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Advance Journal and Calendar

7th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Senate called to Order by President Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Pastor Mark Philbrick of Clinton Baptist Church.

National Anthem Performed by Biddeford High School Marching Band.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Robert Rousseau, PA-C, EM-CAQ of Sidney.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity"

S.P. 149 L.D. 383

In Senate, February 4, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) Jeffrey Thompson, Jr., of Old Orchard Beach, the Old Orchard Beach Deputy Town Clerk, on his retirement after 24 years of public service. Mr. Thompson has served on a wide array of committees, task forces and other assignments for the town. To name a few, he has been an officer and a member of the Old Orchard Beach Town Committee and served on the Town of Old Orchard Beach Board that interviewed potential police officers. He also was a member of the Planning Board, Assessment Board of Review, Memorial Park Advisory Committee and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 29

(1-3) Meredith McGonigle, of Kittery, who is a recipient of a 2024 Scholastic Art and Writing Award National Medalist Gold Medal from the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers for her artwork "The 100s Museum." We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 31

(1-4) Douglas Bell, of Caribou, on his retirement from the Caribou Police Department after over 35 years of public service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 32

(1-5) the Town of Medway on the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation. Medway quickly became a hub for Maine's thriving timber industry after it was founded in 1875 at the confluence of the East and West branches of the Penobscot River, which served as highways for transporting logs and powering local sawmills. Beyond its industrial roots, Medway's rich history is built on the town's resilience, community and natural surroundings. As a gateway to the Katahdin region, the town has long drawn visitors to explore its rugged landscapes. Today, Medway's residents balance growth with conservation, ensuring their heritage and environment are preserved for the future. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 34

(1-6) Jose Gomez, of Waterville, an officer with the Topsham Police Department, in recognition of his bravery. Officer Gomez displayed remarkable courage and empathy during a life-threatening incident on December 31, 2024. Responding to a crisis involving a distraught individual, Officer Gomez encountered the driver of an 18-wheeler parked on a busy bridge, overwhelmed by personal loss and despair. As the individual attempted to leap over a bridge railing in an effort to take his own life, Officer Gomez acted decisively and without hesitation. Placing himself in harm's way, he seized the larger man's leg and, despite a struggle, succeeded in pulling him back to safety. Demonstrating exceptional strength and calm, Officer Gomez subdued the individual with compassion, keeping a steady and reassuring hand on his back until additional help arrived. Through his actions, Officer Gomez embodied the highest standards of law enforcement, showcasing a deep commitment to the preservation of life, unwavering bravery in the face of danger and extraordinary empathy in a moment of crisis. His intervention not only saved a life but also exemplified the power of human connection and kindness in moments of profound need. We commend Officer Gomez for his selfless dedication and heroic actions and offer him our best wishes;

HLS 35

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

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-7) Joe Lewis, of Portland. Mr. Lewis moved to Portland in 1999 with his young family. He earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Maine School of Law in 2010 and then started Port City Legal. At the firm he emphasised respect and compassion for his clients while making a home for the firm's employees. A vital presence in the Portland legal community and friend to lawyers and court staff alike, he was a founding member of the Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program, devoting hours to people in need of advocacy. Mr. Lewis will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 30

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

(1-8) Stanley John McGray, of Skowhegan, owner and operator of Stan's Fries since 1987. Mr. McGray, whose fries were the official fries of the Skowhegan State Fair, left a lasting legacy in the Skowhegan community and the Maine Agricultural Fair Association. Mr. McGray will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 33

Come from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 220

**MAINE SENATE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

February 5, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 5, 2025, 25 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 5, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food" (S.P. 206) (L.D. 468) (Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, PLUECKER of Warren, SALISBURY of Westbrook, DUCHARME of Madison, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

Bill "An Act to Support Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in Maine" (S.P. 213) (L.D. 473) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 194) (L.D. 461) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, QUINT of Hodgdon, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STROUT of Harrington, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation" (S.P. 190) (L.D. 457) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BECK of South Portland and Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act to Require School Administrative Units to Adopt Mentoring Programs for Teachers and to Improve Existing Programs" (S.P. 209) (L.D. 470) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SARGENT of York, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Expand Intensive English Language Learner Programs (S.P. 210) (L.D. 471) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, YUSUF of Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 201) (L.D. 466) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act to Prioritize State Access to Electricity Generated in Canada via High-impact Electric Transmission Lines" (S.P. 207) (L.D. 469) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, SMITH of Palermo)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees" (S.P. 200) (L.D. 465) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Environment and Protect Natural Resources" (S.P. 214) (L.D. 474) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Ban the Sale of Polystyrene Packing Peanuts in the State" (S.P. 216) (L.D. 476) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, ANKELES of Brunswick)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay 90 Percent of All General Assistance Expenses of Municipalities and Indian Tribes" (S.P. 186) (L.D. 453) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Use of Prior Authorization for Health Care Provider Services" (S.P. 192) (L.D. 459) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve Public Defense Services" (S.P. 189) (L.D. 456) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Improve Court Procedure and Update Family Law" (S.P. 191) (L.D. 458) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (S.P. 196) (L.D. 462) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Part B Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees" (S.P. 205) (L.D. 467) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Marine Resources" (S.P. 215) (L.D. 475) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General by Ranked-choice Voting (S.P. 185) (L.D. 452) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Statewide Popular Election of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General for 4-year Terms (S.P. 188) (L.D. 455) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: SUPICA of Bangor)

Transportation

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Newfield the Dam's Mills Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 193) (L.D. 460) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland)

Resolve, to Rename the New Ten Mile River Bridge on Pequawket Trail in Brownfield the Brownfield Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 197) (L.D. 463) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Resolve, to Rename the Brackett Mill Bridge in Denmark the Brackett Mill Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 198) (L.D. 464) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative CIMINO of Bridgton)

Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal (S.P. 212) (L.D. 472) (Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, BALDACCI of Penobscot, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Allow Candidates for Secretary of State or Attorney General to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act" (S.P. 187) (L.D. 454) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.P. 235

**MAINE SENATE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

February 7, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 7, 2025, 12 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 7, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Maintain the Weld to Byron Road in Township 6 North of Weld" (S.P. 228) (L.D. 510) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: PLUECKER of Warren, BUNKER of Farmington, DILL of Old Town)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization" (S.P. 224) (L.D. 506) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, STROUT of Harrington)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund LifeFlight of Maine" (S.P. 225) (L.D. 507) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, BUNKER of Farmington, LAJOIE of Lewiston)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Provide Educational Opportunities for Students in Secondary Schools with 200 or Fewer Students" (S.P. 230) (L.D. 512) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham and Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, HAGGAN of Hampden)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Spouse of a School Board Member to Serve as a Stipend Employee Within the School Board's Jurisdiction" (S.P. 232) (L.D. 513) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias and Representatives: QUINT of Hodgdon, SAYRE of Kennebunk, STROUT of Harrington, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission" (S.P. 221) (L.D. 503) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, RANA of Bangor)

Resolve, to Raise MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment (S.P. 233) (L.D. 514) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, RANA of Bangor)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure" (S.P. 222) (L.D. 504) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and Senators: BAILEY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, KUHN of Falmouth, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARUSO of Caratunk, O'HALLORAN of Brewer)

Bill "An Act to Update Processes and Fees in the Probate Court System" (S.P. 223) (L.D. 505) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative COLLINS of Sidney and Senators: BRADSTREET of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, HASENFUS of Readfield, KUHN of Falmouth, SINCLAIR of Bath)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Allow a Journeyman Electrician to Supervise 3 Helper Electricians" (S.P. 227) (L.D. 509) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, FARRIN of Somerset, CYRWAY of Kennebec, BICKFORD of Androscoggin)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Popular Election (S.P. 226) (L.D. 508) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, BALDACCI of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: WARREN of Scarborough, SUPICA of Bangor)

Transportation

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council (S.P. 229) (L.D. 511) (Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

H.P. 250

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
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January 30, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On January 30, 2025, 62 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 30, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Support Investment in Agriculture" (H.P. 199) (L.D. 299) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council" (H.P. 208) (L.D. 308) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, FROST of Belgrade, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, HEPLER of Woolwich)

Bill "An Act to Improve Efficiency of Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities by Requiring the Designation of State Inspectors as Essential" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 211) (L.D. 311) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CRAY of Palmyra, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, QUINT of Hodgdon, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Employ Mental Health Personnel Within the Maine State Police" (H.P. 198) (L.D. 298) (Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Prohibiting Unauthorized Paramilitary Training" (H.P. 203) (L.D. 303) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CHAPMAN of Auburn, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, HENDERSON of Rumford, HYMES of Waldo, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Stabilize Rural Maine Emergency Medical Services Departments" (H.P. 206) (L.D. 306) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Technical Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses (H.P. 230) (L.D. 330) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, LIBBY of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Regarding County Jails" (H.P. 233) (L.D. 333) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

Bill "An Act Regarding County Jail Funding" (H.P. 234) (L.D. 334) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Education" (H.P. 195) (L.D. 295) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act to Add a Personal Finance Course to the State Graduation Requirements in High Schools" (H.P. 215) (L.D. 315) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, BELL of Yarmouth, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CARLOW of Buxton, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROLLINS of Augusta)

Bill "An Act Regarding School Funding and General Purpose Aid for Local Schools" (H.P. 218) (L.D. 318) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Promote Student Attendance in Schools by Requiring the Commissioner of Education to Implement School Attendance Best Practices" (H.P. 222) (L.D. 322) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: RENY of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act to Fund Staff Support for the State Board of Education" (H.P. 223) (L.D. 323) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act to Increase Reading Proficiency in Public Schools" (H.P. 224) (L.D. 324) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District to Develop a Wabanaki-centered Curriculum (H.P. 239) (L.D. 339) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SACHS of Freeport, SARGENT of York)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Debt Limit of the Boothbay Region Water District" (H.P. 193) (L.D. 293) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State (H.P. 200) (L.D. 300) (Sponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell) (Cosponsored by Representative COLLINS of Sidney)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Establish Performance-based Metrics and Rate-adjustment Mechanisms for a Public Utility in Any Proceeding" (H.P. 201) (L.D. 301) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy, Utilities and Technology" (H.P. 207) (L.D. 307) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

Bill "An Act to Include Nuclear Power in the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard" (H.P. 242) (L.D. 342) (Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: HARRINGTON of York)

Bill "An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State" (H.P. 243) (L.D. 343) (Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, FOSTER of Dexter, HYMES of Waldo, MCINTYRE of Lowell, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Senator: HARRINGTON of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund" (H.P. 196) (L.D. 296) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOUDERA of Camden, DUCHARME of Madison, RIELLY of Westbrook, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Management of Oversized Bulky Waste from Wastewater Treatment Plants" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 197) (L.D. 297) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

Bill "An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act" (H.P. 217) (L.D. 317) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RANA of Bangor)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Funding to Support In-home Personal Support Services for Qualified Senior Citizens" (H.P. 227) (L.D. 327) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, MINGO of Calais, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports (H.P. 231) (L.D. 331) (Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford) (Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DUCHARME of Madison, FOLEY of Wells, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, MASON of Lisbon, POIRIER of Skowhegan, QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Help Child Care Providers by Requiring Recipients of Benefits to Pay the Difference Between the Amount Reimbursed and the Amount Charged" (H.P. 246) (L.D. 346) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, HASENFUS of Readfield, JULIA of Waterville, LEE of Auburn)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 210) (L.D. 310) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans" (H.P. 214) (L.D. 314) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, FLYNN of Albion, FOLEY of Wells, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Establishing the Maine Retirement Savings Board" (H.P. 244) (L.D. 344) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FLYNN of Albion, LANCE of Paris, LIBBY of Auburn, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, SMITH of Palermo, SWALLOW of Houlton, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Implement the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group Recommendations" (H.P. 192) (L.D. 292) (Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representative: ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Bill "An Act to Allow Residential Housing on Church Property Located in Commercial Zones" (H.P. 219) (L.D. 319) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Sunday Amateur Sports Law, the Law Allowing Municipalities to Permit the Operation of Movie Theaters on Sundays and the Law Imposing a Fine or Imprisonment for Playing Games and Sports with Admission Charges on Memorial Day" (H.P. 237) (L.D. 337) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BOYER of Poland, LANCE of Paris, LIBBY of Auburn)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Oversized ATV' to Increase the Minimum Weight Requirement" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 241) (L.D. 341) (Sponsored by Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou) (Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Oxford and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, COOPER of Windham, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HENDERSON of Rumford, THORNE of Carmel)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Establish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Gross Sexual Assaults Against Children and Aggravated Sex Trafficking of Children" (H.P. 232) (L.D. 332) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, HENDERSON of Rumford, LAVIGNE of Berwick, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, THORNE of Carmel, WHITE of Guilford, Senator: HARRINGTON of York)

Bill "An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights" (H.P. 235) (L.D. 335) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools" (H.P. 238) (L.D. 338) (Sponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DHALAC of South Portland, HENDERSON of Rumford, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath)

Bill "An Act Regarding Speedy Trials" (H.P. 240) (L.D. 340) (Sponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, PUGH of Portland, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath, Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Labor

Bill "An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage" (H.P. 228) (L.D. 328) (Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BECK of South Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DODGE of Belfast, HASENFUS of Readfield, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROLLINS of Augusta, SKOLD of Portland)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act Related to the Disbursement of Revenue Generated from the Harvesting of River Herring" (H.P. 225) (L.D. 325) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DILL of Old Town, RIELLY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Change the Waiting List System for Commercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses" (H.P. 236) (L.D. 336) (Sponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, THORNE of Carmel)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Equity in State Senate Representation (H.P. 216) (L.D. 316) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIFFIN of Levant, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STROUT of Harrington)

Bill "An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month" (H.P. 221) (L.D. 321) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison) (BY REQUEST)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws" (H.P. 188) (L.D. 288) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax on Campground Sites and Revert to Using the Current Sales Tax" (H.P. 191) (L.D. 291) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GREENWOOD of Wales, MORRIS of Turner, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Bill "An Act to Expand Municipal Volunteer Program Eligibility Requirements in the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Laws" (H.P. 194) (L.D. 294) (Sponsored by Representative BUNKER of Farmington)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind" (H.P. 226) (L.D. 326) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BRENNAN of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, ROLLINS of Augusta)

Transportation

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Bingham the Barry A. DeLong Bridge (H.P. 189) (L.D. 289) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, POIRIER of Skowhegan, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Bill "An Act to Remit 15 Percent of the Fine for a Violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws to the Municipality in Which the Violation Occurred" (H.P. 190) (L.D. 290) (Sponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DUCHARME of Madison)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation" (H.P. 204) (L.D. 304) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

Bill "An Act Regarding Transportation in Maine" (H.P. 205) (L.D. 305) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Rates of Speed at Which School Buses Travel" (H.P. 212) (L.D. 312) (Sponsored by Representative SWALLOW of Houlton) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements" (H.P. 220) (L.D. 320) (Sponsored by Representative FREDERICKS of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, GUERRETTE of Caribou, LAVIGNE of Berwick, PAUL of Winterport)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fine for Passing a Stopped School Bus" (H.P. 229) (L.D. 329) (Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs the Hope Bridge (H.P. 245) (L.D. 345) (Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Resolve, to Study the Effect of High-intensity Headlights on Drivers (H.P. 248) (L.D. 348) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STROUT of Harrington)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine's Cannabis Industry" (H.P. 202) (L.D. 302) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Political Party to Determine How That Party's Nominee Is Selected in a Primary Election" (H.P. 209) (L.D. 309) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOLEY of Wells, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WHITE of Guilford)

Bill "An Act to Improve Voter Confidence in Electronic Ballot Counting by Requiring Ballots to Contain Unique Identifiers" (H.P. 213) (L.D. 313) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FLYNN of Albion, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PAUL of Winterport)

Bill "An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales Tax and Excise Tax Revenue" (H.P. 247) (L.D. 347) (Sponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn)
(Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CARUSO of Caratunk, LIBBY of Auburn, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MURPHY of Scarborough, POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration" (H.P. 249) (L.D. 349)
(Sponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: HAGGAN of Hampden, JAVNER of Chester, LIBBY of Auburn, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 61

**THE STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 23, 2025

Chief Justice Valerie Stanfill
Maine Supreme Judicial Court
Capital Judicial Center
1 Court Street, Suite 40
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Chief Justice Valerie Stanfill,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on February 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Judiciary and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 79

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 7, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Part 8, Chapter 310, §3111, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Office of New Americans Advisory Council*, effective immediately:

Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate;

Senator Peggy Rotundo of Androscoggin County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate

Barbara Stoddard of Portland, representing an adult education provider;

Budagu Makoko of Westbrook, representing a small business;

Hermenegildo Paulo of South Portland, representing a school administrative unit;

Mufalo Chitam of Portland, representing a member of the immigrant community.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 96

**STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 7, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Part 10-A, Ch. 319 §3371.2-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, effective immediately.

Senator Glenn “Chip” Curry of Waldo County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate;

Senator Scott Cyrway of Kennebec County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 97

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

February 10, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Shirrin Blaisdell and John Beliveau to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester and John Beliveau of Portland for reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, these nominations are contingent on Confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 98

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

February 10, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Paul H. Gendreau and Ronald P. Green, Jr. to the Workers' Compensation Board

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate Paul H. Gendreau of Waterville, and Ronald P. Green, Jr. of Plymouth for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 82

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Claire Jeffers of Portland, for appointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland

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 Claire Jeffers of Portland, for appointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 83

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Janet May of Bangor, for appointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland

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 Janet May of Bangor, for appointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 84

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Jason A. Bubier of Ellsworth, for reappointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland

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 Jason A. Bubier of Ellsworth, for appointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 85

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Thomas W. Minch of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland

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 Thomas W. Minch of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 86

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Elizabeth A. Seal of Lisbon Falls, for reappointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland

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 Elizabeth A. Seal of Lisbon Falls, for reappointment to the Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 87

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Stacey M. Harris of Windham, for appointment to the Maine Community College 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	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Haggan, K. of Hampden, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland

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 Stacey M. Harris of Windham, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 88

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Baldacci of North Yarmouth, 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	5	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland, Rep. Haggan, K. of Hampden

Eight 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 Elise Baldacci of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 89

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Riley Worth of Sabattus, 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	5	Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Mitchell, C. of Cumberland, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Rep. Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland, Rep. Haggan, K. of Hampden

Eight 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 Riley Worth of Sabattus, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair



(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 90

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Housing and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of F. Jay Astle of Brunswick, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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	Curry, C. of Waldo, Bennett, R. of Oxford
	Representatives	7	Gere, T. of Kennebunkport, Eder, J. of Waterboro, Golek, C. of Harpswell, Julia, C. of Waterville, Mingo, A. of Calais, Walker, M. of Naples, Yusuf, Y. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Rep. Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Rep. Malon, M. of Biddeford, Rep. Roberts, T. of South Berwick

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 F. Jay Astle of Brunswick, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Traci Gere
House Chair



(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 91

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Housing and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Linda E. Smith of Richmond, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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	Curry, C. of Waldo
	Representatives	8	Gere, T. of Kennebunkport, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Eder, J. of Waterboro, Golek, C. of Harpswell, Julia, C. of Waterville, Mingo, A. of Calais, Walker, M. of Naples, Yusuf, Y. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Bailey, D. of York, Sen. Bennett, R. of Oxford, Rep. Malon, M. of Biddeford, Rep. Roberts, T. of South Berwick

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 Linda E. Smith of Richmond, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Traci Gere
House Chair



(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 92

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Brent Davis of Skowhegan, 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, Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Lee, A. of Auburn, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Rep. Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan

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 Brent Davis of Skowhegan, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-20) The Following Communication:

S.C. 93

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Tammy Ham-Thompson of Hallowell, 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	1	Carney, A. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Lee, A. of Auburn, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Sen. Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland, Rep. Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

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 The Honorable Tammy Ham-Thompson of Hallowell, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-21) The Following Communication:

S.C. 94

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Lea-Anne Sutton of Gorham, 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	3	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Lee, A. of Auburn, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

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 The Honorable Lea-Anne Sutton of Gorham, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-22) The Following Communication:

S.C. 95

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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Ann M. Murray of Bangor, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice.

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, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Lee, A. of Auburn, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland, Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan

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 The Honorable Ann M. Murray of Bangor, for reappointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-23) The Following Communication:

S.C. 80

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

February 3, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

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

L.D. 49 An Act to Ensure Quality in Personal Care Agencies

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-24) The Following Communication:

S.C. 81

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

February 3, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

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

L.D. 346 An Act to Help Child Care Providers by Requiring Recipients of Benefits to Pay the
Difference Between the Amount Reimbursed and the Amount Charged

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-25) The Following Communication:

S.C. 75

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

January 31, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Daughtry:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year. To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with college personnel.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified a need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

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

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler
President

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Support Outdoor, Agricultural-based and Hands-on Experiential Learning in Public Schools"

S.P. 202 L.D. 550

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services"

S.P. 217 L.D. 555

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BLACK of Franklin, FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Create an Outfitter License for Owners and Operators of Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Businesses Who Are Not Maine Guides"

S.P. 204 L.D. 552

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot. (BY REQUEST)

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 199 L.D. 549

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, STOVER of Boothbay.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters and Marine Resources up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 208 L.D. 553

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STROUT of Harrington.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers"

S.P. 203 L.D. 551

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor"

S.P. 218 L.D. 556

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, PAUL of Winterport.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Encourage Resident-owned Communities and Cooperatives and Preserve Affordable Housing Through Tax Credits"

S.P. 211 L.D. 554

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, FARRIN of Jefferson, GERE of Kennebunkport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Allow All-terrain Vehicles to Be Used on a Public Way"

S.P. 231 L.D. 557

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell and Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, STROUT of Harrington.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-10) Bill "An Act Regarding Intoxicating Hemp Products"

S.P. 195 L.D. 548

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 234

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Ruthie Gusler, of Phillips, who was named American Miss National Teen at the American Miss National Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 71

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-3) Lilah Landers, of Harrison, who was named American Miss National Junior Teen at the American Miss National Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 72

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: CIMINO of Bridgton.

(4-4) Brooklyn Kelly, of Winslow, who was named American Miss National Ambassador at the American Miss National Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 73

Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DEBRITO of Waterville, FLYNN of Albion.

(4-5) Skyler Ehrlich, of Bar Harbor, a student at the Community School of Mount Desert Island, who placed 3rd in the National Garden Clubs 2023-2024 National Poetry Contest. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 75

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-6) Antonia Burns, of Tremont, an eighth grade student at Tremont Consolidated School, who won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atlantic Highly Migratory Species 2025 Tuna Art Calendar Contest. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 76

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: EATON of Deer Isle.

(4-7) Peyton Hanson, of Tremont, a ninth grade student at Mount Desert Island High School, who won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atlantic Highly Migratory Species 2025 Tuna Art Calendar Contest. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 77

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: EATON of Deer Isle.

(4-8) Mary Powling, of Princeton, who celebrated her 100th Birthday on December 26, 2024. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 78

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

(4-9) Donald Oliver, of Chesterville, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 79

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BUNKER of Farmington.

(4-10) Frank Donald, of Wilton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 80

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

(4-11) Duayne Boyd, of Strong, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 81

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-12) Alexa Knox, of Saco, who won the State Championship Debate Competition in the Lincoln Douglas Novice Debates. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 82

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-13) Sophia Farago, of Saco, who placed second at the State Championship Speech Competition in Original Works. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 83

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-14) Sam Drummey, of Saco, who won the State Championship Speech Competition in Extemporaneous Speaking. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 84

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-15) Abby Lizotte, of Saco, who won the State Championship Speech Competition in Original Oratory. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 85

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-16) the Thornton Academy Speech and Debate Team, of Saco, which placed first at the Maine State Tournament. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 86

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-17) Jennifer Fortin, of Augusta, who was named National Elegant Miss at the American Miss National Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 89

Sponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, ROLLINS of Augusta.

(4-18) Harold Goodwin, of Lee, a World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corps, who was named an Honorary Member of the American Legion by the Carl P. Burrill Post #77 in Lincoln. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 90

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-19) Owen Harper, of Lincoln, who won the Penobscot Valley Conference Wrestling Championship in the 150-pound Weight Class, his fourth straight conference championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 91

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-20) the Mattanawcook Junior High School "A" Boys Basketball Team, of Lincoln, which won the 2025 Penquis League Large School Championship. Members of the team include Joseph Smith, Dustin Hanscom, Jr., Bennett Libbey, Carter Cox, Landon Robinson, Zachary Brehaut, Michael Donahue, Cameron Thompson, Jakoby Crosby, Reed McIntyre, Judah Evans and Grayson De La Cruz; and coach Ryan Libby. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 92

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-21) the Biddeford High School Marching Band, which placed first at the New England Scholastic Band Association Fall Marching Band Finals. The band also brought home awards for Best Drum Major, Best Color Guard, Best Visual, Best Overall Effect and Best Percussion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 95

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford.

(4-22) James Melaugh, of Portland, on his retirement this March after 40 years of public service with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Melaugh served as Communications Officer, Sergeant of Communications, Records Clerk and, for more than ten years, Civil Deputy. In 1985, after serving as a dispatcher with the Freeport Police Department, he began working with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. In September 1989, he became Sergeant of Communications, remaining in that position until April 2008, when he became a Civil Deputy. He also worked in Dispatch and as a lobby officer in the Cumberland County Jail. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

SLS 96

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, PUGH of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, YUSUF of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-23) Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center, of Saco, which received the Employer of the Year Award from the Biddeford+Saco Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 97

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-24) the Gray-New Gloucester High School Cheer Team, of Gray, which won the Western Maine Conference Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 101

Sponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

Joint Resolutions

(4-25) On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Representative **GRAMLICH** of Old Orchard Beach), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 219

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY 2025 AS 211 MAINE MONTH**

WHEREAS, 211 Maine is a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline that provides Maine people free and confidential referrals to needed resources; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides around-the-clock service statewide, offering efficient and effective responses from people employed in Maine to questions arising from the growing complexities in health, financial and human services and the needs of Maine people, and offers interpreter services to those whose first language is not English; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 211 Maine call specialists have assisted with requests for information regarding topics ranging from substance use and recovery services to housing support and food resources, in 2024 fielding over 75,000 calls, text messages and e-mails from people looking for help for themselves or someone they know, amounting to over 271,000 minutes of service; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides emergency operations support during times of natural and other disasters, including assisting the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency, fielding calls from those impacted by windstorms and floods, collecting critical data and helping people find winter warming shelters or cooling centers; and

WHEREAS, this past year, 211 Maine directly distributed over \$208,000 in emergency heating assistance, potentially preventing utility shut-offs and keeping people from spending winter nights in the cold; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine handles a number of specialized services and partnerships, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline and serving as the centralized access point for the Help Me Grow Maine program, helping families with children from birth to 8 years of age get connected to needed services, and is also a resource for finding information about needs such as COVID-19 advice, tax preparation and browntail moth caterpillar prevention, mitigation and treatment; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides a powerful example of how the government and nonprofit and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life of the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2025 as 211 Maine Month.

(4-26) On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 236

**JOINT RESOLUTION
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF STAGECOACH MARY FIELDS**

WHEREAS, standing six feet tall and powerfully built, Stagecoach Mary struck fear in the hearts of bandits in the American Old West. Stagecoach Mary Fields carried a gun, smoked, drank and had a wicked temper. Mary was the first African American woman to carry mail on a Star Route for the United States Post Office Department; and

WHEREAS, Mary Fields was born into slavery in either 1832 or 1833; her exact birthday is unknown. Mary's birthplace and other details about her early childhood are also unknown. What is known is that she worked for the Warner family in West Virginia in the years leading up to the Civil War. Mary was emancipated in 1863 or shortly after the Civil War; she then moved from West Virginia and went up the Mississippi River, where she worked on steamboats; and

WHEREAS, Mary ended up in Toledo, Ohio. There, Mary began working at Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart. There is debate over how and why Mary ended up working at the convent, yet what is known is that Mary's gruff style was not something that fit into the serene calm of the convent; and

WHEREAS, during her time at the convent, Mary washed laundry, bought supplies, managed the kitchen and grew and maintained the garden and grounds. Mary was known to lose her temper and was quick to yell at anyone who stepped on the grass after she had cut it; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear why Mary left Toledo. Many sources think that she moved to take care of an ill friend. Mother Amadeus Dunne, who had been Mother Superior in Toledo before moving west, had fallen ill. Mary and Mother Amadeus were known friends. Some records date their friendship all the way back to the Warren family in West Virginia, though this claim is not substantiated; and

WHEREAS, once she arrived in the West, Mary got to work. Mary mainly worked for Saint Peter's Mission near Cascade, Montana, where she did many of the jobs she had done before in Toledo. This mission was run by Ursuline nuns and was where Mother Amadeus Dunne resided. Mary performed maintenance and repair work. She also gardened and did the laundry. One major thing that Mary was also in charge of was the locating and delivery of supplies needed for the mission. Yet Mary had no official contract with the mission and nuns; thus, she was free to come and go as she pleased, taking additional work outside the mission; and

WHEREAS, Mary was unfortunately dismissed from the mission. This was due in part to her crass behavior, unruly temper and penchant for drinking and smoking in saloons with men. The final straw appears to involve an argument in which Mary and another mission janitor, a man, got into a fight and were agitated to the point that both drew guns. While neither ever fired their gun, this incident was enough to make the bishop of the area demand that the nuns relieve her of her duties; and

WHEREAS, Mary moved to neighboring Cascade, Montana, where she tried but failed to open one or more eateries. They were said to have failed due to her giving nature of allowing folks who could not pay to eat for free. Mary also reportedly set up a laundry shop and did other odd jobs to make money. It is around this time that Mary's drinking, gun toting and smoking become well known to the townspeople of Cascade; and

WHEREAS, in 1895, in her early sixties, Mary obtained a contract with the United States Post Office Department to be a Star Route Carrier. A Star Route Carrier was an independent contractor who used a stagecoach to deliver the mail in the harsh weather of northern Montana. Mary was the first African American woman and the second woman to receive a Star Route contract from the United States Post Office Department. This contract was secured with the help of the Ursuline nuns. The nuns wished to look out for Mary as they felt connected with her. This was because they did not wish to see her go as the nuns heavily relied on Mary for work done around the mission; and

WHEREAS, Mary built a reputation of being fearless while working as a mail carrier. Mary's job was not only to deliver the mail but to also protect the mail from bandits, thieves, wolves and the weather as well. Mary gained her nickname "Stagecoach Mary" due to her use of a stagecoach as a method of transportation to deliver the mail. Mary was also known for the guns she carried. During the time that Mary was delivering the mail, she was known to carry both a rifle and a revolver; and

WHEREAS, Mary spent 8 years delivering the mail as a Star Route Carrier. During this time, Mary became beloved by the locals of Cascade, Montana for her fearlessness and generosity, as well as for her kindness to children. Mary retired from being a Star Route Carrier in the early 20th century. After her retirement, Mary settled into life in Cascade, Montana; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring, Mary started a laundry business in town. She also opened an eatery as well as babysat the local children. She remained famous, even becoming the mascot for the town's baseball team. Mary was beloved by the people of Cascade, so much so that she drank in saloons for free and ate for free at local restaurants and hotels; and

WHEREAS, Mary Fields died on December 5, 1914. After her death, the townspeople raised money to have her buried in a cemetery on a road she drove frequently that linked Cascade to the mission. Mary's funeral was said to be one of the largest ever held in town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to celebrate the life of Stagecoach Mary Fields.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-27) Richard Joseph Grosh, of Brooklin. Mr. Grosh was a veteran of the United States Army who served in the Counterintelligence Corps in occupied Japan. He went on to work at Capehart-Farnsworth Corporation, studying infrared and electron-optic devices. He later became a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at his alma mater Purdue University in Indiana and served as Dean of the School of Engineering. In 1971, he was appointed president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. He also served as a trustee of Troy Savings Bank and Emma Willard School and on the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York State. He was elected a director of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Sterling Drug Company and Ranco Inc. He served as chairman of the Awards Committee of the National Academy of Engineering and chairman of the academy's Committee on Minorities in Engineering. Moving to Ohio, he became chairman and chief executive officer of Ranco Inc. in Columbus. While there, he also served as a director for the Chamber of Commerce and the Capital Association for the Performing Arts and served on the Ohio Board of Regents and with the State Office of Education as Chairman of the Commission on Vocational and Technical Education. He retired from Ranco in 1987. During his retirement in Maine, he was asked by the Maine Maritime Academy board to draft a long-range plan for that institution. He was later appointed to serve as a trustee at the academy and served on the board for fifteen years. Mr. Grosh will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 74

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: EATON of Deer Isle.

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

(4-28) Harry Layton Owen, of Bar Harbor. Mr. Owen, a veteran of the United States Navy, served aboard submarines in the Pacific Ocean during the Korean War. He became a teacher, teaching in the first consolidated school in Fairbanks, Alaska before moving to Maine in the early 1960s. For a time, he taught at Bar Harbor High School but later transferred to Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan, where he taught wood shop among other courses until he retired in 1980. In 1963, he and his wife Mary "Cindy" Owen purchased what would become the Stone Barn Farm on the Crooked Road. Through their hard work and dedication, the property became a beloved landmark of Mount Desert Island. In 2019 the property was purchased by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, which conserves the property and protects public access. Mr. Owen will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 87

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

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

(4-29) Francis Edward Hogan, of Saco. Over the course of his working life, Mr. Hogan worked for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Bancroft & Martin Steel Fabricators and the Portland Water District. Mr. Hogan will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;
SLS 88

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

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

(4-30) Jeffrey Sterling Thomas, of Wellington. In the late 1960s, while attending the University of Connecticut, Mr. Thomas and his friends protested the Vietnam War. His theatrical depiction of the atrocities of war was so compelling, his photograph landed on the front cover of TIME magazine. In the early 1970s, he was an original back-to-the-lander and a skilled carpenter and woodworker. For ten years, he taught English at Bonny Eagle High School. Mr. Thomas will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 93

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Guilford.

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

(4-31) Kenneth L. Harper, Sr., of Howland. As a young man, Mr. Harper ran Kelly's Pool Hall and worked at the Pine Tree Tannery, South Branch Lumber, Mead Paper Company in Massachusetts and Sargents. Later, after working for Cianbro for a few years, he went to work as a heavy equipment operator in the forestry industry, in which he worked for more than 30 years. Because of his great skill, he was handpicked to do select tree cutting for the University of Maine. For more than 40 years, he was a master mason with the Piscataquis Lodge #0044. Mr. Harper will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 94

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

(4-32) Leroy A. Starbird, of Clinton. Mr. Starbird was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. During the war, he was stationed on the front line between France and Belgium at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he remained in Germany as part of the Army of Occupation. Returning home, he worked at several jobs before establishing a house painting business. He was a Past Master Mason, belonging to the Meridian Lodge #125, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a High Priest of Ira Berry Royal Arch Chapter #57. He also held the Boston Post Cane as the oldest citizen of Clinton. Mr. Starbird will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 98

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

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

(4-33) Gary Robert Corson, of New Sharon. Mr. Corson was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He completed two tours of duty in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded on Halloween Day 1967. He was later employed in a variety of jobs but found his true passion when he became a Registered Maine Guide in 1980. He guided for several Maine sporting camps, including Libby Camps, Bradford Camps, and Red River Camps. In 1997, he started his own business, Gary C's Guiding, specializing in hunting white tail deer and trout fishing. A recognized leader and authority throughout the State on inland fisheries, he was dedicated to Native Maine brook trout and heritage waters and widely known for his efforts in restoring and enhancing brook trout fisheries. His work culminated in the 122nd Legislature's Legislative Document 1131, which became Public Law 2005, chapter 180, An Act To Recognize and Protect the Native Eastern Brook Trout as Maine's Heritage Fish. He served on the Maine Guides Advisory Board and was a lifelong member of Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Maine Professional Guide Association and Kennebec Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. In 2001, he was named Sportsman of the Year by the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine for his fall fishing initiative. In 2006, he received Special Recognition for his work on Wild and Native brook trout. In 2011, he received the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Wilmont Robinson Legendary Guide Award. Mr. Corson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 99

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: FROST of Belgrade.

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

(4-34) Mary Helen Sabol Gagne, of Bowdoinham. Mrs. Gagne worked many years at W.T. Grants before she and her husband Lee started a business called Lee's Tire and Service. She was both a partner and bookkeeper active within the business for many years. She was a member of the Brunswick Golf Club for years and spent winter months in New Port Richey, Florida. Mrs. Gagne will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 100

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representative: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-1) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Provision of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That Allows an Employer Member of a Group Self-insurer to Insure Its Employees Through a Fronting Arrangement"

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

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

SENATE COMMUNICATION - SENATE PRESIDENT - appointments to Office of New Americans Advisory Council: Senator James Libby of Cumberland County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate; Senator Peggy Rotundo of Androscoggin County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate; Barbara Stoddard of Portland, representing an adult education provider; Budagu Makoko of Westbrook, representing a small business; Hermenegildo Paulo of South Portland, representing a school administrative unit; Mufalo Chitam of Portland, representing a member of the immigrant community.

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Tabled - February 4, 2025 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **BEING ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**
