Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Second Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

13th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 20, 2020.

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

Prayer by Reverend Jane White Hassler of St. James Episcopal Church in Old Town.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthew G. Pouliot of Kennebec County.


Doctor of the day, Renee Fay-LeBlanc, MD of Portland.
Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 757

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:00 in the Morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Roger Hooper, of Lyman, for his 41 years of dedicated service to Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue, including nearly 8 years of service as the first full-time chief, and his service to the towns of Dayton and Lyman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 837

Comes from the House, READ and PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 932

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

February 14, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §2003, I have appointed Leticia van Vuuren of Rockland to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
February 13, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services from its review and evaluation of the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services finds that the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick  S/Representative Patricia Hymanson
Senate Chair     House Chair
February 13, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson
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Speaker of the House of Representatives

129th Legislature
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Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services from its review and evaluation of the Maine Children’s Trust under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services finds that the Maine Children’s Trust is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick  S/Representative Patricia Hymanson
Senate Chair     House Chair

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Reduce Financial Burdens on Small Water Utilities" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1442  L.D. 2032

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 EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Reserve Funds of Certain School Organizational Structures"
H.P. 1366  L.D. 1918

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-681).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-681).

(5-3) The Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING on Bill "An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Maine"
H.P. 1363  L.D. 1909

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-680).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-680).

Senate
Ought to Pass

(5-4) Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Establish the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority"
S.P. 723  L.D. 2050

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

(5-5) Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Amend the Qualifications for the State Nuclear Safety Inspector"
S.P. 724  L.D. 2051

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 12: Licensure of Manufacturers and Wholesalers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1338  L.D. 1872
(6-2) Bill "An Act To Require Background Investigations for Certain Individuals To Receive Federal Tax Information in Accordance with Federal Standards" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 1375  L.D. 1931

House As Amended

(6-3) Bill "An Act To Establish Standards for Operation and Maintenance and Asset Management for Publicly Owned Treatment Works and Municipal Satellite Collection Systems"  
H.P. 1263  L.D. 1779
(C "A" H-677)

(6-4) Bill "An Act To Support Replacement of At-risk Home Heating Oil Tanks"  
H.P. 1264  L.D. 1780
(C "A" H-678)

(6-5) Bill "An Act To Protect Teachers from Professional Teacher Certificate Endorsement Changes"  
H.P. 1329  L.D. 1858
(C "A" H-676)

(6-6) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Use of Adjunct Professors in Maine's Public University and College System  
H.P. 1344  L.D. 1878
(C "A" H-679)

Senate As Amended

(6-7) Bill "An Act To Clarify Lobbyist Reporting Requirements and Simplify Registration Requirements for State Employees Who Lobby on Behalf of a State Department or Agency"  
S.P. 639  L.D. 1867
(C "A" S-389)

(6-8) Bill "An Act To Amend the Unemployment Compensation Laws" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 658  L.D. 1911
(C "A" S-388)

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences  
H.P. 1326  L.D. 1855
(C "A" H-671)
(7-2) An Act To Clarify the Law Protecting Job Applicants from Identity Theft
   S.P. 688  L.D. 1986

(7-3) An Act To Remove Nighttime Restrictions on Lobster Fishing in a Certain Area in the Bay of Fundy
   H.P. 1495  L.D. 2098

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment 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.)

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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 ENACTED 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 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.)

5.

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.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Rwanda Bean, in South Portland

SLS 987

Tabled - January 28, 2020 by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland

Pending - PASSAGE
7. **Tabled and Later Assigned**

**JOINT ORDER - Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs To Report Out a Bill Regarding the Study of the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System and Increased Crosswalks for Academic Credit between Secondary Schools and Career and Technical Education Programs**

S.P. 740

Tabled - January 30, 2020 by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

8. **Tabled and Later Assigned**

**Bill "An Act To Improve Consistency within the Maine Human Rights Act"**

H.P. 1218  L.D. 1703  
(C "A" H-643; S "A" S-349;  
H "A" H-654)

Tabled - February 4, 2020 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 20, 2019, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in concurrence.)

In House, **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1426.

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" (H-665) in NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

9. **Tabled and Later Assigned**

**JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Todd N. Tolhurst, of South China.**

SLS 1025

Tabled - February 4, 2020 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **ADOPTION**
10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Create Certain Recreational Opportunities on State-owned Land"

S.P. 390  L.D. 1270

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (11 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - February 18, 2020 by Senator DILL of Penobscot

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report

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
(C "A" S-236)

Tabled - June 11, 2019 by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

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