



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Confirmation Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

1st Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, October 10, 2024.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Part First, Section 8 of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber at 10:00 in the Morning and was called to order by President **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Senator Peter Lyford of Penobscot County.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Donna Bailey of York County.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 1184

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 26, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Please be advised that in accordance with Article 5, Part 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of Maine, the Maine Senate will convene Thursday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting on a number of appointments put forward by the Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
Maine Senate President

QUORUM CALL

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 29

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that in accordance with Article V, Part First, Section 8 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1183

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 26, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I am pleased to appoint Senator Lisa Keim to the Committee on Judiciary. With this appointment, she will be taking the place of Senator Eric Brakey, who has decided to step down. Her appointment is effective the date of this letter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1181

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

September 30, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing Representative Chad Perkins of Dover-Foxcroft, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans' and Legal Affairs, effective immediately. Representative Perkins is replacing Representative John Andrews of Paris. This appointment will expire at the end of the day today, September 30, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1150

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

August 26, 2024

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

Re: Nomination to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Perry A. Ellsworth of Strong for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A. §683-A, this nomination is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1151

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

August 26, 2024

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

RE: Board of Pesticides Control

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to the Board of Pesticides Control:

For reappointment: Curtis Bohlen of Pownal and Robert Carlton of Freeman Township

For appointment: Phillip D. Fanning of Bangor and Justin Gray of Gray

Pursuant to Title 22, M.R.S.A § 1471-B, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1152

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

August 26, 2024

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

Re: Nomination to the State Harness Racing Commission

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate the following individuals to the State Harness Racing Commission:

- Patricia A. Varnum of Greene and Harry B. Center, II of Yarmouth for reappointment.

Pursuant to Title 8 M.R.S.A. §261-A, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1154

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

August 26, 2024

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

Re: Nomination of the Commissioner of Department of Health and Human Services

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Sara Gagné-Holmes of Readfield for appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services:

Pursuant to Title 22-A MRSA §204, this nomination is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1155

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

August 26, 2024

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

Re: Nomination to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate the following individuals to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees:

- Owen McCarthy of Gorham for reappointment.
- Elise Baldacci of North Yarmouth for appointment.

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §12004-C, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1156

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

August 29, 2024

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

Re: Nomination to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate the following individuals to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees:

- Philip Hussey of Scarborough
- Simon Ferland of Bangor as a graduate student member
- William Kemler of Machias as an undergraduate student member

Pursuant to Title 5, M.R.S.A. §12004-C, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1157

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

September 4, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of Chief Shawn J. Esler of Albion as Maine State Fire Marshal

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to inform you, that pursuant to his authority under Title 25 MRSA §2396 and with my advice and consent, Commissioner Sauschuck has nominated Chief Shawn J. Esler for appointment as Maine State Fire Marshal.

This appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1158

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

September 5, 2024

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

RE: Appointments to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Nina A. Fisher of Farmingdale and Matthew J. Garside of Poland for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, these appointments are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1159

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

September 5, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of Beth Ahearn, Esquire of Freeport to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Beth Ahearn, Esquire of Freeport for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.
Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1170

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

September 13, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable MaryGay Kennedy as an Active Retired Justice of the
Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Brunswick for appointment as an
Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on
confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1171

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

September 13, 2024

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Peter L. Darvin and appointment of Harris A. Mattson, Esq. and Julia Greenleaf Pitney, Esq. as Judges of the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Peter L. Darvin of Portland, Harris A. Mattson, Esq. of Holden and Julia Greenleaf Pitney, Esq. of Yarmouth as Judges of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1177

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

September 17, 2024

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

Pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Simon Ferland of Bangor for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees at the request of the nominee.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1182

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

October 1, 2024

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

RE: Maine Turnpike Authority

Dear President Jackson:

Pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Matthew Garside for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, at the request of the nominee.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1153

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

August 28, 2024

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
131st Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Hancock County Commissioners on April 23, 2024.

Millard Billings of Franklin

The County asks that this nomination be considered to fill the four-year term that ends on July 8, 2028, which is scheduled to be filled by Hancock County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA 683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Suzanne M. Gresser
Executive Director

(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1163

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Curtis Bohlen of Pownal, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Curtis Bohlen of Pownal, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1164

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Robert S. Carlton of Freeman Township, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Robert S. Carlton of Freeman Township, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1167

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven 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 Phillip D. Fanning of Bangor, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-20) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1168

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven 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 Justin Gray of Gray, for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-21) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1162

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Millard Billings of Franklin, for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven 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 Millard Billings of Franklin, for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-22) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1166

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Perry A. Ellsworth of Strong, for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven 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 Perry A. Ellsworth of Strong, for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-23) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1165

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Harry B. Center, II of Yarmouth, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven 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 Harry B. Center, II of Yarmouth, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-24) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1169

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

September 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Patricia A. Varnum of Greene, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin, Hickman, C. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Osher, L. of Orono
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Shaw, K. of Auburn

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Patricia A. Varnum of Greene, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-25) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1178

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

September 27, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has had under consideration the nomination of Shawn J. Esler of Albion, for appointment as the State Fire Marshal.

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	Beebe-Center, A. of Knox
	Representatives	8	Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Ardell, D. of Monticello, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, Lajoie, M. of Lewiston, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Milliken, N. of Blue Hill, Newman, D. of Belgrade, Nutting, R. of Oakland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Harrington, M. of York, Sen. LaFountain, D. of Kennebec, Rep. Lookner, G. of Portland, Rep. Perkins, C. of Dover-Foxcroft

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Shawn J. Esler of Albion, for appointment as the State Fire Marshal be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair



(2-26) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1173

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

September 17, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Philip Hussey of Scarborough, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	4	Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	2	Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Philip Hussey of Scarborough, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair



(2-27) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1174

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

September 17, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Owen McCarthy of Gorham, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	6	Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Owen McCarthy of Gorham, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair



(2-28) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1175

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

September 17, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of William Kemler of Machias, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	6	Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of William Kemler of Machias, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair



(2-29) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1176

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

September 17, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Elise M. Baldacci of North Yarmouth, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	4	Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	2	Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Elise M. Baldacci of North Yarmouth, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair



(2-30) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1172

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

September 16, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the nomination of Sara Gagné-Holmes of Readfield, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Ingwersen, H. of York, Moore, M. of Washington
	Representatives	7	Meyer, M. of Eliot, Craven, M. of Lewiston, Graham, A. of North Yarmouth, Griffin, A. of Levant, Javner, K. of Chester, Madigan, C. of Waterville, Shagoury, D. of Hallowell
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	2	Fredericks, A. of Sanford, Lemelin, M. of Chelsea
ABSENT		1	Rep. Zager, S. of Portland

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Sara Gagné-Holmes of Readfield, for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Michele Meyer
House Chair



(2-31) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1185

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

October 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Julia Greenleaf Pitney of Yarmouth, for appointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	9	Moonen, M. of Portland, Beck, M. of South Portland, Haggan, D. of Hampden, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Bailey, D. of York

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Eleven 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 Julia Greenleaf Pitney of Yarmouth, for appointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen
House Chair



(2-32) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1186

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

October 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Harris Mattson of Holden, for appointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	9	Moonen, M. of Portland, Beck, M. of South Portland, Haggan, D. of Hampden, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Sen. Bailey, D. of York

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Eleven 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 Harris Mattson of Holden, for appointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen
House Chair



(2-33) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1187

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

October 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Peter Darvin of Portland, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	8	Moonen, M. of Portland, Beck, M. of South Portland, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of the Honorable Peter Darvin of Portland, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen
House Chair



(2-34) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1188

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

October 9, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Brunswick, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Keim, L. of Oxford
	Representatives	8	Moonen, M. of Portland, Beck, M. of South Portland, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Lee, A. of Auburn, Moriarty, S. of Cumberland, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Sheehan, E. of Biddeford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of the Honorable MaryGay Kennedy of Brunswick, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Matt Moonen
House Chair



(2-35) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1180

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

October 3, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Nina A. Fisher of Farmingdale, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Farrin, B. of Somerset, Nangle, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Crafts, L. of Newcastle, Albert, R. of Madawaska, Ankeles, D. of Brunswick, Mason, R. of Lisbon, O'Connell, K. of Brewer, Parry, W. of Arundel, Theriault, A. of Fort Kent, White, B. of Waterville, White, J. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Eaton, H. of Deer Isle

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Nina A. Fisher of Farmingdale, for appointment the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Lydia Crafts
House Chair



(2-36) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1179

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

September 30, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Beth Ahearn, Esq. of Freeport, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Timberlake, J. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	5	Supica, L. of Bangor, Collings, B. of Portland, Hymes, B. of Waldo, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Montell, K. of Gardiner
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	3	Boyer, D. of Poland, Perkins, C. of Dover-Foxcroft, Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield
ABSENT		1	Rep. Rielly, M. of Westbrook

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and three in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Beth Ahearn, Esq. of Freeport, for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Laura Supica
House Chair



ORDERS

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 30

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that the Senate has transacted all business before it and is ready to Adjourn Without Day.
