

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

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
May 2, 2023

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

Prayer by Gary Crocker of West Gardiner.

MR. CROCKER: Thank you, Mr. President. Before I pray, I just want to say what an honor it is to be here in front of the Maine State Senate and to thank all of you for what you do. Please join me in praying.

Dear God, thank You for the men and women who serve our state in leadership roles and for their families. Please provide our leaders with reminders each day of why they decided to dedicate their lives to public service and use that commitment to encourage them. Give them peace when their work takes them away from their families. I also pray specifically for the wives, husbands, and children of our leaders. I ask that You draw near to them and give them the wisdom on how to best support one another while their loved ones are away working for the people of the state of Maine. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 27, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses

S.P. 22 L.D. 30

In Senate, April 20, 2023, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-75), in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED.**

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Provide a Source of Funding for the Construction and Implementation of a Food Security Hub" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1157 L.D. 1812

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

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

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1179

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023
AS SECOND CHANCE MONTH**

WHEREAS, every person is endowed with human dignity and value; and

WHEREAS, redemption and second chances are American values; and

WHEREAS, almost 2,000,000 Americans are currently incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, individuals returning from prison and those who have paid their debts after committing a crime face a "second prison" of stigma and obstacles, also known as collateral consequences; and

WHEREAS, individuals with criminal histories encounter significant barriers such as an inability to find housing, employment or education, regain voting rights, volunteer in their communities, secure identification documentation and pay off substantial financial debt accrued as a result of conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, these barriers can contribute to recidivism, which increases victimization, decreases public safety and results in lost human capital and economic output for communities; and

WHEREAS, as of 2023, approximately 1,650 individuals in Maine are incarcerated in a Department of Corrections facility; and

WHEREAS, the designation of April as Second Chance Month can contribute to increased public awareness about the "second prison," the need for closure for those who have paid their debts and opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations and communities to extend second chances; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2023 as Second Chance Month, and we urge citizens to observe this month through actions and programs that promote awareness of the "second prison" and provide closure for those who have paid their debts.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 409

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

April 28, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing Representative Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, replacing Representative Michel Lajoie of Lewiston, effective Friday, April 28, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 404

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

April 28, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –
Reappointment of Patricia Riley of Brunswick

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Patricia Riley of Brunswick for reappointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 405

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

April 28, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –
Reappointment of David M. MacMahon of Poland

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate David M. MacMahon of Poland for reappointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 406

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

April 28, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –
Reappointment of The Honorable Michael H. Michaud of East
Millinocket

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Michael H. Michaud of
East Millinocket for reappointment to the University of Maine
System Board of Trustees.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 407

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

April 28, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Hannah Carter of Orono to the Maine
Connectivity Authority Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Hannah Carter of Orono for
appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority Board of
Directors.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA §9404, this appointment is contingent on
the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 408

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

April 28, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of James A. Carlson of Gorham to the Maine
Connectivity Authority Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate James A. Carlson of Gorham for
appointment to the Maine Connectivity Authority Board of
Directors.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA §9404, this appointment is contingent on
the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 411

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Al M. Harris of Waterville to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Al M. Harris of Waterville for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 412

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Briana Warner of Cumberland to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Briana Warner of Cumberland for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 413

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Michael Tyler of Camden to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Michael Tyler of Camden for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 414

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Corinne Watson of Oakfield to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Corinne Watson of Oakfield for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 415

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Tuesdi Woodworth of Searsmont to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Tuesdi Woodworth of Searsmont for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 416

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Tinan Melissa Hue of Portland to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Tinan Melissa Hue of Portland for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 417

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of David J. Dunning of Orrington to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate David J. Dunning of Orrington for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 418

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Alexander Rodman Rogers of Manchester to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Alexander Rodman Rogers of Manchester for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 420

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Allyson Coombs of Brunswick to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Allyson Coombs of Brunswick for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 419

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of John M. Leavitt of Saco to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate John M. Leavitt of Saco for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

The Following Communication: S.C. 421

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Colleen Hilton of South Portland to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Colleen Hilton of South Portland for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 422

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

May 1, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Jennifer M. Fullmer of Biddeford to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Jennifer M. Fullmer of Biddeford for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 410

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

May 1, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Phat Gia Thai of Portland, for appointment to the State Board of Education.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth

Twelve 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 Phat Gia Thai of Portland, for appointment to the State Board of Education be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **BAILEY**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CARNEY**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#110)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BLACK, CARNEY, POULIOT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 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 **Phat Gia Thai** of Portland for appointment to the State Board of Education was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 397

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

April 25, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Carolyn C. Gilbert of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	10	Zeigler, S. of Montville, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Boyle, J. of Gorham, Dunphy, L. of Embden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Paul, R. of Winterport, Runte, W. of York, Warren, S. of Scarborough

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

Thirteen 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 Carolyn C. Gilbert of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#111)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BLACK, CARNEY, POULIOT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 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 **Carolyn C. Gilbert** of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 398

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

April 27, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 858 An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 399

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

April 27, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 872 An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 400

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

April 27, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 1044 An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 401

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

April 28, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 1137 An Act to Prohibit Deceptive Advertising in Limited Pregnancy Services Centers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 394

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

April 14, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 270 An Act to Help Retired Federal Employees

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 393

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 1143 An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing to One Year

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 392

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

April 25, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 604 An Act to Extend the Night Hunting Season for Coyotes to Immediately Following the Muzzle-loading-only Deer Hunting Season

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain S/Rep. Scott Landry
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 395

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 342 An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally

L.D. 1628 An Act to Reform the Occupational Licensing Regime by Including Portability and Removing Good Character Requirements

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. 396

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 366 An Act to Promote Workforce Development

L.D. 1115 An Act Regarding Economic Development Funds for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

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. 391

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

April 25, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 352 An Act to Establish the Maine Mariculture Development Collaborative

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 402

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 969 An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 389

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 517 An Act to Allow Maine Families to Deduct Vehicle Excise Taxes on State Income Tax Returns

L.D. 1118 An Act to Reduce the Sales Tax on Automobiles

L.D. 1147 An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Income Tax

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 388

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 102 An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos
- L.D. 298 An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way
- L.D. 880 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area
- L.D. 1076 An Act to Expand the Use of Traffic Cameras for School and Work Zones
- L.D. 1093 An Act to Create a Seasonal Gas Tax Exemption and Rate
- L.D. 1141 An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations
- L.D. 1180 An Act to Add an Exception to the Law Regarding Intermediate Driver's Licenses Regarding Passengers
- L.D. 1245 An Act to Require Registration of Motorized Bicycles or Tricycles or Motorized Scooters
- L.D. 1542 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Micromobility Devices

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman Senate Chair
S/Rep. Lynne A. Williams House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 403

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

April 26, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

- L.D. 1255 An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places
- L.D. 1594 An Act to Provide for Voters Expressing Preferences in Ranked-choice Voting

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman Senate Chair
S/Rep. Laura Supica House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards"
S.P. 758 L.D. 1874

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, PLUECKER of Warren, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in a Green Energy Materials Building at the University of Maine"
S.P. 755 L.D. 1871

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, PIERCE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: MILLETT of Waterford, TERRY of Gorham.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Payment of Child Support by an Intoxicated Driver Who Kills a Parent"
S.P. 754 L.D. 1870

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers"
S.P. 756 L.D. 1872

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland, Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, Representative WHITE of Guilford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: LIBBY of Auburn.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Heating Relief with Tax-free Home Energy Savings Accounts"
S.P. 757 L.D. 1873

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HARRINGTON of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, MORRIS of Turner, SWALLOW of Houlton.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections"
S.P. 753 L.D. 1869

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Friends of St. Francis, of St. Francis, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 444

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

The Joint Order was **READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Cindy Jandreau, Myra Pelletier, and Linda Deprey. They are all members of the Friends of St. Francis. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Lockdown Drills for Their Children
H.P. 294 L.D. 477

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-63).**

Signed:

Senators:

- RAFFERTY of York
- PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

- BRENNAN of Portland
- DODGE of Belfast
- MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
- MURPHY of Scarborough
- SARGENT of York
- WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

- LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

- BAGSHAW of Windham
- LYMAN of Livermore Falls
- POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
- SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63).**

Reports **READ.**

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I just wanted to make a few comments about this bill. I appreciate the fact that we're asking for a study committee here. One of the major concerns that I think should be explained regarding those who did not support the bill is that the American - the National Association of School Psychologists is very much opposed to and have written some articles on the kinds of training that are discussed in this particular bill. Lockdown regarding gun violence training probably does need to be explored so I don't blame any of those that voted in favor of the bill at all for their position. However, there is a large number of theorists, writers in the field, and others who feel that this practice would cause great trauma on children and I think the folks in committee who voted - who opposed this bill, including me, felt like we needed some more time to think this entire process through. More research, more data on the effect, the potential effect on children, and the trauma that it might cause to have active shooter lockdown drills in schools. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Libby, for your comments. I just want to clarify at this time. So, this, essentially, is for us to have an opportunity to study the best practices and at the time there was an amendment made so that if schools knew in advance there was going to be a lockdown drill around active shooters that the word would be out and it does give parents an opt-out option currently and then it will allow us to have extended study in terms of the best practices overall. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#112)

YEAS: Senators: **BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON**

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

EXCUSED: Senators: **BAILEY, CARNEY**

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-63) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools"
H.P. 472 L.D. 703

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

Signed:

Senators:

- RAFFERTY of York
- LIBBY of Cumberland
- PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

- BRENNAN of Portland
- BAGSHAW of Windham
- DODGE of Belfast
- LYMAN of Livermore Falls
- MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
- MURPHY of Scarborough
- SAMPSON of Alfred
- SARGENT of York
- WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Representative:

- POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources"

H.P. 399 L.D. 622

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

Signed:

Senators:

- LAWRENCE of York
- GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

- ZEIGLER of Montville
- BOYLE of Gorham
- GEIGER of Rockland
- KESSLER of South Portland
- RUNTE of York
- WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

- HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

- BABIN of Fort Fairfield
- DUNPHY of Embden
- FOSTER of Dexter
- PAUL of Winterport

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Harrington.

Senator **HARRINGTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand in opposition to the pending motion. I think we need to be doing everything we can to reduce electricity rates in Maine. I think this bill is a good step in the right direction. I think we need to stop picking winners and losers with regards to the renewable portfolio. We know hydropower has a higher capacity factor than wind and solar. This cap on hydropower is being used to prop up wind and solar in Maine and, again, I just think we need to be doing everything in our power to

be reducing electric rates for Maine families and stop playing politics with power. Thanks.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Often, I hear talk in this Chamber of why are we doing this, why are we passing this bill, we don't need this bill, and there's - there's never a greater prime example than this bill. There's few people that support hydropower more than I do. I support hydropower greatly. It's a tremendous backup to have to all our renewable energy strategy. But the fact is currently in the state of Maine there's no hydroelectric project that would reach this 100-megawatt limit and there's none proposed. So, this bill would literally have no effect on hydropower in the state of Maine and, in fact, there's only one real hydropower project that would qualify for this and that's Hydro-Quebec and Hydro-Quebec didn't even speak in favor of this bill. So, nobody in the hydro industry spoke that said that this was a needed bill. It's not something we need to do, it will not help us bring more hydro power into the state of Maine, so I ask you to vote Ought Not to Pass.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: So moved.

Senator **LIBBY:** All right. My question is if this bill and other efforts to bring hydropower back to Maine are - will not reach the cap, then why do we have the cap?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby. The Chair is in error. The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#113)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, CARNEY

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County

H.P. 509 L.D. 820

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

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**.

Signed:

Representative:

LEMELIN of Chelsea

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents by 20 Percent (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 554 L.D. 898

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

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-67)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Promote the Use of Free Annual Wellness Visits by Ensuring Proper Medical Billing"

H.P. 414 L.D. 637

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford

MATHIESON of Kittery
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MORRIS of Turner
SWALLOW of Houlton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-70)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-70) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Reinstate Plurality Voting by Repealing the Ranked-choice Voting Laws"

H.P. 674 L.D. 1038

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

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representative:
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I speak in opposition of the Ought Not to Pass Report. I feel that we ought to be supporting the Constitution of the State of Maine. Even though they've decided that it didn't meet federal employees, I think it's maybe, in my opinion and my opinion only, that it probably its intention was to do that. I think ranked choice voting is very confusing to a lot of people and I think we ought to go back to the plurality voting. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#114)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, CARNEY

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 637 L.D. 1605

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services"

S.P. 237 L.D. 566

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-56)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-56) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates from 3 Sets to 4 Sets"

S.P. 67 L.D. 128

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-57) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of Money Allowed to Be Raised for a Charitable Purpose by Certain Raffles"

S.P. 76 L.D. 147

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-53) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges"

S.P. 202 L.D. 447

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)**.

Signed:

Senators:

- RAFFERTY of York
- PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

- BRENNAN of Portland
- DODGE of Belfast
- MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
- MURPHY of Scarborough
- SARGENT of York
- WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

- LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

- BAGSHAW of Windham
- LYMAN of Livermore Falls
- POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
- SAMPSON of Alfred

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to talk to you a little bit about the private market and the public market, and I sometimes feel in the 131st that the private market is completely ignored and I want to make sure that I explain exactly what I mean by that. I think it's an important principle to ask yourself the question if you're providing a credential of value to a community college student, great idea, can't - can't argue with that. We want that education. You have to ask yourself the question who's picking up that cost now. Who's picking it up now? In the case of this bill, we'll be - the taxpayer will be picking it up and it's at a cost of \$5 million in the first year of the biennium, \$5 million in the second year, for a total of \$10 million. We in the Education Committee who voted against this bill felt like it was important for us to establish priorities. The priorities are what can we spend money on and then we use the normative question what should we spend money on and then we try to compare the two and come to a conclusion, and the conclusion with this bill was that it's hard for the privates who are competing for the same student that the community college recruits, it's hard for them to beat free. We already have a free community college program. It's picking up cost and I'm impressed that that's the direction that some people want to take. I don't agree with the direction but I understand it and I appreciate it. But how many more steps are we going to go in terms of the taxpayer picking up credentials and, frankly, many other items that we've been sorting through in the Joint Standing Committee on Education. These are all really good ideas and maybe this is the year we got - that we have a lot of funds. Is it sustainable? Are these spending matters that are coming to us, are they sustainable? We're not binding the 132nd - thank you - we're making our own decisions and maybe they'll come in and they'll make the harder decision, the harder but the better decision about who should fund these sorts of things. So, the free community college argument, the shift to the taxpayer argument, these are the arguments that we're trying to make and, finally, the determination of, given a limited supply of dollars, what do we need to - what do we need to purchase for students in Maine versus what would be a good idea but we maybe shouldn't and don't need to? Thank you, Mr. President, and I hope that the members will support me and the Ought Not to Pass. So, oppose this. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. As you can easily hear this morning, there are some difficult decisions being made surrounding education. But we have made a commitment to the community colleges and L.D. 447 is a commitment to those students because it will provide some funds that are going to provide resources for their success. Between navigators, position

of mentors, and availability of people in the learning common areas, there is nothing hidden in this, it's all about supporting those students. It's is very difficult life to be a community college student. Oftentimes, these people are running parallel in their other world in terms of workforce. Many of them are - it involves a real commitment on their part and we have made that commitment as a legislator. You know, having sent three of my own daughters to private school education, you know, that was very difficult for us. But I'm not here - I'm not in a position today to provide any relief for private schools nor tell them what they can do. I'm just really here to make sure - we've got this investment made into community colleges, we want to see it through, and we want to see nothing but success for those students. So, I urge you to support the passage of L.D. 447. Thank you.

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

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'm wondering if I could approach the rostrum briefly?

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Reducing Barriers to Maintaining Health Care Coverage"

S.P. 224 L.D. 507

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

Signed:

Senators:
INGWERSEN of York
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)**.

Signed:

Senator:
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements"

S.P. 388 L.D. 896

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

Signed:

Senators:
BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:
PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

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

Signed:

Senator:
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
CYRWAY of Albion
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
SWALLOW of Houlton

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RENY** of Lincoln, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board"

S.P. 228 L.D. 511

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

Signed:

Senator:
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#115)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENEY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, CARNEY

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women"
S.P. 353 L.D. 794

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**.

Signed:

Senators:
NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:
STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I - this bill is addressing the membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. Prior to my election as Senator, I proudly served on this commission and I saw a lot of good work that was being done throughout the state and it continues to be done today, not just because I left the commission. But the commission itself was established to really - to have members who had knowledge of problems facing the women in the state, who had experience or have experience in advocacy relating to women's issues, and who provide leadership in programs or activities that improve opportunities for women. The members are chosen from across the state in a varied background. It outlines it in the statute across all different realms of it. My concern about this particular bill is that it is adding two additional positions to the commission and I'm feeling like it is becoming a mission creep and moving away from the initial grounds that we set this commission up and the work that we were doing for women. So, I oppose this and will vote against it. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I, too, had the honor of serving on the reconstituted Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and Girls along with my Senate colleague and we did do good work, albeit without any staff resources. So, one of the important things that this bill does is to provide, for the first time, modest funding so that the commission has the capacity to collect, assemble, and analyze the data on the experiences of women and girls throughout the state and be able to provide that information to those of us who are here as policymakers. As we all know, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of our policies and our programs, it's helpful to know what's happening on the ground and that's exactly what the Commission for Women and Girls is intended to do and it's been trying to do on less than a shoestring since its initiation, or re-initiation. In terms of expanding the membership of the commission, I think, again, there's a modest request to add a couple positions to better reflect the full breadth of experience of women and girls in this state and I think it's appropriate that women's lives and girls' lives, whatever path they're taking, are represented on this commission and that their voices are heard. In particular, one of the positions is for a young person and I

think, given that our state tends towards the older end of the spectrum, it is even more important that we have a youthful voice on this commission because they are the future and we want to make sure that their reality and their concerns are adequately addressed on this commission that is looking at aspects of their lives including education, health and safety, the economy, their leadership potential, there's so many aspects of what women and girls do and contribute in the state that we need to be able to keep tabs on what's happening. So, I am in full support of this bill and I urge you all to support the commission so that they have the tools to do the work that we've set them out to do. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#116)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENEY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: BAILEY

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Requiring a Referendum to Restore the Former Maine Flag"

S.P. 438 L.D. 1069

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ABDI of Lewiston
ADAMS of Lebanon
COPELAND of Saco
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
RISEMAN of Harrison
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-52).**

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle"

S.P. 435 L.D. 1066

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-54).**

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representative:
COLLINGS of Portland

Reports **READ.**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-54) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains"

H.P. 282 L.D. 465

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

Bill "An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking"

H.P. 625 L.D. 978

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-59) **READ.**

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. This Senate Amendment is a simple amendment that clarifies an oversight. There is one provision in Title 22, Chapter 558-C governing the laws of medical cannabis that changes routine technical to major substantive, the last line of this chapter, and this amendment corrects that error. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-59) **ADOPTED.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-59), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

House As Amended

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission"

H.P. 21 L.D. 17
(C "A" H-55)

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List"

H.P. 32 L.D. 57
(C "A" H-66)

Bill "An Act to Improve Electrical Supply Cost Transparency"

H.P. 44 L.D. 69
(C "A" H-72)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission"

H.P. 63 L.D. 95
(C "A" H-54)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code"

H.P. 82 L.D. 136
(C "A" H-60)

Bill "An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work"

H.P. 88 L.D. 142
(C "A" H-51)

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 165 L.D. 260
(C "A" H-59)

Bill "An Act Addressing Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 235 L.D. 384
(C "A" H-53)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council"

H.P. 296 L.D. 479
(C "A" H-65)

Bill "An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition"

H.P. 370 L.D. 575
(C "A" H-56)

Bill "An Act to Update the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority"

H.P. 417 L.D. 640
(C "A" H-71)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed"

H.P. 523 L.D. 834
(C "A" H-48)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease"

H.P. 657 L.D. 1021
(C "A" H-74)

Bill "An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order"

H.P. 670 L.D. 1034
(C "A" H-69)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review"

S.P. 264 L.D. 596

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees"

S.P. 60 L.D. 121
(C "A" S-49)

Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Reporting Requirements"

S.P. 100 L.D. 194
(C "A" S-50)

Bill "An Act to Refocus the Purpose and Duties of the Cannabis Advisory Commission"

S.P. 162 L.D. 355
(C "A" S-47)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers
S.P. 73 L.D. 134
(C "A" S-34)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers
S.P. 136 L.D. 315
(C "A" S-27)

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

Acts

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers
H.P. 16 L.D. 12
(C "A" H-35)

An Act to Amend the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission Regarding Access to Information in Proceedings Involving Special Rate Contracts
H.P. 118 L.D. 177
(C "A" H-36)

An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees
H.P. 333 L.D. 528

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants
H.P. 369 L.D. 574
(C "A" H-34)

An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow
H.P. 456 L.D. 687

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

An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of Historic Sites
S.P. 350 L.D. 791
(C "A" S-26)

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

Resolves

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory
H.P. 10 L.D. 6
(C "A" H-33)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers
S.P. 419 L.D. 1050

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/18/23) matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Making Application to the Congress of the United States Calling a Convention Under Article V of the United States Constitution to Propose Amendments to the United States Constitution to Impose Fiscal Restraints on the Federal Government, Limit the Power and Jurisdiction of the Federal Government and Limit the Terms of Office for its Officials and for Members of Congress

H.P. 1058

Tabled - April 18, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In House, April 13, 2023, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/20/23) matter:

JOINT RESOLUTION - Making Separate Applications to the Congress of the United States Calling Constitutional Conventions to Consider Representational Integrity and Propose Amendments Establishing Term Limits for Congress and Addressing Campaign Finance Reform

S.P. 705

Tabled - April 20, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford to **REFER** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/27/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained in the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride"
S.P. 400 L.D. 981

Tabled - April 27, 2023 by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, Senate Amendment "A" (S-48) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just, in terms of working on this bill with the emergency medical service people took several different turns but the amendment will require all emergency medical service persons to be both trained - to be trained in both administering and dispensing Narcan and it will, effective July 1, 2024, require that they be trained and that they administer it according to the protocols set up by the emergency medical service. I've reviewed this with the - Mr. Hurley in the Administration and with other EMS people and it seems to be satisfactory and this will help move the profession forward and hopefully help save lives and I would ask your support.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, Senate Amendment "A" (S-48) **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-48).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Permission to address the Body on the record?

THE PRESIDENT: So moved.

Senator **KEIM:** I just wanted to mention yesterday's really historic public hearing and the length of time that it went on and express my sincere thanks to the staff and all of the people that work in this building that just kept the event moving very well and stayed up all night long just handling people and the flow and it went really well and there's just - I just am so appreciative of how - of the kindness and the graciousness of our staff all night long, taking on that task and making sure that the people of Maine had a chance to be in the peoples' house and to be heard. So, thank you all so much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair concurs with the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim. The staff did an unbelievable job last night in a very trying, long evening.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning.