5th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, January 23, 2020.

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

Prayer by Pastor Dan Coleman of Central Church in Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Shenna Lee Bellows of Kennebec County.


Doctor of the day, Connie Adler, MD of Chesterville.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 735

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 10:00 in the Morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Arthur J. Blank, of Bar Harbor, who is retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mount Desert Island Hospital after more than 20 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 779

(1-2) Cole Farms, a restaurant in Gray owned and operated by Brad Pollard and his family, which is celebrating 68 years of business. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 781

(1-3) Larry Gardner, of Fort Fairfield, coach of the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School basketball team, who has recently achieved his 400th coaching victory. Mr. Gardner has coached basketball for over 30 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 782

(1-4) Janet "Janie" Shepard Vogt, of Bethel. Mrs. Vogt managed Shepard's Camps on Lake Pennesseewassee with her mother and sister for many years. She gardened in the English cottage style, and her gardens were featured in local and national publications. Mrs. Vogt will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 68 years, Frank, her family and her friends;

HLS 783

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.
Joint Resolution

(1-5) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1464

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

WHEREAS, January 20, 2020 marks the national and state holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorating his birth on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., was a Baptist minister who advocated the furtherance of civil and human rights for all Americans through nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, this man of great spirit showed this country a dream of "an oasis of freedom and justice"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King, a model of an American patriot, provided the nation with one of the most prophetic and influential voices in our history; and

WHEREAS, for his tireless work to ensure equality and justice, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, a high and honorable distinction, in 1964; and

WHEREAS, his eloquence, his perseverance and his faith moved mountains and brought about landmark legal and social changes by appealing to the better instincts and consciences of his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which ended so tragically on April 4, 1968, is a shining example to Americans and citizens of the world at large of uncompromising dedication to the highest ideals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary life and works of this teacher, reformer and humanitarian, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pause in our deliberations to recognize and commemorate the occasion of his birth.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED.
COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication: S.C. 829

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 17, 2020

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
129th 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 Environment and Natural Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Steven K. Pelletier of Topsham, for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

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 1 Foley, R. of York
Representatives 6 Tucker, R. of Brunswick, Campbell, D. of Orrington, Fay, J. of Raymond, Gramlich, L. of Old Orchard Beach, Hobbs, D. of Wells, Skolfield, T. of Weld

NAYS 0


Seven 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 Steven K. Pelletier of Topsham, for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brownie Carson            S/Ralph L. Tucker
Senate Chair                House Chair
(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 824

STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER’S OFFICE

January 17, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, §272, I have appointed the following to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council effective immediately:

Chase Jackson of Allagash
Dr. Deborah Hagler of Harpswell

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

S/Sincerely,

Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
The Following Communication:  

S.C. 825

STATE OF MAINE  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 17, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 22, §272, we are pleased to appoint Edward Miller to seat number 8 on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

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January 17, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 22, §272, we are pleased to appoint Deborah Deatrick to seat number 9 on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson       S/Sara Gideon
President of the Senate  Speaker of the House
January 17, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, §272, I am pleased to appoint Hilary Schneider to seat number 3 on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
January 17, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, §272, I am pleased to appoint Heather Smith to seat number 6 on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
January 21, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a) and Joint Rule 371, I have temporarily appointed Representative Thom Harnett of Gardiner as a member of the Government Oversight Committee replacing Representative Margaret O’Neil of Saco until further notice, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
January 22, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator James Hamper to the Government Oversight Committee. With this appointment, he will be replacing Senator Paul Davis, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
January 22, 2020

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate  
The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House  
State House  
Augusta, ME  04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

It is my pleasure to nominate Katherine McBrien of Union for appointment as the Maine State Archivist.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. § 93, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and confirmation by the Senate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 626-8401.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

January 13, 2020

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 569 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Submit to the United States Secretary of Agriculture a Plan for Continued Implementation of the Maine Industrial Hemp Program (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair
STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 17, 2020

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. 1786 An Act To Update Maine's Sales Prohibition on Upholstered Furniture Treated with Flame-retardant Chemicals
- L.D. 1823 An Act To Allow a Float Haul-out or Marine Way within Shoreland Zone Setbacks

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brownie Carson
Senate Chair

House Chair
January 17, 2020

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

Dear President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2020.

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

S/Sincerely,

Amy M. Sneirson  
Executive Director
The Following Communication:

S.C. 831

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
94 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332

January 30, 2020

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine due February 1, 2020.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/ Bruce Wagner
Chief Executive Officer

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Authorize the Automatic Continuation of Absentee Voter Status until the Termination of That Status"

S.P. 736 L.D. 2067

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: CHENETTE of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MOONEN of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Jerry Dunivan, of Plymouth, 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;

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth.

SLS 955

(4-2) the Hampden Children's Day Committee, 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;

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: HAGGAN of Hampden.

SLS 956

(4-3) Debra Ryan, of Etna, 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;

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, REED of Carmel.

SLS 957

(4-4) Robert Davis, of Corinna, 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;

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth.

SLS 958

(4-5) William Palmer, of Carmel, 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;

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: REED of Carmel.

SLS 959
(4-6) Bob Mercer, of Machiasport, 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;

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-7) Raymond Phillips, of East Machias, 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;

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-8) David Perham, of Columbia Falls, 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;

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: ALLEY of Beals.

(4-9) Hazel Goodwin, of Shapleigh, 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;

Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: KRYZAK of Acton, SAMPSON of Alfred.

(4-10) Peter Washington, of Newfield, 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;

Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.

(4-11) Hilary Wallis, of Newfield, 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;

Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.
(4-12) Martha Morrison, of Newfield, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.

(4-13) Bruce Colwell, of Newfield, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative: SAMPSON of Alfred.

(4-14) Thomas and Janet Carper, of Cornish, recipients 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;  
Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

(4-15) Rosalie Poland, of Woodstock, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: DOLLOFF of Rumford.

(4-16) Leon Poland, of Woodstock, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: DOLLOFF of Rumford.

(4-17) Robert and Druscilla Breton, of Rumford, recipients 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: DOLLOFF of Rumford.
(4-18) Sylvia Touchette, of Roxbury, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: DOLLOFF of Rumford.

(4-19) Ryan and Amanda Putnam, of Peru, recipients 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

(4-20) James Sysko, of Newry, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HEAD of Bethel.

(4-21) Michael Orff, of Mexico, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

(4-22) Barbara and Irving Robinson, of Hanover, recipients 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HEAD of Bethel.

(4-23) Fred Henderson, of Greenwood, 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;  
Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HEAD of Bethel.
(4-24) Deborah Morang, of Dixfield, 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;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

(4-25) James Young, of Bethel, 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;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HEAD of Bethel.

(4-26) Shoulder to Shoulder, of Livermore Falls, 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;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: RILEY of Jay.

(4-27) Lew Lyman, of Livermore, 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;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, RILEY of Jay.

(4-28) Raymond Broomhall, of Mexico, to whom, for contributions to the community, the Town of Mexico has dedicated its Town Report. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield.

(4-29) the Honorable H. Sawin Millett, Jr., of Waterford, State Representative of District 71, who is retiring as Waterford moderator after 40 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Luc Perreault, of Hamlin, a student at Van Buren District School and a player on the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

The Vassalboro Before/After School Program, which has received the 2018-19 School Year Gold Recognition from the 5210 Let's Go! Program for its support of healthy eating and increased physical activity. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, DOW of Lincoln, FOLEY of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, HYMANSON of York, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, TEPLER of Topsham), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 733

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP AND THE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED BY THIRTY-ONE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, January 27, 2020 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp; and

WHEREAS, on this anniversary, the Legislature recommits itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2016, 31 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp and the working definition of antisemitism.
(4-33) On motion by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc (Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, STANLEY of Medway, STEWART of Presque Isle, TIPPING of Orono), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 734

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 31, 2020 AS EITC AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 31, 2020 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA$H Maine, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CA$H Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than $3,800,000 in tax filing fees and claim nearly $4,200,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over $20,600,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 31, 2020 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

_________________________________
Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-34) Joel David Davis, of Hallowell. Mr. Davis worked for the Office of Energy Resources within the Governor's executive office before becoming a well-respected financial planner known for encouraging his clients to be generously philanthropic, working for American Express, later Ameriprise, and founding Cribstone Capital Management in 2012. Ameriprise recognized him as the leading financial advisor in Maine for many decades; he was a member of their elite Diamond Ring Club, an honor accorded fewer than 600 financial planners nationwide in the history of the enterprise. He served on the Hallowell City Council and the Hallowell TIF Policy Committee, was on the Advisory Council for Maine Initiatives and served as president of Temple Beth El in Augusta. The son of Holocaust survivors initially denied visas to the United States, Mr. Davis was known for his work with immigrant communities in central Maine, as he was heavily involved in the Capital Area New Mainers project. He hired immigrants and refugees to work at his business, Central Maine Meats, and worked to sell halal meats to the area's growing Muslim population. Mr. Davis's acts of personal kindness and solicitude were well-known, and he will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 985

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.
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

An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program

S.P. 266  L.D. 912

(C "A" S-193)

Tabled - June 20, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(CARRIED OVER to any Special or Regular Sessions, or both, of the 129th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1322)

(RECALLED From Governor’s Desk pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 266)

(In Senate, June 7, 2019, PASSED TO BE ENACTED in concurrence.)

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure, Economic Development, Workforce Development and Energy and Environment Investment

S.P. 621  L.D. 1836

(C "A" S-354)

Tabled - June 20, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - ENACTMENT in NON-CONCURRENCE

(CARRIED OVER to any Special or Regular Sessions, or both, of the 129th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1322)

(In Senate, June 20, 2019, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-354).)

(In House, FAILED ENACTMENT.)
3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Serious Bodily Injury' in the Maine Criminal Code
S.P. 302  L.D. 1023
(C "A" S-116)

Tabled - June 20, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(CARRIED OVER to any Special or Regular Sessions, or both, of the 129th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1322)

(RECALLED From Governor’s Desk pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 629)

(In Senate, June 19, 2019, PASSED TO BE ENACTED in concurrence.)

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State"
S.P. 175  L.D. 553
(C "A" S-318)

Tabled - January 14, 2020 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, June 19, 2019, PASSED TO BE ENACTED in concurrence.)

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)
5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Create a Credit under the Commercial Forestry Excise Tax for Landowners Using Businesses Based in the United States"

S.P. 80  L.D. 268
(C "A" S-218; S "A" S-277 to C "A" S-218)

Tabled - January 14, 2020 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, June 18, 2019, PASSED TO BE ENACTED in concurrence.)

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

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6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Information by the Secretary of State"

S.P. 718  L.D. 2028

Tabled - January 14, 2020 by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Pending - REFERENCE

(Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.)

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7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, To Require the Construction of a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent

S.P. 295  L.D. 1016
(C "A" S-94; S "A" S-335 to C "A" S-94)

Tabled - January 14, 2020 by Senator DILL of Penobscot

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(RECALLED from the Governor's Desk, pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 704), in concurrence.)

(In Senate, June 20, 2019, FINALLY PASSED in concurrence.)

(In House, FINALLY PASSED.)

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8. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

H.P. 1454  L.D. 2043

Tabled - January 21, 2020 by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York

Pending - REFERENCE

(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed.)

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Resolve, To Establish a Background Check Consolidation Commission

H.P. 436  L.D. 592
(C "A" H-35)

Tabled - April 11, 2019 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

2.

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
(C "A" H-452)

Tabled - June 7, 2019 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

3.

Resolve, To Establish the Work Group To Study the Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers

S.P. 198  L.D. 636
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