In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

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

Prayer by Pastor Peter Sheff, Abundant Grace Ministries in Searsmont.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Ned Claxton of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Linda Keniston, M.D. of Oakland.
PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery"

H.P. 117  L.D. 135

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-4) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

In Senate, March 12, 2019, the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-4).

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-2) SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy"

S.P. 79  L.D. 267

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (4 members)

In Senate, March 12, 2019, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Comes from the House, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.
House Papers

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Update the Civil Animal Welfare Laws"
H.P. 891  L.D. 1230

(1-4) Bill "An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of Maine State Park Visitors and Staff"
H.P. 907  L.D. 1246

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

(1-5) Bill "An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Address Changes in Sea Level, Geospatial Data Acquisition by Communities and the Increase in Ocean Acidity"
H.P. 885  L.D. 1224

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

(1-6) Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Abuse and Isolation of Older and Dependent Adults"
H.P. 910  L.D. 1249

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

(1-7) Bill "An Act To Allow Parents To Apply to the Commissioner of Education To Enroll Their Children in a Receiving School Administrative Unit and To Remove Limitations on Which Students May Be So Enrolled"
H.P. 888  L.D. 1227

(1-8) Resolve, To Advance College Affordability by Convening a Task Force To Recommend a Sustainable Funding Model for Maintaining Maine's Public Higher Education Infrastructure (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 925  L.D. 1283

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.
(1-9) Resolve, To Direct the ConnectME Authority To Report on the Progress of the Detailed 2019-2021 Strategic Plan for Broadband Service in Maine

H.P. 909  L.D. 1248

(1-10) Bill "An Act To Establish a Green New Deal for Maine"

H.P. 924  L.D. 1282

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

(1-11) Bill "An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination"

H.P. 929  L.D. 1287

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

(1-12) Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Home Visiting Programs"

H.P. 886  L.D. 1225

(1-13) Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Create a Limited Benefit MaineCare Card for Individuals Eligible for the Medicare Savings Program

H.P. 889  L.D. 1228

(1-14) Bill "An Act To Increase Safety in Health Care Facilities"

H.P. 896  L.D. 1235

(1-15) Resolve, To Change the Work Requirement Rules under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

H.P. 908  L.D. 1247

(1-16) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adopt Rules To Streamline and Remove Barriers for Reimbursement for Providers of Dental Care Services

H.P. 920  L.D. 1259
(1-17) Bill "An Act To Establish a MaineCare Reimbursement Rate Review Process and the MaineCare Independent Rate Commission"
   H.P. 930  L.D. 1288

(1-18) Resolve, To Reduce the Incidence of Infants Exposed to Illegal Substances
   H.P. 931  L.D. 1289

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

(1-19) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Licensing of Paramedics"
   H.P. 897  L.D. 1236

(1-20) Bill "An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Providing Health Care for Their Employees"
   H.P. 904  L.D. 1243

(1-21) Bill "An Act Regarding Short-term, Limited-duration Health Plans"
   H.P. 921  L.D. 1260

(1-22) Bill "An Act To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals To Perform Abortions"
   H.P. 922  L.D. 1261

(1-23) Resolve, To Create a Committee To Explore Regional Cooperation for Affordable Health Insurance
   H.P. 923  L.D. 1281

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

(1-24) Bill "An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees"
   H.P. 913  L.D. 1252

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ordered printed.
(1-25) Bill "An Act To Fund Energy Efficiency Programs through a Fee on the Sale of Unregulated Heating Fuels"

H.P. 892  L.D. 1231

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

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY.

(1-26) Bill "An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians"

H.P. 901  L.D. 1240

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

(1-27) Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study and Develop Recommendations To Address Guardianship Challenges That Delay Patient Discharges from Hospitals

H.P. 890  L.D. 1229

(1-28) Bill "An Act Regarding Offers of Settlement"

H.P. 894  L.D. 1233

(1-29) Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Certain Provisions under the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 906  L.D. 1245

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

(1-30) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment"

H.P. 893  L.D. 1232
(1-31) Bill "An Act To Simplify Municipal Collective Bargaining by Removing the 120-Day Notice Required Prior to Certain Negotiations"

H.P. 898  L.D. 1237

(1-32) Bill "An Act To Mandate Paid Maternity and Parental Leave"

H.P. 900  L.D. 1239

(1-33) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Sexual Harassment as a Subject Matter of Mandatory Arbitration in Employment Contracts"

H.P. 911  L.D. 1250

(1-34) Bill "An Act To Make Agricultural Workers and Other Workers Employees under the Wage and Hour Laws"

H.P. 912  L.D. 1251

(1-35) Bill "An Act To Fairly Compensate for Fatal Accidents under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

H.P. 914  L.D. 1253

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

(1-36) Bill "An Act To Improve Survival Rates of Salmon and Other Migratory Fish Transitioning from Freshwater to Saltwater Environments"

H.P. 902  L.D. 1241

(1-37) Bill "An Act To Establish Criteria for a Permit To Conduct Research in the Intertidal Zone"

H.P. 927  L.D. 1285

(1-38) Bill "An Act To Allow the Deposition of Oyster Shell Cultch To Ameliorate Ocean and Coastal Acidification"

H.P. 928  L.D. 1286

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES and ordered printed.
(1-39) Bill "An Act To Expand the Value of the Homestead Exemption to $25,000 and State Reimbursement to 100 Percent of Lost Property Tax Revenue"
H.P. 895  L.D. 1234

(1-40) Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Print Publications from Sales Tax"
H.P. 899  L.D. 1238

(1-41) Bill "An Act To Reinstitute the State Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors"
H.P. 903  L.D. 1242

(1-42) Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging and Provide Funding To Treat Opioid Use Disorder"
H.P. 915  L.D. 1254

(1-43) Bill "An Act To Provide a Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit"
H.P. 917  L.D. 1256

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

(1-44) Bill "An Act To Amend the Traffic Movement Permit Process To Incorporate a Multimodal Approach to Infrastructure Planning"
H.P. 884  L.D. 1223

(1-45) Bill "An Act To Prepare Maine for a Low-carbon Transportation Future"
H.P. 918  L.D. 1257

(1-46) Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs"
H.P. 919  L.D. 1258

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.
(1-47) Bill "An Act To Make Criteria for State Veterans' Benefits Consistent within the Maine Revised Statutes"

H.P. 887  L.D. 1226

(1-48) Bill "An Act To Authorize the Gambling Control Board To Accept an Application from the Passamaquoddy Tribe To Operate 50 Slot Machines in the Tribe's High-stakes Beano Facility"

H.P. 905  L.D. 1244

(1-49) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Referenda To Receive 60 Percent of the Vote To Become Law

H.P. 916  L.D. 1255

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

Joint Orders

(1-50) The following Joint Order:

H.P. 883

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources may report out, to the House, legislation implementing the recommendations contained in the annual product stewardship report by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Comes from the House, READ and PASSED.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-51) the Mt. Ararat and Brunswick Combined Wrestling Team, of Topsham and Brunswick, which won the Class A State Wrestling Championship, the program's first state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 121

(1-52) Ijeoma Obi, of Bangor, who has received a Hardy Girls Healthy Women Girls Rock! STEM-gineer of the Year Award for her success in the sciences. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 122
(1-53) Judy Ingram, of Parsonsfield, to whom the Town of Porter has dedicated its Town Report for her volunteer work and helping the people of the Kezar Falls area. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 123

(1-54) Timothy Roche, of Wells, coach of the Wells High School Football Team, who has been named the 2017-2018 Maine State Football Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 124

(1-55) Joseph Buccina, of Rumford, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 125

(1-56) the Woolwich Central School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Busline League Championship. Members of the team include Gavin Baillargeon, David Brown, Andrew Card, Nicholas Pesce, Atticus Simpson-Brown, Rainier Eich, Teagan Slone, Stone Medina, Sam Wilson, Isaiah Kilton, Sebastian Lafer, Trace McFarland and Thomas MacMahan; manager Sophie Harrigan; and coach Shawn Elwell. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 126

(1-57) the Woolwich Central School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Southern Division Championship. Members of the team include Edie McKay, Madyson Rittell, Alexandria Hall, Michaela Pettersen, Hollis James, Gretchen Johnston, Haley Kirkpatrick, Emaleigh Moniz, Chasity Rutledge, Apple Smith, Alexis Melvin and Izzabella Simmons; manager Sophie Harrigan; and coach Shawn Elwell. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 127

(1-58) Erik Benner, of Waldoboro, a student at Medomak Valley High School and a member of the wrestling team, who won the Class B State Championship in the 220-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 128

(1-59) Elias Miller, of Union, a student at Medomak Valley High School and a member of the wrestling team, who won the Class B State Championship in the 160-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 129

(1-60) the Medomak Valley High School Cheerleading Squad, of Waldoboro, which won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Championship, the team's fifth consecutive KVAC Class B championship victory. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 130
(1-61) Thomas P. Goulette, of Guilford, who is retiring as Town Manager of Guilford after over 20 years of public service, with 18 years of service as town manager. Mr. Goulette is a past president of the Maine Town, City and County Management Association and has received the association's Leadership Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 131

(1-62) Adam John DeWitt, of Sidney, a member of Troop No. 401, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 132

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-63) Janice Reed, of Rumford. Mrs. Reed was a licensed real estate broker, working for Shea Real Estate and then Century 21, later forming her own company, Sunnyside Properties, and retiring in 1997. She was very active in the community, having served as President of the Greater Rumford Chamber of Commerce and as a long-term officer of the Rumford Community Home Board of Directors. She was a charter member of the Rumford Book Club for over 45 years and served in various leadership positions. She served as a ballot clerk, was a Christmas in the Valley volunteer for many years and was a longtime member of the Rumford Polar Bears Snowmobile Club. Mrs. Reed will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of over 50 years, Thomas, by her family and friends and by all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 133

Comes from the House READ and ADOPTED.
March 13, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Mary O. Shea of Brownfield as Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Mary O. Shea of Brownfield for appointment as Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate’s confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor
March 13, 2019

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

RE: Reappointment of Jason A. Oney of Falmouth to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Jason A. Oney of Falmouth for reappointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate’s confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor
March 13, 2019

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

RE: Reappointment of Morten Arntzen of Norwalk, CT to the Board of Trustees
Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Morten Arntzen of Norwalk, CT for reappointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate’s confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

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March 13, 2019

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

RE: Reappointment of Arthur K. Watson, Jr. of New Canaan, CT to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Arthur K. Watson, Jr. of New Canaan, CT for reappointment to the Board of Trustees Maine Maritime Academy.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate’s confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

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March 13, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
129th Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333  

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,  

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

L.D. 962 An Act To Protect Shellfish in the Intertidal Zone by Including within the Definition of "Fish" the Taking of Spat and Seed

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dave Miramant  
Senate Chair  

House Chair
March 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 654 An Act Regarding Instruction in Civics in Secondary Schools

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rebecca Millett
Senate Chair

House Chair

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March 8, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 87    An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Deposit
L.D. 93    An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bottle Redemption To Counterbalance for Redemption Centers the Increase in Minimum Wage
L.D. 319   An Act To Standardize the Laws Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality
L.D. 360   An Act To Increase the Reimbursement to Bottle Redemption Centers (EMERGENCY)
L.D. 377   An Act To Protect Small Redemption Centers (EMERGENCY)
L.D. 378   An Act To Amend Maine's Bottle Deposit Law
L.D. 426   An Act To Increase the Beverage Container Redemption Reimbursement To Offset Minimum Wage Increases
L.D. 505   An Act To Require the Use of Reusable Food Ware at Eating Establishments
L.D. 575   An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Deposit and the Amount Retained by Bottle Redemption Centers
L.D. 579   An Act To Update Beverage Container Deposits and Redemption Values

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair                  House Chair
The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 13, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 842 An Act Relating to Insurance Companies and Totaled Motor Vehicles
L.D. 899 An Act To Increase Access to Health Care by Attracting Qualified Physicians to Maine

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair House Chair

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March 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 88 An Act To Require the Truthful Display of Gasoline Prices
L.D. 130 An Act To Provide Funding To Continue the Strategic Economic and Sustainable Development of Northern Aroostook County

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Erin Herbig
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen-Daughtry
House Chair
March 1, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 4 An Act To Encourage Applied Shellfish Research

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dave Miramant
Senate Chair

House Chair
March 11, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 554      An Act To Clarify the Authority To Recall Municipal Officials
L.D. 572      An Act Regarding the State Bird

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair        House Chair
March 13, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 272  An Act To Allow Voting by Mail
L.D. 667  RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That the Governor Be Elected by a Majority Vote

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

Senate Chair  House Chair
(3-1) Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops"
S.P. 407  L.D. 1311

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cospersoned by Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, CAMPBELL of Orrington, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Revise the Laws Regarding the Public Trust in Intertidal Lands"
S.P. 411  L.D. 1323

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cospersoned by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Promote Safe Schools through the Creation of the Safe School Climate Council"
S.P. 402  L.D. 1306

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cospersoned by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco.

Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Better Fund Nursing Homes in the State To Better Help the Elderly and Disabled"
S.P. 404  L.D. 1308

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cospersoned by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senator: BLACK of Franklin.
(3-5) Bill "An Act To Index MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Homes and Other Adult Care Facilities to Increases in the Minimum Wage"

S.P. 405  L.D. 1309

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Require Residential Mortgage Loan Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"

S.P. 415  L.D. 1327

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act To Promote Snowmobiling in Maine"

S.P. 403  L.D. 1307

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon, ORDWAY of Standish.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.
(3-8) Bill "An Act Regarding Access to Firearms by Extremely Dangerous and Suicidal Individuals"
S.P. 408  L.D. 1312
Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, HARNETT of Gardiner, HYMANSON of York, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RECKITT of South Portland.
Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

(3-9) Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security
S.P. 412  L.D. 1324
Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Allow Workplace Substance Use Testing for Fentanyl, Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone and Oxymorphone Use at the Employer's Discretion"
S.P. 413  L.D. 1325
Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais.
Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING suggested and ordered printed.

(3-11) Bill "An Act To Increase the Salaries of the Governor and Legislators"
S.P. 416  L.D. 1328
Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.
(3-12) Bill "An Act To Encourage Savings through Contributions to Family Development Accounts"

S.P. 401  L.D. 1305

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, HEPLER of Woolwich.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption"

S.P. 414  L.D. 1326

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: SHEATS of Auburn.

Committee on TAXATION suggested and ordered printed.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Address the Shortage of Department of Transportation Snowplow Drivers and Other Transportation Workers"

S.P. 406  L.D. 1310

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TIPPING of Orono.

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Allow Temporary Roadside Memorials for Deceased Victims of Traffic Accidents"

S.P. 417  L.D. 1329

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York. (BY REQUEST)

Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ordered printed.
ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Robert Henry Bishop Cox, of Chesterville, to whom the Town of Chesterville has dedicated its Town Report for his years of dedicated service to the town. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 134
Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-2) the Second Congregational Church, of Warren, which celebrated its 191st Anniversary on February 28, 2019. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 135
Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren.

(4-3) Kathryn Hopkins, of Norridgewock, who is being inducted into the Maple Hall of Fame at the International Maple Museum Centre by the North American Maple Syrup Council. Ms. Hopkins is only the second person from Maine to be so inducted. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 136
Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

(4-4) Alicia Lawrence, of Cape Elizabeth, a senior at Cape Elizabeth High School, who has been named a Distinguished Finalist for 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 137
Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland.
JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2019 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.
On motion by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CUDDY of Winterport, DOORE of Augusta, PEOPLES of Westbrook, RYKERSON of Kittery), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 410

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Maine State Housing Authority, also known as MaineHousing, was established as a quasi-public housing agency charged with expanding affordable housing opportunities for the State's low-income and moderate-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has been helping Maine people own, rent, repair and heat their homes since 1969; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has financed 54,851 first-time homebuyer mortgages and 323 affordable apartment projects with a total of 10,697 units; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has helped 23,038 low-income families and seniors afford their rents, weatherized 15,292 homes, served an average of over 42,000 households a year with fuel assistance benefits, helped shelter the homeless and provided needed repairs to many thousands of homes, addressing problems of radon, arsenic, accessibility, lead paint and general disrepair; and

WHEREAS, through prudent investment, MaineHousing has grown to become a $1.8 billion public purpose financial institution with its bonds rated AA+, thanks to the support of a wide network of partners including Maine's financial institutions, real estate agents, community action agencies, local homeless shelters, developers, apartment owners and managers, landlords and federal and state political leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Maine State Housing Authority and its record of success in service to the people of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine State Housing Authority.
Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-7) Paul Romanelli, of Houlton, a longtime local physician. Dr. Romanelli moved to Houlton in 1976, where he maintained a private practice in internal medicine while also treating patients at a weekly oncology clinic. He served as Director of Medical Affairs at Houlton Regional Hospital for more than 25 years. Dr. Romanelli was also active in his community and was on the Houlton Town Council for 13 years, serving as chairman and advocating for the preservation of Houlton's history while also exploring possibilities for new business and development. He was a member of several local boards as well as the Elks Lodge, Monument Lodge No. 96, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights Templar St. Aldemar Commandery No. 17 and the Anah Temple Shrine. Dr. Romanelli will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 49 years, Carlene, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 138

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Questions Regarding Criminal History on Certain State Employment Applications"

H.P. 133  L.D. 170

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.
Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-2) The Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks, Camping Areas and Beaches"

H.P. 132  L.D. 169

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

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

(5-3) The Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Clarify That Food and Food Products Containing Hemp-derived Cannabidiol Produced and Sold within the State Are Not Adulterated and To Match the State's Definition of 'Hemp' to the Definition in Federal Law" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 459  L.D. 630

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-10).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-10).

(5-4) The Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals"

H.P. 357  L.D. 472

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-12).
(5-5) The Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Establish a Recall Process for Elected Officials in Plantations" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 56  L.D. 59

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8).

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Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Fund the School Revolving Renovation Fund"
H.P. 313  L.D. 404

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).

Signed:

Senators:
    MILLETT of Cumberland
    CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
    KORNFIELD of Bangor
    BRENNAN of Portland
    DODGE of Belfast
    FARNSWORTH of Portland
    INGWERSEN of Arundel
    McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:
    POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
    DRINKWATER of Milford
    FECTEAU of Augusta
    RUDNICKI of Fairfield
    SAMPSON of Alfred

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-9).
Divided Report

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Increase the Required Number of Qualifying Contributions Gubernatorial Candidates Must Obtain To Qualify as Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

H.P. 165  L.D. 202

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
    LUCHINI of Hancock
    CYRWAY of Kennebec
    HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:
    SCHNECK of Bangor
    ACKLEY of Monmouth
    COOPER of Yarmouth
    HANINGTON of Lincoln
    HICKMAN of Winthrop
    HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
    McCREIGHT of Harpswell

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15).

Signed:

Representatives:
    ANDREWS of Paris
    DOLLOFF of Rumford
    STROM of Pittsfield

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.
(5-8) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Town of Madison's Department of Electric Works"

S.P. 207  L.D. 694

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-9) Senator MILLETT for the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools"

S.P. 119  L.D. 441

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-14).

(5-10) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Improve the Record Keeping of the Public Utilities Commission"

S.P. 21  L.D. 68

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12).

(5-11) Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Qualifications for County Sheriffs"

S.P. 134  L.D. 456

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13).
(5-12) Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs"

S.P. 23  L.D. 70

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10).**

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**Divided Report**

(5-13) The Majority of the Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING on Bill "An Act To Protect Earned Pay"

S.P. 28  L.D. 75

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11).**

Signed:

Senators:
   BELLows of Kennebec  
   LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:
   SYLVESTER of Portland  
   CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth  
   CUDDY of Winterport  
   DOORE of Augusta  
   PEOPLES of Westbrook  
   RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Representatives:
   AUSTIN of Gray  
   BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
   LOCKMAN of Bradley  
   MORRIS of Turner
SECOND READERS

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

Senate As Amended

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Permit Disability Insurance To Be Offered through the Surplus Lines Market"

S.P. 72  L.D. 260
(C "A" S-7)

(6-2) Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 113  L.D. 435
(C "A" S-8)

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions"

S.P. 155  L.D. 490
(C "A" S-9)

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act To Provide That Persons Who Produce Maple Syrup and Honey Commercially Are Eligible for the Sales Tax Refund and Exemption for Commercial Agricultural Production

H.P. 72  L.D. 86

Emergency Resolve

(7-2) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

H.P. 84  L.D. 98
(C "A" H-3)
Emergency Resolve

(7-3) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization
H.P. 86  L.D. 100

Acts

(7-4) An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Reporting Requirements
H.P. 26  L.D. 25
(C "A" H-2)

(7-5) An Act To Clarify Maine Law Regarding the Tips of Service Employees
H.P. 67  L.D. 81

Resolve

(7-6) Resolve, To Rename the Stillwater Bridges in Old Town the Llewellyn Estes Bridge
H.P. 170  L.D. 207
ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Sustain Maine's Forest Products Industry by Implementing Certain Existing Solid Waste Management Policies"

S.P. 96  L.D. 356

Tabled - January 24, 2019 by Senator DILL of Penobscot

Pending - REFERENCE

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

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2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce"

H.P. 468  L.D. 647

Tabled - February 28, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS.)

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3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - HONORING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

H.P. 754

Tabled - February 28, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - ADOPTION

(In House, READ and ADOPTED.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program"

S.P. 311  L.D. 1051

Tabled - February 28, 2019 by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING suggested and ordered printed.)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Improve the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"

S.P. 352  L.D. 1164

Tabled - March 7, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS suggested and ordered printed.)
6. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Provide Ready Access to Defibrillators in Businesses and Pharmacies"
S.P. 355  L.D. 1169

Tabled - March 7, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

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

7. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence and To Support Survivors"
S.P. 357  L.D. 1171

Tabled - March 12, 2019 by Senator BREEN of Cumberland

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.)

8. Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Michael J. Tarpinan, of Westbrook
SLS 128

Tabled - March 14, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 477 - S.P. 141 (C "A" S-1)