

STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 10, 2022

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

Prayer by Senator Joseph M. Baldacci of Penobscot County.

SENATOR BALDACCII: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to share with you a prayer from an Episcopal church in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, that they had a special service for justice and for humanity last year. It's a Celtic prayer.

In this time of the pandemic we are changing and being changed. What once was urgent in our daily lives is now put on pause. Other more immediate ways of living and dying are transforming us. As we contemplate and experience our collective living and dying, we pray that we can be even more unified as one in God's love all across the world. There is great hope in all that is happening in this world and we embrace it all. Now, in these unprecedented times, our world is hushed. In the quiet and the chaos, we're witnessing the wellspring of new life, even in the midst of death. All the world is now perhaps, for the first time ever, singularly focused on the healing of one another and the healing of this fragile earth, our island home. Almost since time began, this is also the spirit which our evenings always have begun. At this holy hour of twilight, we are hushed throughout all time, breathing in more deeply, lighting our candles, pausing at the end of the day together to pray and to love the love of God's welcoming embrace. In this widened space at the end of the day our prayers encircle the world continuously. We rest into the power of quietness and healing touch of God. As were all those who have gone before us, we too are comforted and calmed at this hour by candle light, music, and prayer. The Celtic tradition holds and we find God and Christ in our hearts, in each other, and in all of creation. As always, we welcome all to join us in these timeless prayers. So, come as you are. Let down the burdens, find your rest in God's expansive love. This love is sweeping over you and all of creation, sweeping around and around the world, through all time, and in all places. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Glenn C. Curry of Waldo County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

Off Record Remarks

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

S.O. 28

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 6:45 this evening, in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to Governor Janet T. Mills, an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases her.

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.

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

S.P. 703

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

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District"
S.P. 704 L.D. 1967

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, MORIARTY of Cumberland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Frontline Health Care Workers by Waiving Professional Licensing Fees"

S.P. 705 L.D. 1973

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create Higher Standards for State-owned and State-managed Land for Deer Management"

S.P. 692 L.D. 1965

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Access to Heating Assistance"

S.P. 702 L.D. 1966

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a Study Group To Examine Bridge Safety

S.P. 707 L.D. 1976

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

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

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senator BRENNER for the **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, pursuant to Joint Rule 353 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Update Certain Water Quality Standards and To Reclassify Certain Waters of the State"

S.P. 690 L.D. 1964

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senator BRENNER for the **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, pursuant to Joint Rule 353 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25"

S.P. 706 L.D. 1974

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission"
S.P. 392 L.D. 1206

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Sustain Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry by Ensuring Consistency between Comprehensive River Resource Management Plans and State Water Quality Standards"

S.P. 710 L.D. 1979

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot,
Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, O'CONNELL of Brewer,
POIRIER of Skowhegan, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Small Nonprofit Raffle Operator License"
S.P. 711 L.D. 1980

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development,
Economic Advancement and Business**

Senator CURRY for the **Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 76, section 3 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Require Registration by General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction"

S.P. 708 L.D. 1977

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statutes
Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development,
Economic Advancement and Business**

Senator CURRY for the **Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 64, section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Promote Home Ownership by Reducing Education Debt"
S.P. 709 L.D. 1978

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, To Create the Commission To Examine Reestablishing Parole (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 610 L.D. 842
(H "A" H-736; H "B" H-743
to C "A" H-717)

In Senate, July 1, 2021, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-717) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENTS "A" (H-736) AND "B" (H-743)** thereto, in concurrence.

In Senate, July 19, 2021, **FINALLY PASSED**, in concurrence.

In House, January 26, 2022, **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1418.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-717) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENTS "A" (H-736) AND "C" (H-754)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 694

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 1, 2022

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 1, 2022, 4 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 1, 2022, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Fix Inconsistencies within the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2013" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 689) (L.D. 1953) (Submitted by the Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 11403, subsection 3.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Net Energy Billing" (S.P. 693) (L.D. 1955) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senator: LAWRENCE of York) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives" (S.P. 691) (L.D. 1954) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, CARNEY of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MORIARTY of Cumberland, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, DUNPHY of Old Town) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, To Extend the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 688) (L.D. 1952) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 701

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 3, 2022

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 3, 2022, 4 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 3, 2022, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Increase Learning Potential by Providing High-impact Tutoring Grants" (S.P. 700) (L.D. 1962) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, ROCHE of Wells) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Ensure Transmission and Distribution Utility Accountability" (S.P. 697) (L.D. 1959) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, STEWART of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Governing the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program" (S.P. 698) (L.D. 1960) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: JAVNER of Chester)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage and Change the Membership of the Maine State Housing Authority" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 699) (L.D. 1961) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 973

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2022

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, section 2003, I am pleased to appoint Gregory Copeland to seat number six on the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, replacing Patrick Cunningham, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 960

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

January 26, 2022

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 14, §534.1-G, I am pleased to reappoint Mr. Jeremy Cluchey of Bowdoinham as a member of the public to seat 15 on the InforME Board, effective immediately.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 967

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

January 31, 2022

The Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 163, §2003, I am pleased to appoint Patrick Cunningham of Hallowell to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board as members of the private sector representing geographic information vendors, seat #14.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 974

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

January 31, 2022

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, MRSA, Subtitle 22, Part 4, Ch. 401, §1726.2, I am pleased to appoint Laura Pelletier of Turner to the Maine Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council, effective immediately.

Ms. Pelletier is appointed to seat 9 as a representative of health insurers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 993

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

February 8, 2022

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I rescind the appointment of Genevieve McDonald of Stonington from the Government Oversight Committee, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 994

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

February 8, 2022

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I have appointed Representative Holly Stover of Boothbay as House Chair of the Government Oversight Committee, replacing Representative Genevieve McDonald of Stonington, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 995

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

February 8, 2022

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
#3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I have appointed Representative Jessica Fay of Raymond to the Government Oversight Committee, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 996

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

February 8, 2022

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

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

ABSENT

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Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou,
Rep. Gifford, J. of Lincoln,
Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort
Fairfield, Rep. Pluecker, B. of
Warren, Rep. Underwood, J.
of Presque Isle

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you for inviting me to deliver the State of the State Address to the 130th Legislature. I humbly accept your invitation and look forward to speaking to the Joint Convention on Thursday, February 10, at 7 pm.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 985

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

January 27, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Curtis C. Bohlen of Pownal, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	3	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	5	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld
NAYS		0	

Eight 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 Curtis C. Bohlen of Pownal, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Hancock, Senator **ROSEN**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **HICKMAN**, the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, 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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#554)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, LAWRENCE, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Curtis C. Bohlen** of Pownal for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 986

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

January 27, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Robert S. Carlton of Freeman TWP, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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	3	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	5	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren, Rep. Underwood, J. of Presque Isle

Eight 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 Robert S. Carlton of Freeman TWP, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#555)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, LAWRENCE, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BLACK, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Robert S. Carlton** of Freeman TWP for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 987

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

January 27, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

ROLL CALL (#556)

YEAS: Senators: None
NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, LAWRENCE, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Patricia M. Ianni of Falmouth, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

EXCUSED: Senators: HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

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:

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Patricia M. Ianni** of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

YEAS Senators 3 Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
Representatives 5 O'Neil, M. of Saco, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld

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

NAYS 0
ABSENT 5 Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren, Rep. Underwood, J. of Presque Isle

The Following Communication: S.C. 988

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

January 27, 2022

Eight 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 Patricia M. Ianni of Falmouth, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Signed,

Dear Mr. President:

S/Jim Dill Senate Chair
S/Maggie O'Neil House Chair

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Dominic J. LaJoie of Van Buren, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

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:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS Senators 3 Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln

Representatives 5 O'Neil, M. of Saco, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5 Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren, Rep. Underwood, J. of Presque Isle

Eight 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 Dominic J. LaJoie of Van Buren, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#557)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, LAWRENCE, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Dominic J. LaJoie** of Van Buren for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 982

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

February 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Christy Daggett of Presque Isle, for appointment to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care.

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	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Stewart, T. of Aroostook
	Representatives	7	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Rep. Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Rep. Connor, J. of Lewiston, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

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 Christy Daggett of Presque Isle, for appointment to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#558)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, LAWRENCE, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Christy Daggett** of Presque Isle for appointment to the Advisory Council on Affordable Health Care was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 981

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

February 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has had under consideration the nomination of Andrew Wells, Esquire of Durham, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Pouliot, M. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Terry, M. of Gorham, Bickford, B. of Auburn, Carmichael, M. of Greenbush, Collings, B. of Portland, Hanley, J. of Pittston, Matlack, A. of St. George, Perry, J. of Bangor, Sachs, M. of Freeport
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Libby, N. of Androscoggin, Rep. Gramlich, L. of Old Orchard Beach, Rep. Stetkis, J. of Canaan

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Andrew Wells, Esquire of Durham, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Maureen F. Terry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#559)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, LAWRENCE, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Andrew Wells**, Esquire of Durham for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 997

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

February 7, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1863 An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault Senate Chair S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 989

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

February 1, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1872 Resolve, To Create a Task Force Relating to the Water Quality of Saco Bay

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 959

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

January 25, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1059 An Act To Provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Adolescents

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 998

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 8, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1701 An Act To Establish a Managed Care Program
for MaineCare Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 999

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 8, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 632 An Act To Facilitate the Conversion of
Children's Private Nonmedical Institutions to
Qualified Residential Treatment Programs as
Required by Federal Law

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 957

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

January 13, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 394 An Act To Protect Maine's Loons and Other
Wildlife in the Issuance of a Permit To Hold a
Regatta, Race or Boat or Water-ski Exhibition

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 964

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

January 28, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 919 An Act To Advance Maine's Economic Growth by Investing in Innovative, Next-generation Technology and Research

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 983

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

February 02, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 383 An Act Concerning Small Wireless Facilities in Maine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci S/Rep. Ann Matlack
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 958

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

January 25, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 899 An Act To Protect Privacy and Security at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond S/Rep. Danny Martin
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 984

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

February 2, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1749 An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 961

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2022

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

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

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Carlos R. Mello
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 962

**MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 24, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 963

**WASHINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL
MACHIAS, MAINE**

January 20, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, section 12023, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the 2020-2021 Quasi-Independent State Entities Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA). SCEC is a nonprofit organization that works to create jobs and prosperity in Washington County; we are also the economic

development arm of Washington County government. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

The former U.S. Navy Base in Cutler is comprised of roughly 20 acres and five commercial buildings comprising 75,000 square feet. The Authority is working to bring these facilities back into productive use. In 2021, the WCDA procured by competitive bid the services of Roof Systems of Maine to repair and improve drainage from the warehouse roof. The work was completed in October 2021 at a total cost of \$23,065.50. The Authority was also awarded a grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. EPA Brownfields Program to clean up contamination at the former recreation building. The Authority made no procurements over \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived. WCDA did not make any contributions greater than \$1,000 or changes to policies and procedures in the past year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 965

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 20, 2022

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and

expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 966

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 26, 2022

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

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Senate President Jackson,

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023, due February 1, 2022. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2021 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2021 that exceed \$1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2021, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2021, the Maine Turnpike Authority made over \$123 million in payments to approximately 680 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$109 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$13 million in 2021. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,

S/Peter Mills
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 968

**MAINE VENTURE FUND
NEWPORT, MAINE**

January 24, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached "Report to Legislature for 2021" on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2022.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Board d/b/a Maine Venture Fund

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 969

**MAINE PORT AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 24, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Burns,
Interim Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 970

**MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BRUNSWICK, MAINE**

January 15, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

MRRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

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

Sincerely,

S/Jeffrey K. Jordan
Deputy Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 971

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ORONO, MAINE**

January 28, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

With this letter I am transmitting on time the report required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023 from the University of Maine System that documents our qualifying FY21 sole-source procurements and contributions.

As it conducts business, the University of Maine System is committed to a competitive procurement process that ensures the greatest value for our students and taxpayers as well as transparency and fairness for providers of goods and services - many of which are Maine-based. While competitive procurement is our standard, State law and corresponding UMS policy provide legitimate and well-defined reasons for which the purchases listed in this report were waived from our process. For example, given its research and economic development activities that are of vital importance to the state, the University of Maine has unique procurement needs, including for specialized equipment or services required by grant funding or that may only be available from one vendor. In those cases, we have noted that in the description of each relevant procurement listed in our report

Finally, as I hope is well-known to the Legislature and the people of Maine, we've safely maintained in-person learning, research and other activities while also serving local and state needs throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our science-driven leadership and, in some cases, our unique supply chains have made this possible. But given more recent global supply chain challenges, we have also made some purchases for which the competitive bid process was simply not practicable or even safe from the standpoint of public health, including to procure supplies and sampling services for testing wastewater on UMS campuses and as a public service to our local communities.

Please contact my office if you need additional information. Thank you for your ongoing support of Maine's public universities.

Sincerely,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 972

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE**

January 26, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Alice Herrick
Director of Fiscal Operations for Maine Maritime Academy

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 975

**MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
BRUNSWICK, MAINE**

January 27, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) due by February 1, 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Brian Whitney
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 976

**MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Daniel Brennan
Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 977

**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
PORTLAND, MAINE**

January 27, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) due by February 1, 2022.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Mr. John Melrose
Chairman

S/Ms. Patricia Quinn
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 978

**EFFICIENCY MAINE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2022

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section §12023, I am pleased to deliver this the letter of transmittal for the enclosed report from Efficiency Maine Trust due by February 1, 2022.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Stoddard
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 979

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2022

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

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

RE: Annual Report of the Workers' Compensation Board
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023(2)

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., §12023, please consider this the transmittal letter for the required report from the Workers' Compensation Board due by February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

S/John C. Rhode
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 980

**MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 1, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

As a new organization formed in late 2021 only hiring staff in January, please note that there are no eligible activities to report for this filing.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Andrew Butcher
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 990

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 31, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the CDS Annual Legislation Report due by February 1, 2022.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. Roberta Lucas
CDS Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 991

**LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
LIMESTONE, MAINE**

January 25, 2022

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 334

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

January 26, 2022

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

House Paper 107, Legislative Document 151, "An Act To Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them To Organize for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

67 voted in favor and 66 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Julia "Judy" Kahrl, of Arrowsic, on her induction into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. Ms. Kahrl has been a lifelong advocate for reproductive rights around the world, including as the founder and board chair of Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 677

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich,
McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to speak to this item.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli, may proceed.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, it is my deep honor to speak about the nomination of Judy Julia Kahrl to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. Having spent my professional life working on behalf of women's economic security,

I early on recognized in Judy a fellow traveler. She is a tireless champion for improving the lives of women and their families and, although we came at the issue of empowerment for women at different angles, the work she has devoted her life to is foundational and complementary to efforts to help women access education, employment, and economic and political opportunities. Our conversations over the years, however they started, were always grounded in the common appreciation for the texture of women's lives and the variety of roles we fill as mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, teachers, leaders, and workers. Judy has been my colleague but she is also my neighbor. On walks from my home, I can look across the saltmarsh and see her house and barn. We both take pleasure in the natural world we are surrounded with in our island community. We share a sense of place, of community, and a devotion to the environment that supports us all. As an older woman with a long history of engagement in the world, Judy continues to be an inspiration and a role model. Through her various activities working to expand reproductive rights across the globe, organizing other grandmothers to raise their voices on behalf of the next generation as the founder of GRR, lending her support to environmental causes, Judy has made a difference in the lives of women and girls in Maine and elsewhere, and that's the foundational criteria for entry into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. She has given meaning to the phrase coined by other remarkable women: don't agonize, organize. Judy is very deserving of this honor, being inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame, and I will be very proud to have her portrait next to mine. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative: **KESSLER** of South Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 695

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2022
AS SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN
EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, people who suffer from epilepsy and continue to have seizures are at a greater risk of a number of complications, the most serious of which are injuries and dying from seizures; and
WHEREAS, Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy affects approximately 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy each year; and
WHEREAS, the greatest risk factors for Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy are uncontrolled generalized tonic-clonic seizures and seizures that happen at night; and
WHEREAS, because of these serious complications, preventing seizures and other problems related to epilepsy is extremely important; and
WHEREAS, Maine resident Carson Hooper was diagnosed with epilepsy at 10 years of age and passed away from Sudden

Unexpected Death in Epilepsy on June 30th, 2017 at 25 years of age; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate June 2, 2022 as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day in honor of Carson Hooper and others in Maine who have died from this tragic complication of epilepsy.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **CARNEY**: Thank you very much, Senate President. Colleagues, I'd like to tell you a little bit about Carson Blankenship, in whose honor we will designate June 2 as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day. Carson was the son of David and Patricia Blankenship. He was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 10 while at camp. He continued to have seizures throughout his life. Carson loved working at Hannaford and playing Magic: the Gathering with his friends. He cherished time spent with his family. He sadly passed away on June 30, 2017 at the age of 25 from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. People who continue to have seizures are at greater risk of a number of complications which is why preventing seizures and other problems is so important. Approximately 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy die from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy each year. In honor of Carson and all of those at risk of complications from epilepsy, I ask my colleagues to support this Joint Resolution. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 696

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2022 AS 211 MONTH**

WHEREAS, in order to promote 211 Maine, a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline that provides Maine people free and confidential referrals to needed resources, we recognize February 2022 as 211 Month; and
WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides around-the-clock service statewide, offering efficient and effective responses from people employed in Maine to questions arising from the growing complexities in health, financial and human services and the needs of Maine people; and
WHEREAS, since 2006, 211 Maine call specialists have assisted with more than 800,000 requests for information regarding topics ranging from housing support to substance use and recovery services to transportation, in 2021 fielding more than 93,000 calls, text messages and e-mails from people looking for help; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine has supported the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the people of Maine by fielding general questions about COVID-19 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, including questions regarding how people can best protect themselves, the common symptoms of the coronavirus, travel advisories and the latest information on testing, and, since launching the support role, has fielded over 90,000 contacts; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 211 Maine directed over 11,000 Maine people to heating and electric utility assistance services, which may have prevented their contacting the wrong agency for heating assistance, prevented utility shutoffs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine handles a number of specialized services and partnerships, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline, and is also a resource for finding information about needs such as tax preparation, mental health services and browntail moth caterpillar prevention, mitigation and treatment; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine, a collaborative effort of the United Ways of Maine, the Department of Health and Human Services and The Opportunity Alliance, provides a powerful example of how the government and nonprofit and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life of the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2022 as 211 Month.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART**: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, while it's not necessarily common that the Joint Resolutions get read entirely on the floor of the Senate, I wanted to make sure to do that for this particular Resolution for the benefit of you all to be able to hear all the great services that 211 can provide you, your families, your constituents, your friends because it really is a gem that we have here in Maine State government and we're fortunate to be able to rely and lean on the organization and all the great work that they do. You'll see that on your desk there's been distributed some information about 211 that I think you'll probably find helpful and, as we recognize February as 211 Month each and every year, I think it's important that Legislators are able to access this information and then bring it back home to the folks that they serve and, hopefully, help distribute it throughout their districts so that more folks can access it. You'll see in the pamphlet that was distributed that over 93,000 calls, texts, and emails went into 211 last year. It's a huge resource, incredibly helpful. You'll see in the top category - while COVID-19, for obvious reasons, was the number one call placed last year, the way that I came into contact with the organization was actually through mental health and substance abuse and that was in my capacity of serving on the Opioid Taskforce back in 2017 and we were fortunate then to be able to help to promote that organization through that work on that taskforce because of that fact, that they are a great resource for folks that are in crisis. You can see some of the folks who have - who are quoted in the pamphlet here, the impact that

picking up the phone and dialing those three numbers might have on somebody's life. So, again, I just want to say thank you to Nikki and all the folks that are at 211 that are doing the great work for the people of Maine each and every day and hope that you will reach out and, hopefully, help to distribute some of this information across your districts so that more people next year can call in and we'll increase that number of calls, texts, and emails once again, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

Anthony J. Marro, of Westbrook, a beloved teacher. Mr. Marro was a longtime music teacher at Morse High School in Bath, also teaching at Bath Middle School and Fisher Mitchell School. A talented performer, he had once played in the backup band for singer Barry Manilow, as well as for The Temptations and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Mr. Marro will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 660

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, SANBORN of Cumberland, Representatives: PAULHUS of Bath, RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

The Joint Resolutions was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI**: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, I don't usually get up to speak quite this often, and I'll just be brief, but I'm not a musician but I am a lover of music and Anthony Marro, who was the music teacher at the Bath Middle School and the Bath High School when my son was there, played an important role in bringing music into the lives of many of us in our community and for that I am very grateful. He taught my son to play the trumpet, which is a loud instrument, but there was nothing that moved me more than going to the recitals of the Middle School Jazz Festival and listening to this roomful of young kids with their instruments, playing slightly off key and a little out of beat but having such a wonderful time. It always brought tears to my eyes and my son has told me recently, on hearing of the passing of his music teacher, that Mr. Marro was his favorite teacher and that his patience was unmatched. So, I just want to take this moment for all of us to recognize the important role that music can play in our lives in bringing us together and bringing us joy. We surely need it. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 6:45 in the evening for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State Maine, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communications as pleases her.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

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

H.P. 1400 L.D. 1890

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management To Provide an Exemption for Mountain Bike Trails" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 653 L.D. 1835

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Correct the Year of the Expiration of the Terms of 2 County Commissioners in Sagadahoc County" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 649 L.D. 1832

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District"

S.P. 646 L.D. 1829

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-411) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Financial Institution Merger Statutes and Modernize Certain Sections of Title 9-B"

S.P. 654 L.D. 1836

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-413)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-413) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-interns"

S.P. 637 L.D. 1810

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-409)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-409) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gambling Control Board"

S.P. 600 L.D. 1745

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-410)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-410) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2022 and 2023 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 638 L.D. 1811

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-408)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
RAFFERTY of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LaROCHELLE of Augusta
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-408) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Rename Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War

S.P. 626 L.D. 1788

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-412)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Representative:

CEBRA of Naples

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-412) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Unity the Alton 'Mac' McCormick Memorial Bridge

S.P. 657 L.D. 1839

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

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Representative:

CEBRA of Naples

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry.

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. It is my honor to sponsor L.D. 1839. In 1954, Alton Mac McCormick was a father, businessman, civic leader, and assistant fire chief in the town of Unity, Maine. That fall of 1954 Hurricane Edna blew through

Maine, causing great destruction and loss of life. In Unity, Maine, after Sandy Stream broke its banks, a family of ten found themselves trapped on top of their car, surrounded by raging waters. Alton Mac McCormick led a group of bystanders to create a human chain to rescue the children and parents. While they were ultimately able to save nine family members tragically, in the midst of the rescue, the road gave way and Mr. McCormick, along with an 8-year old child, Ruthie Brockaway, were swept away and ultimately perished. For his courage on that day and for a life of service to the people of Unity, I ask for your support in honoring Alton Mac McCormick.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Rename 3 Bridges in Brownville and Brownville Junction

S.P. 672 L.D. 1912

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

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Representative:

CEBRA of Naples

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved the Senate remove from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Establish Separate Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine

H.P. 188 L.D. 272
(C "A" H-547)

Placed on Special Appropriations Table - June 15, 2021, by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

(In Senate, June 14, 2021, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-547)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, 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 (#560)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CHIPMAN, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, LAWRENCE, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED Senators: HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, ROSEN

14 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis to **REMOVE FROM THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE FAILED**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1456

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

February 1, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on February 1, 2022, as follows:

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Update the Consumer Credit Laws Related to Legal Funding Practices" (H.P. 1455) (L.D. 1956) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Senator: KEIM of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1459

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

February 2, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 2, 2022, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Parentage Act with Regard to Presumed Parentage" (H.P. 1458) (L.D. 1958) (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Promote Equity and Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Convictions for Drug Offenses and To Replace the Term 'Marijuana' with the Term 'Cannabis' in the Maine Revised Statutes" (H.P. 1457) (L.D. 1957) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, SUPICA of Bangor, WARREN of Hallowell, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1461

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

February 3, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 3, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on February 3, 2022, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Create the General Purpose Aid Stabilization Fund" (H.P. 1460) (L.D. 1963) (Sponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HEPLER of Woolwich, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care for Individuals in Jails and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness"

H.P. 1463 L.D. 1968

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

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

Bill "An Act Concerning Equity in Renewable Energy Projects and Workforce Development"

H.P. 1464 L.D. 1969

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

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

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 67 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement Agency Recommendations Relating to Sea Level Rise and Climate Resilience Provided Pursuant to Resolve 2021, Chapter 67"

H.P. 1465 L.D. 1970

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Private and Special Law
Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government**

The **Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government**, pursuant to Private and Special Law, chapter 10, section 4 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Concerning Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1468 L.D. 1975

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

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation"

H.P. 1466 L.D. 1971

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions Related to Research and Aquaculture Leases"

H.P. 1467 L.D. 1972

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1469

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2022 AS BLACK HISTORY
MONTH**

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's role in the Atlantic world slave economy have been largely effaced from our narratives and from our collective consciousness; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest arrivals of people from Europe and Africa in the Americas, Africans and African Americans have been part of the story of this land, and researchers have identified over 1,600 people of color who lived in what is now called the state of Maine prior to the year 1800; and

WHEREAS, Africans who were brought involuntarily to these shores suffered generations of enslavement and their descendants faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation and the denial of basic fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, Maine merchants were deeply entangled in the Atlantic world slave economy, as were the banks that handled their accounts and the insurance firms that secured their investments, and at a time when Havana, Cuba was the hub of the illicit slave trade, Portland was that city's number one trading partner; and

WHEREAS, it was not only Maine's coastal towns that were complicit in the global economy of enslavement through shipbuilding and merchant trading activities, but its inland regions as well: crops and livestock were routinely shipped in the "coastwise" trade to provision the sugar plantations of the West Indies, along with salted fish and even ice from this region; and

WHEREAS, great quantities of Maine timber were processed into barrel staves and shipped throughout the 18th and 19th centuries to the West Indies, where enslaved Africans were forced to fashion them into barrels; they then filled these barrels with the sugar and molasses that were shipped back to Portland and distilled into rum, which was used as currency in purchasing more captive Africans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans in all walks of life have shown resilience despite suffering under slavery and injustice and have made significant contributions throughout the history of the State and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the significance of Black History Month as an important time to honor the contributions of African Americans in the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of this motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Senate, the Resolution before us is not about continuing to carry the burdens of the past but instead allowing the knowledge of history, the truth of our history, to set us free. We cannot expect to move forward with good intention and purpose without knowing where we've come from and, while it may be tempting at times to ignore the darkest parts of our history, we do ourselves a great disservice when we do so. I'm reminded of the words of the poet Gwendolyn Brooks who wrote in her poem entitled Truth: 'Sweet is it to sleep in the coolness of snug unawareness.' By passing this Joint Resolution, those gathered here today are saying quite simply that we will remember, honor, and learn from the truth of our history. We will not sweep the ugly parts we don't like under the rug or close our eyes and pretend they didn't happen. Knowing our history is vital to charting a course for a brighter future. I am proud to stand in support of the motion before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to speak in support of this Joint Resolution. Maine's history has many incredible individuals who have led the way on racial justice and have been trail blazers, like the Honorable Gerald Talbot, Bishop James Healy, Fatma Hussein, and Honorable Deqa Dhalac. But we also have darker moments of our history from the forcible removal of the residents of Malaga Island to the terrible history of many incidents of the Ku Klux Klan here in Maine. The truth is that the horrendous racism of our nation's past and our state's past include the events and facts highlighted in the Resolution before us and they echo into our present. Even as we stand here together with good intentions, people in our communities are hurting. Discrimination, in the form of pay and housing disparities, job discrimination based on one's natural hair texture, as well as a multitude of lack of access to the ballot box, continue and echo across our country today. The reality is that racism, sadly, is not something that happened a long time ago and somewhere far, far away. But like so many actions we take in this Legislature, including voting on the Resolution before us, all of these give me hope. So many

young people are getting engaged and speaking up at the local and national level to effect the change they want to see in their own communities. For their future, for our present, and in recognition of our shared history, I'm proud to vote in support of the Resolution before us. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

RECESSED until 6:30 in the evening.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

At this point the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

Following the Joint Convention the Senate was called to order in the Senate Chamber by the President.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the Call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.