot, Representative: WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

S.P. 590 L.D. 1471

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Metallic Mineral' in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

S.P. 596 L.D. 1476

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DILL of Old Town, LANDRY of Farmington.

Bill "An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Open-pit Rock Quarry Excavation" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 603 L.D. 1482

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding"

S.P. 610 L.D. 1537

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities

S.P. 588 L.D. 1469

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Nursing Facilities

S.P. 593 L.D. 1474

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services"

S.P. 598 L.D. 1478

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 602 L.D. 1481

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, SKOLD of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County"

S.P. 606 L.D. 1485

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, QUINT of Hodgdon, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics"

S.P. 586 L.D. 1467

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, MATHIESON of Kittery, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources"

S.P. 592 L.D. 1473

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices"

S.P. 608 L.D. 1487

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, JAUCH of Topsham, LOOKNER of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Ensure Equal Treatment by the Law Court by Requiring 7 Justices to Decide All Cases"

S.P. 587 L.D. 1468

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System"

S.P. 583 L.D. 1464

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers"  
S.P. 604 L.D. 1483

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, MALON of Biddeford, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Governor's Power to Repeive, Pardon and Commute Sentences and Remit Penalties

S.P. 609 L.D. 1536

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development by Establishing a Tax Credit"

S.P. 595 L.D. 1475

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLAMORE of Waldoboro, MILLETT of Waterford.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Tractor Trailer Trucks from the Excise Tax"  
S.P. 607 L.D. 1486

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MASON of Lisbon.

Bill "An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units"

S.P. 611 L.D. 1538

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, SUPICA of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Fund Adult Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Services by Eliminating Certain Tax Funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund"

S.P. 585 L.D. 1466

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law  
S.P. 597 L.D. 1477

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Representative: BOYER of Poland.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **TERRY** of Gorham, informing the Senate that a quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

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## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

Emma Smith, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who won the All Festival Cast Award for her role as Nicholas in "The Terezin Promise" and for winning Best Musical Arrangement at the Class A Maine Drama Festival State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 341

Sponsored by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: **BOYLE** of Gorham, **TERRY** of Gorham.

Aera Hyson, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who won the All Festival Cast Award for her role as Raja in "The Terezin Promise" at the Class A Maine Drama Festival State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 342

Sponsored by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: **BOYLE** of Gorham, **TERRY** of Gorham.

Sofia Andrade, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who won Best Musical Arrangement for "The Terezin Promise" at the Class A Maine Drama Festival State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 343

Sponsored by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: **BOYLE** of Gorham, **TERRY** of Gorham.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **Brenner**.

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and esteemed colleagues of the Senate, it's my true pleasure to welcome and recognize these three up and coming artists from Gorham High School. Aera, Emma, and Sofia performed on state, and behind the scenes, at the recent 2023 Maine Drama Festival. As part of the student artists of Gorham High School Theater, they brought the play *The Terezin Promise* by Celeste Raspanti to life. Over 1,300 students at 70 schools all across the state competed to be selected to perform at the State finals. Gorham High School Theater was one of only eight high schools to make it to the Class A State finals of the Maine Drama Festival. Such an accomplishment shows their dedication to their craft and wealth of talent. It's no easy feat performing a work that tells the stories of child survivors of the Holocaust. I'm moved by the bravery of these students to take on that challenge of embodying themes of survival, trauma, and resilience, and I'm so proud that Aera, Emma, and Sofia were rewarded for their part in making *The Terezin Promise* come to fruition. Every award they each received is well-deserved. I'm so happy that they're able to come up today and I look forward to seeing what they do next. Thank you.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Aera, Emma, and Sofia. They're all from the town of Gorham. They're the guests today of the Senator Cumberland, Senator **Brenner**. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **Pierce**.

Senator **PIERCE:** Thank you so much, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise today to honor **Jonah Magnason** of Falmouth. **Jonah** is the 2022 National Junior Olympic Track and Field Champion in the 1,500 meter run with the time of 5 minutes and 8 seconds. After **Jonah** made his past to take the lead, he never looked back. **Jonah** cruised to victory. His athleticism and determination is impressive at such a young age. **Jonah** has been running since kindergarten. As he prepares to head - he is in sixth grade at Falmouth Middle School, his running has only improved so much so that it has brought him to the national stage. **Jonah** said, 'I like running around, again and again, again and again.' He is also well versed in the 800 meter run and the javelin throw. **Jonah** told News Center Maine that one day he wants to run in the Olympics. He also has his sights set on breaking the Junior Olympic records as he continues on his athletic journey. On behalf of the entire town of Falmouth and the Maine State Senate, I want to congratulate **Jonah** and I look forward to seeing what success brings to him and hope to watch him in the Olympics one day. Thank you, Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber future Olympian Jonah Magnason, who is joined today with his parents, Amy and Keith Magnason. They're all from the town of Falmouth. They're the guests today of the Senator Cumberland, Senator Pierce, and the entire Maine Legislature. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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**Joint Resolution**

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GREENWOOD of Wales, LIBBY of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 600

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF  
THE UNITED STATES CALLING A  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSING AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A BALANCED  
FEDERAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the United States Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, with each passing year, this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual federal budget is a continual demonstration of an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of special outlays that are neither included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

**WHEREAS**, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance; and

**WHEREAS**, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation that results from this policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring about the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe action on amendments to the United States Constitution concerning federal expenditures to be vital; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal outlays made by the Congress of the United States for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia; and this application must be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing amendments, but may not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President and fellow Senators. I rise today in support of this Resolution which I put forward in support of an Article V Convention of States to propose a balance budget amendment to the United States Constitution. As well all know, the national debt of the United States has been growing at an alarming rate for several decades now and it stands at over, presently, \$31 trillion, nearly a quarter million dollars in debt for every U.S. taxpayer. More alarmingly, that figure does not even account for the unfunded liabilities of our general government, the future promises made with unclear funding sources, which adds another \$182 trillion to the financial obligations of our country. That is an obligation of \$1.7 million for every single American taxpayer. Mr. President and members of this Body, I don't know if we all have many constituents with an extra \$1.7 million to hand over to the federal government, but even if they did I'm sure that's the last things they'd want to do with it. This is a staggering amount of debt and financial obligation that poses a significant threat to our country's economic stability and future prosperity. It is clear that something



needs to be done to address this issue and those solutions will not come from inside Washington D.C. Over my lifetime I've watched Republicans and Democrats in Washington both, in a bipartisan - with a bipartisan continuation of this problem, pledge fiscal restraint while out of power, only to spend worse than any who came before them the moment that ring of power slips onto their fingers. Neither wing of the Washington establishment has the fortitude to throw that ring into Mount Doom. As such, the only viable path to save our country from economic ruin runs through the state legislatures. That is why, Mr. President, I submit to this Body a Joint Resolution for a limited Article V Convention of States for a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Such an amendment would require the federal government to balance its budget every year, just like the majority of American households and businesses are required to do. A balanced budget amendment would not only help to rein in the federal government's spending and reduce our national debt, but it would also send a powerful message to the rest of the world that the United States is serious about its fiscal responsibilities. But in order to achieve this goal, we need to take action and that's where the Convention of States comes in. This process allows state legislatures to propose amendments to the Constitution without the need for Congress to take action. It is a powerful tool that our founding generation included in the U.S. Constitution for a reason and it is beyond time for us to use it. If passed, this Resolution would have Maine join the 29 other states who have already passed such applications out of the 34 required for a Convention to take place. Those states include, in alphabetical order: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia. I hope to be able to add Maine to that list. I understand that some have concerns about the Convention of States process or about the specific language of a balanced budget amendment but, let me be clear, a convention of states would have no more power to propose amendments than Congress has every day that they are in session. In fact, this Convention would have less power than Congress to propose amendments because their directive would be limited to one single issue, drafting and proposing a balanced budget amendment. Moreover, a balanced budget amendment is not a radical or partisan idea. It has been proposed by both Democrats and Republicans in the past and has the support of a majority of Americans. We owe it to the people we represent to take action and put our nation on a more sustainable fiscal path. In conclusion, I urge my fellow Senators to support this Resolution calling for an Article V Convention of States to propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Let us work together to ensure a brighter future for our state and our country. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and Senate Colleagues, I'm reminded as I read this Joint Resolution and listen to remarks from my Senate colleague how fortunate we are here in Maine that our Constitution, our State Constitution, requires us to have a balanced budget, a fact that

many in our state don't realize. We take our fiscal responsibilities very seriously here in Maine. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

### ROLL CALL (#72)

**YEAS:** Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, DAUGHTRY, FARRIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART

**NAYS:** Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENEY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VIETLLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

**EXCUSED:** Senators: CURRY, DUSON, LAWRENCE

12 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 20 Senators having voted in the negative, and 3 Senators being excused, the Joint Order **FAILED ADOPTION.**

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### House

#### Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 226 L.D. 375

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Lower the Environmental Impact of Consumers, Increase Food Safety and Strengthen Consumer Choice by Ending the Ban on Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags"

H.P. 258 L.D. 425

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland  
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
BELL of Yarmouth  
BRIDGEO of Augusta  
DOUDERA of Camden  
HOBBS of Wells  
O'NEIL of Saco

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington  
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico  
SOBOLESKI of Phillips  
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

(See action later today.)

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 80 L.D. 112

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**.

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot  
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor  
GEIGER of Rockland  
GERE of Kennebunkport  
MALON of Biddeford  
RUSSELL of Verona Island  
SKOLD of Portland  
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
DRINKWATER of Milford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-15) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY**.

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On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, on the following:

An Act to Lower the Environmental Impact of Consumers, Increase Food Safety and Strengthen Consumer Choice by Ending the Ban on Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags"  
H.P. 258 L.D. 425

(In House, March 30, 2023, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, April 5, 2023, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.)

Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook requested a Roll Call.

**THE PRESIDENT:** Just for the Senate - realizes, I believe, we were quick on item 5-2. I think Senator Stewart wanted a roll call on that issue and didn't get it and that's why we allowed the reconsideration. So, we're back on item 5-2. There was a motion by Senator Brenner for the Ought to Pass Amended report. Senator Stewart has just asked for a roll call on that. So, that's where we are right now, about to request a roll call on item 5-2.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brenner.

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to speak to this bill for a few minutes and let folks know what it does. So, this bill would seek to roll-back the good work that the ENR Committee and the Legislature did in the 129<sup>th</sup> by repealing the ban on single-use plastic bags here in the state of Maine. The repeal of this ban is opposed by the DEP, the Maine Municipal Association, Maine Audubon, Don't Waste Maine, Eco Maine, and RCM, The Retail Association of Maine, and the Maine Groceries and Food Producers' Association. You don't often, in our committee, get all of those entities on the same side. The bill sponsor cited a study that was completed that looks at bacterial content on reusable bags and I just want to talk about that study for a second. It was funded by the American Chemistry Councils' Plastic Division and this is a study where you take swabs of the bag and you grow out - you rub the swab on a agar petri dish and you grow it out to figure out what kind of bacteria exists on a bag. What's interesting is that they don't give you a background of what the rest of society's surfaces hold for bacteria like, for example, the button that you could push to support the Ought Not to Pass report. It might actually have E.coli on it as well if we were to swab it and grow it out on a petri dish like the study funded by the American Chemistry Council. I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members of the Senate, if there's one thing that I hear from the business community is that they want out of the Legislature is consistency and predictability. This bill, as the good Senator from Cumberland said, this law was passed a few years ago. It was done as a compromise because there were municipalities across this state creating their own rules, their own regulations, regarding the use of single-use plastic bags. It was very difficult for businesses, large and small, to comply with a patchwork quilt of regulations. That's why the bill was passed. It's working well and keeping litter off our streets and out of our neighborhoods. Yes, it required some adjustment, and adjustment is ongoing for some, but it is a good measure and I'm very pleased to support the Ought Not to Pass report and let's leave this law in place. Let it work and give some consistency to retailers and the people of Maine. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't in caucus this morning and so I want to let my colleagues know why I'm going to be supporting the Ought Not to Pass motion on this bill, which might surprise some of you because I literally hate that this went into effect. I mean, every time that I get groceries I'm like 'this is ridiculous, I'm having to pay 5¢ for these bags' but Senator Bennett made a really good point, which is the consistency piece. So, I'm concerned that if we go back on this that it's going to create this patchwork quilt of Whack-A-Mole and as much as I'd like to get rid of this, which would be great, unless it came with a preemption from the municipalities, which we can't really do, I don't think, from creating these policies locally, and it wouldn't really do much good, in my opinion. So, thank you, Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

### ROLL CALL (#73)

**YEAS:** Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, DAUGHTRY, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENEY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

**NAYS:** Senators: BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

**EXCUSED:** Senators: CURRY, DUSON

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, and 2 Senators being excused, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Senate

#### Ought to Pass

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels"  
S.P. 313 L.D. 755

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors"  
S.P. 310 L.D. 752

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**House**

Bill "An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"  
H.P. 50 L.D. 80

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders"  
H.P. 180 L.D. 282

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas"  
H.P. 264 L.D. 431

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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**House As Amended**

Bill "An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes"  
H.P. 31 L.D. 56  
(C "A" H-9)

Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax"  
H.P. 131 L.D. 210  
(C "A" H-10)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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**Senate**

Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements"  
S.P. 19 L.D. 27

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Senate As Amended**

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws"  
S.P. 53 L.D. 114  
(C "A" S-12)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 239 L.D. 568  
(C "A" S-11)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory"  
S.P. 240 L.D. 569  
(C "A" S-10)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Acts**

An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents  
H.P. 9 L.D. 5

An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties  
H.P. 83 L.D. 137

An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property  
H.P. 90 L.D. 144

An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"  
H.P. 357 L.D. 552

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism

H.P. 89 L.D. 143  
(C "A" H-6)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/17/23) matter:

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

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

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

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

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

(In House, January 10, 2023, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/30/23) matter:

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 243 L.D. 392

Tabled - March 30, 2023 by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**

(In House, March 30, 2023, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE**.)

(In Senate, March 30, 2023, **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.)

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-17) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-17)**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

### House Papers

Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing the University of Maine System's Board of Agriculture and to Rename the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station"

H.P. 966 L.D. 1511

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

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center"

H.P. 947 L.D. 1492

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws"  
H.P. 964 L.D. 1509

Bill "An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities"  
H.P. 969 L.D. 1514

Bill "An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services"  
H.P. 970 L.D. 1515

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Operating Under the Influence"  
H.P. 974 L.D. 1519

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Support Rural Education"  
H.P. 946 L.D. 1491

Bill "An Act to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies"  
H.P. 965 L.D. 1510

Bill "An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents to Withdraw Their Children from Public School Classes or Activities That Include Certain Controversial Viewpoints"  
H.P. 973 L.D. 1518

Bill "An Act to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools"  
H.P. 981 L.D. 1526

Bill "An Act to Promote the Community School Program"  
H.P. 982 L.D. 1527

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program and Convene a Work Group Regarding the Provision of Services by the Child Development Services System  
H.P. 983 L.D. 1528

Bill "An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs"  
H.P. 987 L.D. 1532

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, to Capitalize on Opportunities from Newly Revised Federal Renewable Fuels Standards by Studying the Environmental and Economic Benefits of Electric and Steam Generation Facilities Powered by Biomass  
H.P. 944 L.D. 1489

Resolve, to Implement a 4-year Moratorium on Solar Energy Subsidies and Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Study the Economic Impact of Industrial Solar Energy Projects  
H.P. 986 L.D. 1531

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

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State  
H.P. 950 L.D. 1495

Bill "An Act to Ensure a Strategic Approach to Maine's Energy Transition by Imposing a Moratorium on Lithium Mining"  
H.P. 963 L.D. 1508

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells"  
H.P. 943 L.D. 1488

Bill "An Act to Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services"  
H.P. 968 L.D. 1513

Bill "An Act to Provide Economic Justice to Historically Disadvantaged Older Citizens by Amending the Laws Governing the Medicare Savings Program"  
H.P. 977 L.D. 1522

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Help Address the Worker Shortage in Behavioral Health Care Services by Allowing Provisional Licensure and Providing for Reimbursement for Out-of-state Licensees"  
H.P. 949 L.D. 1494

Bill "An Act to Create an Advocacy and Complaint Process for Health Care Providers Within the Bureau of Insurance"  
H.P. 953 L.D. 1498

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Study the Scarcity of Licensed Clinical Behavioral Health Professionals Across the State (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 961 L.D. 1506

Bill "An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers"  
H.P. 988 L.D. 1533

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

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Cooperative Affordable Housing Ownership Act"  
H.P. 960 L.D. 1505

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide for Administrative Suspension of Licenses and Certificates Issued Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws"  
H.P. 980 L.D. 1525

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species"  
H.P. 989 L.D. 1534

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class"  
H.P. 956 L.D. 1501

Bill "An Act Regarding State Court Remedies for Violations of Legal or Constitutional Rights by Federal Employees"  
H.P. 958 L.D. 1503

Bill "An Act to Require Restitution for a Child Whose Parent Is Killed by a Drunk Driver"  
H.P. 967 L.D. 1512

Bill "An Act to Establish Alternative Sentencing for Primary Caregivers"  
H.P. 971 L.D. 1516

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses"  
H.P. 951 L.D. 1496

Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"  
H.P. 954 L.D. 1499

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Increase Affordable Housing by Expanding Tax Increment Financing"  
H.P. 948 L.D. 1493

Bill "An Act to Exempt Broadband Equipment from the Sales and Use Tax"  
H.P. 959 L.D. 1504

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Recreational Vehicles and Permit Municipal Adoption of Fees to Cover the Cost of Municipal Services to Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks"  
H.P. 979 L.D. 1524

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes"

H.P. 955 L.D. 1500

Bill "An Act to Provide Consistency of Process for Maine's Electoral Votes by Prohibiting Enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact"

H.P. 957 L.D. 1502

Bill "An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry"

H.P. 972 L.D. 1517

Bill "An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members"

H.P. 978 L.D. 1523

Bill "An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging"

H.P. 984 L.D. 1529

Bill "An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products"

H.P. 985 L.D. 1530

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

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning.