



# Senate of Maine

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State of Higher Education

10th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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

Prayer by Reverend Gabriel Strawn of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Gorham and Sanford.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Richard T. Bradstreet of Kennebec County.

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

Medical Provider of the Day, Hannah Stonebreaker, PA-C of North Yarmouth.

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**Matthea E. L. Daughtry**  
*President of the Senate*

**Darek M. Grant**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 15

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 in the morning, in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, the Honorable Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System and the Honorable Craig Johnson, Interim President of the Maine Maritime Academy and request that they make such communication as they may be pleased to make.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites"  
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 320 L.D. 761

In Senate, February 25, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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**Joint Orders**

(1-2) The following Joint Order:

H.P. 500

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall report out, to the House, a bill that prohibits an educational institution in this State that receives state funds from being a member of or paying dues or fees to an organization that does not prohibit biological males from participating on teams in sports designated for "girls" or "females." The bill must provide that any state funding to such an educational institution that continues to be a member of or pay dues or fees to such an organization must be deappropriated or otherwise eliminated until the educational institution complies with the law.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-3) Nathan Pitts, of Garland, 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;

HLS 92

(1-4) Diane Wilson, of Garland, 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;

HLS 94

(1-5) Keith Smith, of Exeter, 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;

HLS 95

(1-6) Germaine Albair, of Caribou, who is celebrating her 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 97

(1-7) Kim Barnes, of Caribou, who received the 2025 Teacher of Excellence Award from the Maine Council for English Language Arts. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
HLS 98

(1-8) Dwight Warren, of East Baldwin, 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;  
HLS 100

(1-9) Kenneth Norton, of Naples, 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;  
HLS 101

(1-10) Skip Meeker, of Naples, 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;  
HLS 102

(1-11) Constance Warren, of East Baldwin, 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;  
HLS 103

(1-12) the Sebago Days Committee, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
HLS 104

(1-13) the Honorable Roger A. Jackson, of Oxford, who is celebrating his 85th birthday on March 26, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
HLS 105

(1-14) Robert "Bob" Plummer, of Oxford, who is celebrating his 90th birthday on March 9, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
HLS 106

(1-15) the Lisbon Historical Society, of Lisbon Falls, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 107

(1-16) Dan Pelletier, of Canton, 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;

HLS 110

(1-17) Hunter Driscoll, of Canton, 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;

HLS 111

(1-18) the Albion Bicentennial Book Committee and the Albion Bicentennial Committee, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 112

(1-19) Milton Poulliot, of Winslow, 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;

HLS 113

(1-20) the Town of Limestone, 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;

HLS 114

(1-21) the Friends Helping Friends Food Pantry, of Easton, 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;

HLS 115

(1-22) Barbara Starbird, of Athens, 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;

HLS 116

(1-23) Doug Malloy, of Athens, 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;

HLS 117

(1-24) Elizabeth Pratt, of Embden, 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;

HLS 118

(1-25) Maynard Lagasse, of Moscow, 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;

HLS 119

(1-26) Cheryl Seamans, of Athens, 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;

HLS 120

(1-27) L. Bruce Hills, of Solon, 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;

HLS 121

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

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**Joint Resolutions**

(1-28) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 499

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MUSLIM CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN**

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the 9th month in the Islamic calendar, a significant holy month in the Islamic faith and a month of sacrifice in which Muslims fast the entirety of the month, abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; and

WHEREAS, commencement of Ramadan begins on the evening of February 28, 2025, and Ramadan continues for one lunar month; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month when millions of Muslims in the United States fast not only to renew themselves spiritually but also to recognize their responsibility and obligations to society at large and to take care of those less fortunate, regardless of their religious or racial background; and

WHEREAS, Muslims in Maine contribute greatly to charitable organizations that help people from all faith backgrounds and also contribute greatly to society, serving as medical professionals, teachers, first responders, journalists, writers, artists, athletes, small business owners, professors, activists, community leaders and elected public officials; and

WHEREAS, Muslims in Maine have a long history of contributions to our State, including the building of one of the first mosques in North America in Biddeford in 1915; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is celebrated by Muslims worldwide as the day that marks the end of the month-long sunrise-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan; 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, in observance of and out of respect for the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, prayer, charity, reflection and spiritual renewal, take this opportunity to recognize the onset of Ramadan and express our deepest respect to Muslims in Maine and throughout the world on this significant occasion; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We extend best wishes to all those of Muslim faith in Maine, the United States and across the world for a joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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(1-29) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 504

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation’s struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children’s rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; 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 March 2025 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, School of Social Work; the University of Maine at Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs, Social Work program; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; Saint Joseph’s College, Social Work program; and the National Association of Social Workers, Maine Chapter.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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(1-30) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 576

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
MARCH 6, 2025 AS BLACK BALLOON DAY**

WHEREAS, substance use disorder and the overdose crisis continue to devastate communities across Maine, resulting in the tragic loss of 490 lives in 2024 alone, leaving families, friends and communities in mourning; and

WHEREAS, Black Balloon Day, observed annually on March 6th, serves as an international day of remembrance to honor those lost to overdose and to acknowledge the profound impact of substance use disorder on individuals, families and society; and

WHEREAS, each life lost represents a parent, child, sibling, friend or neighbor whose full potential was never realized because of the disease of addiction; and

WHEREAS, the overdose crisis affects people of all backgrounds and communities, and there is an urgent need for increased awareness, prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, stigma remains a significant barrier to seeking and receiving care, and it is our collective responsibility to foster compassion, understanding and evidence-based approaches to substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, families and advocates throughout Maine continue to share their stories, fight for better policies and work to ensure that no more lives are lost to preventable overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Black Balloon Day provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to come together in remembrance and in solidarity, encouraging conversation and action to address this ongoing public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the urgency of addressing the overdose epidemic through continued policy efforts, funding for prevention and treatment programs and community-driven solutions; 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 recognize Black Balloon Day, honor the 490 lives lost to overdose in Maine in 2024 and extend our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones affected by this crisis; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we reaffirm our commitment to addressing substance use disorder and supporting those in recovery with compassion, urgency and dedication.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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(1-31) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 577

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS  
CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

WHEREAS, dental caries is the most common chronic disease found in children; and

WHEREAS, through dental education and regular preventive dental care, tooth decay is almost completely preventable; and

WHEREAS, good oral health habits start in childhood, and parents and caregivers who are educated about the importance of oral health are empowered to embrace appropriate oral hygiene and dietary behaviors and make and keep dental appointments for their children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that, through supervised tooth brushing programs and preventive dental care, children can reduce the occurrence of dental-related illness, which starts as early as first grade and causes children in the United States to miss 51,000,000 hours of school time each year; and

WHEREAS, through a balanced diet, brushing and flossing after every meal and regular dental checkups, children can avoid dental caries and remain healthy; 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 designate February 2025 as Children's Dental Health Month and to encourage the raising of public awareness about the importance of preventive dental care for all children.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-32) William Larkin Bulger, of Deer Isle. Mr. Bulger was a fine furniture builder and artist. He was a highly respected sternman for 25 years. Recently, he established Downeast Mushrooms with his life partner, Caitlin Hathaway, researching and building a climate-controlled environment for farming mushrooms organically. Mr. Bulger will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 96

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

(1-33) Barry Dale Strout, of Cornville. Mr. Strout was a dairy farmer in Dexter and Cornville for many years before beginning a new career at Hart Transportation. After retirement, he and his wife, Adrienne, started an antiques business, and he also fulfilled his dream of owning and pulling a draft horse. He was a 3rd generation Mason and a member of the Penobscot Lodge in Dexter. Mr. Strout will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 99

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

(1-34) Carl M. Hitchcock, of South Portland. Mr. Hitchcock was a veteran of the United States Air Force. His career as a corrections officer began on July 20, 1998, when he joined the staff of the Cumberland County Jail. He attained the rank of sergeant. Mr. Hitchcock will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 109

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 404

**MAINE SENATE  
132<sup>nd</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

March 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 March 5, 2025, 20 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 March 5, 2025, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 384) (L.D. 895) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, GROHOSKI of Hancock, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: RIELLY of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Calculation of Electric Rate Contracting Costs" (S.P. 386) (L.D. 897) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers" (S.P. 394) (L.D. 905) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline" (S.P. 395) (L.D. 906) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204)

Bill "An Act to Address the Use of Electricity by Data Centers" (S.P. 402) (L.D. 912) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

### **Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Provide Young Children Stable Access to Health Care" (S.P. 385) (L.D. 896) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: LEE of Auburn, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, MURPHY of Scarborough, DEBRITO of Waterville, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act to Exempt from Fees Certain Services Performed by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for Criminal Investigations" (S.P. 393) (L.D. 904) (Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, ARDELL of Monticello, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, BISHOP of Bucksport)

### **Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage" (S.P. 388) (L.D. 899) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Medical Debt Relief Program" (S.P. 391) (L.D. 902) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Collect Data to Better Understand the Consumer's Health Insurance Experience" (S.P. 400) (L.D. 910) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick and Senator: BAILEY of York, Representatives: MASTRACCIO of Sanford, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

### **Housing and Economic Development**

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority to Negotiate for the Purchase of or Acquire by Eminent Domain the Land and Buildings Commonly Known as the Bangor Mall (S.P. 390) (L.D. 901) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Representatives: SUPICA of Bangor, RANA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities" (S.P. 396) (L.D. 907) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: NANGLE of Cumberland, MARTIN of Oxford, Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Ticket Sellers from Prohibiting the Transfer of Tickets to Third Parties" (S.P. 403) (L.D. 913) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, BAILEY of York, GROHOSKI of Hancock, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: ROBERTS of South Berwick, DUCHARME of Madison)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Paid Family and Medical Leave" (S.P. 383) (L.D. 894) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Support Rural Workforce Recruitment by Allowing Pay Differentials Based on Work Site Location and Employee Experience and Credentials Under the Maine Equal Pay Law" (S.P. 387) (L.D. 898) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, Representative: BUNKER of Farmington)

Bill "An Act to Protect State Retiree Pensions from Inflation" (S.P. 389) (L.D. 900) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox)

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Sales Tax on Prepared Foods and Support the State's Hospitality Industry" (S.P. 397) (L.D. 908) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: RUDNICKI of Fairfield, JACKSON of Oxford, HENDERSON of Rumford, FLYNN of Albion)

Bill "An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Survivors" (S.P. 398) (L.D. 909) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products" (S.P. 392) (L.D. 903) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, DUCHARME of Madison, BOYER of Poland, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, LAJOIE of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Modify Ranked-choice Voting with Regard to Candidates Who Withdraw from an Election" (S.P. 401) (L.D. 911) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.P. 417

**MAINE SENATE  
132<sup>nd</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

March 6, 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 March 6, 2025, 7 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 March 6, 2025, as follows:

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act to Ensure Human Oversight in Medical Insurance Payment Decisions" (S.P. 411) (L.D. 955) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MORRIS of Turner, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Abuse of Children and Increase Access to Protection from Abuse Orders by Allowing Children to File Protection from Abuse Orders on Their Own Behalf" (S.P. 405) (L.D. 950) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and Senators: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Change the Definition of 'Machine Gun' in the Maine Criminal Code" (S.P. 409) (L.D. 953) (Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, ARDELL of Monticello, WHITE of Guilford, HENDERSON of Rumford)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act to Exempt Agricultural Employers and Employees from the Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 407) (L.D. 952) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GUERRETTE of Caribou, COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 410) (L.D. 954) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

**Transportation**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendation of the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council to Create a Multi-use Trail (S.P. 415) (L.D. 956) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, STROUT of Harrington, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources" (S.P. 406) (L.D. 951) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representative: SUPICA of Bangor)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

H.P. 503

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 26, 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 February 26, 2025, 2 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 February 26, 2025, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Provide Free School Lunches to Special Purpose Private Schools That Receive Students from the Public School System" (H.P. 501) (L.D. 776) (Sponsored by Representative O'HALLORAN of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, DEBRITO of Waterville, DILL of Old Town, HENDERSON of Rumford, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROLLINS of Augusta, WEBB of Durham)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act to Standardize the Muzzle-loading Season Statewide" (H.P. 502) (L.D. 777) (Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon) (Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, GUERRETTE of Caribou, THORNE of Carmel)

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**.

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

H.P. 529

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 27, 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 February 27, 2025, 24 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 February 27, 2025, as follows:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Mass Timber Manufacturing" (H.P. 505) (L.D. 798) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Address Certification Violations for School Staff" (H.P. 510) (L.D. 803) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Require School Boards and Governing Bodies of Approved Private Schools to Implement Wearable Panic Alert Systems" (H.P. 515) (L.D. 808) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, MEYER of Eliot, MURPHY of Scarborough, RIELLY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act to Remove Restrictions That Prohibit School Administrative Units from Making Purchases Through Cooperatives" (H.P. 524) (L.D. 817) (Sponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act to Prevent Consumer-generated Electricity from Being Used by Anyone Other than That Consumer" (H.P. 508) (L.D. 801) (Sponsored by Representative CIMINO of Bridgton)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines" (H.P. 517) (L.D. 810) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" (H.P. 507) (L.D. 800) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MCCABE of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Design a Mentoring Program for Youth Who Have Extended Care and Support Agreements with the Department (H.P. 509) (L.D. 802) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, WEBB of Durham, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults" (H.P. 521) (L.D. 814) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRIFFIN of Levant, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program" (H.P. 522) (L.D. 815) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Resolve, to Direct the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to Conduct a Study Regarding the Feasibility of Combining Those Boards (H.P. 512) (L.D. 805) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants" (H.P. 513) (L.D. 806) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Hunt and Fish (H.P. 527) (L.D. 820) (Sponsored by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BOYER of Poland, DILL of Old Town, MORRIS of Turner, SMITH of Palermo, Senators: BRADSTREET of Kennebec, HICKMAN of Kennebec)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Allow a Motion to Extend a Protection from Abuse Order After Expiration of the Original Order" (H.P. 516) (L.D. 809) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: LEE of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act to Provide State Recognition of the Kineo St. John Tribe" (H.P. 519) (L.D. 812) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

Bill "An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes" (H.P. 520) (L.D. 813) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MORRIS of Turner, RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act to Report Gender Wage Gaps" (H.P. 506) (L.D. 799) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, MACIAS of Topsham, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

**Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 523) (L.D. 816) (Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HEPLER of Woolwich, QUINT of Hodgdon, RIELLY of Westbrook, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, THORNE of Carmel)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Encourage Election Involvement by Making Election Day a State Holiday in Even-numbered Years" (H.P. 511) (L.D. 804) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HENDERSON of Rumford, QUINT of Hodgdon, THORNE of Carmel)

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act Concerning the Status of Battery Storage Systems with Regard to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption" (H.P. 526) (L.D. 819) (Sponsored by Representative SATO of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton, DUCHARME of Madison, HENDERSON of Rumford, JAVNER of Chester, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Limit the Number of Free Motor Vehicle Registrations That May Be Provided to a Disabled Veteran and Reimburse Municipalities for the Loss of Excise Taxes" (H.P. 514) (L.D. 807) (Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HYMES of Waldo)

Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2026" (H.P. 528) (L.D. 821) (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Require a Municipal Public Hearing and Vote Before a Sports Wagering Facility May Be Established" (H.P. 518) (L.D. 811) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, MOONEN of Portland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding for the Care of Candidates' Dependents" (H.P. 525) (L.D. 818) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, EATON of Deer Isle, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MCCABE of Lewiston, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: RENY of Lincoln)

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.**

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 130

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

March 10, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing Assistant Majority Leader, Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, as House Chair replacing Representative Kristi Mathieson of Kittery, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 123

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

March 3, 2025

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

RE: Appointment of D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this nomination is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 124

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

March 4, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME. 04333

RE: Nomination to Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating Hailey Fardon of Standish for appointment as the student member of the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

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

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 125

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

March 4, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME. 04333

RE: Nomination of Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community  
Development

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating Michael Duguay of Waterville for appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA, §13057, this nomination is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 120

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Matthea E. Larsen Daughhy  
President of the Senate  
132nd Maine Legislature  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
132nd Maine Legislature  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you for your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, regarding the State of the Maine Community College System. I accept your invitation and appreciate the opportunity to share with you our recent accomplishments and future goals.

Sincerely,

S/David Daigler  
President

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 121

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

January 30, 2025

Honorable Matthea Daughhy  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
132nd Maine Legislature  
2 State House Station

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

Thank you for your generous invitation to address a Joint Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature.

I look forward to speaking with you and your distinguished colleagues on the State of the University of Maine System on Tuesday March 11 at 11am. I am especially pleased to share the incredible progress our System has made in expanding affordable access to postsecondary education for learners of all ages, developing Maine's future workforce, and serving as the state's largest and strongest public partner in advancing our students, communities, and economy.

I look forward to seeing you on March 11 and again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor  
University of Maine System

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(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 122

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 3, 2025

Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughhy  
President of the Senate  
Maine State Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 concerning the State of Maine Maritime Academy and other matters. I look forward to joining Chancellor Malloy of the University of Maine System and President Daigler of the Maine Community College System, our peers in Maine's public higher education community. Members of our Board of Trustees and staff will also be glad to attend that day. We look forward to seeing you and thank the Legislature for its consideration of the role Maine Maritime Academy plays in our state's economy and education landscape.

Sincerely,

S/Craig Johnson  
Interim President

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(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 128

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

March 5, 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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of John S. Beliveau of Portland, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement 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	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kenneb
	Representatives	4	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Beck, M. of South Portland, Drinkwater, G. of Milford
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	2	Collins, A. of Sidney, Macias, R. of Topsham
ABSENT		5	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

Six members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of John S. Beliveau of Portland, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping  
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder  
House Chair



(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 129

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

March 5, 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 Labor has had under consideration the nomination of Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement 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	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Bradstreet, D. of Kennebec
	Representatives	4	Roeder, A. of Bangor, Archer, M. of Saco, Beck, M. of South Portland, Drinkwater, G. of Milford
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	2	Collins, A. of Sidney, Macias, R. of Topsham
ABSENT		5	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Libby, L. of Auburn, Rep. Skold, C. of Portland, Rep. Soboleski, M. of Phillips

Six members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Shirrin Blaisdell of Manchester, for reappointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping  
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder  
House Chair



(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 127

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

March 5, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President  
Honorable Speaker 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. 523      An Act to Change How the Office of the Attorney General Investigates Officer-  
involved Shootings

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Kuhn  
House Chair

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(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 126

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

March 05, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 227      An Act Regarding Liability for Acts of Violence Occurring in the State House  
or Legislative Space in the Burton M. Cross Building

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Provide Electronic Notification to Victims of Crimes"

S.P. 408 L.D. 981

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Require First Responder Training for Mental Health Crisis and Critical Incident Stress Recognition"

S.P. 427 L.D. 993

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-3) Bill "An Act to Allow Hunting on University of Maine System Property"

S.P. 420 L.D. 988

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, MARTIN of Oxford.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-4) Bill "An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products Containing PFAS"

S.P. 419 L.D. 987

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, BLACK of Franklin, MARTIN of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-5) Resolve, to Create the Commission to Improve the Oversight of the Long-term Care System  
S.P. 399 L.D. 980

Presented by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell and Senators: BAILEY of York, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, FOLEY of Wells.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Impose a Moratorium on the Ownership or Operation of Hospitals in the State by Private Equity Companies or Real Estate Investment Trusts"

S.P. 416 L.D. 985

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

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

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(3-7) Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers from Hidden Fees and Ensure Transparent Pricing for Live Event Tickets and Short-term Lodging"

S.P. 426 L.D. 992

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-8) Bill "An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients"

S.P. 413 L.D. 983

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HAGGAN of Penobscot, Representative: LEE of Auburn.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Crime of Felony Murder"

S.P. 418 L.D. 986

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

(3-10) Resolve, Requiring the Office of the Attorney General to Develop and Promote an Optional Online Registry Informing Landlords of Their Rights and Obligations

S.P. 424 L.D. 990

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

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(3-11) Bill "An Act to Require Every State and Municipal Building to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator"

S.P. 414 L.D. 984

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, GRIFFIN of Levant.

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Prevent Conflicts of Interest When Voting on Municipal Employee Compensation"

S.P. 425 L.D. 991

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

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

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(3-13) Bill "An Act to Establish Equal Tax Treatment for the Mi'kmaq Nation"  
S.P. 412 L.D. 982

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

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(3-14) Bill "An Act to Recognize Amateur Radio License Holders by Waiving Fees for License  
Plates Displaying Call Signs"

S.P. 421 L.D. 989

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of  
Cumberland, Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport.

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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

(4-1) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 423

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

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Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Robert T. Callahan, of Gorham, Director of the Lewiston Regional Technical Center, who was named the 2024 Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year by the Maine Association of Career Technical Education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 197

Sponsored by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, Representatives: **SATO** of Gorham, **TERRY** of Gorham.

(4-3) Woody Moore, of Pittsfield, 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 198

Sponsored by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: **COLLAMORE** of Pittsfield.

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

SLS 199

Sponsored by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: **RUDNICKI** of Fairfield.

(4-5) Paul MacLean, of Plymouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 200

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

(4-6) Robert Burpee, of Plymouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 201

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

(4-7) Vinal Teague, of Plymouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 202

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

(4-8) Dean and Sheila Bennett, of Falmouth, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 15, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 203

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth.

(4-9) Daniel Harris Caler, of Centerville Township, a member of Troop No. 125, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 204

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-10) John McDowell, of Princeton, on his retirement from the Princeton Fire Department after 40 years of active service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 205

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

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

SLS 206

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LIBBY of Auburn.

(4-12) Linda Bradley, of Sweden, 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 207

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: WOOD of Norway.

(4-13) Natalie Kyllonen, of Mechanic Falls, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 208

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: BOYER of Poland.

(4-14) Debra Lane, of Cape Elizabeth, on her retirement from her position as Cape Elizabeth Assistant Town Manager after 39 years of service to the town. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 209

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-15) Micah Depper, of Bath, who is a recipient the prestigious 2024-2025 Milken Educator Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 210

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative: SINCLAIR of Bath.

(4-16) Dan Vogel, of Orland, a Boat Specialist with the Maine Marine Patrol, who has received the 2025 Maine Lobstermen's Association Officer of the Year Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 211

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BISHOP of Bucksport.

(4-17) Kylan Berry, of Kittery, who won the Class A Wrestling State Championship in the 113-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 212

Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, MEYER of Eliot.

(4-18) the York High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class B South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 213

Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: RUNTE of York, SARGENT of York.

(4-19) Vivian Gresser, of Hampden, 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 214

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

(4-20) Chuck and Belinda Lawrence, of Holden, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 215

Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.



(4-21) Karen Higgins, of Boothbay Harbor, who placed second at the Class B Indoor Track and Field State Championship in the Girls Two-mile Race. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 216

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

(4-22) Charley Carleton, of Edgecomb, a member of the Lincoln Academy Swimming Team, who placed 2nd in the 200 Individual Medley at the 2025 Class B Girls State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 217

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

(4-23) Pamela Ross, of Lewiston, a medical doctor, on her retirement after 34 years of practice at Central Maine Internal Medicine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 218

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MCCABE of Lewiston.

(4-24) 207 Roofers, of Biddeford, which has received the New Business of the Year Award from the Biddeford+Saco Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 219

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford.

(4-25) Charles "Chip" Currier, of Hollis, 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 220

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton.

(4-26) the University of Southern Maine Men's Indoor Track and Field Team, of Gorham, which won the 2025 Little East Conference Championship for the second consecutive year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 221

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

(4-27) the University of Southern Maine Women's Indoor Track and Field Team, of Gorham, which won the 2025 Little East Conference Championship for the fourth consecutive year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 222

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

(4-28) the Scarborough High School Cheerleading Team, which won the Class A South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 223

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-29) Hannah Johnson, of Readfield, a senior on the Providence College Women's Hockey Team, who was named the Hockey East Best Defensive Forward for the 2024-25 season. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 224

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

(4-30) Jacqueline Lowell, of Wiscasset, 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 225

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: FARRIN of Jefferson.

(4-31) Jefferson Historical Society, 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 226

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: FARRIN of Jefferson.

(4-32) Julie and Steven Cowles, of Whitefield, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 227

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: FARRIN of Jefferson.

(4-33) Jason Kates, of Westport Island, 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 228

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

(4-34) Donna Climo and the Ballot and Election Clerks of Southport, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 229

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

(4-35) Sandra Lane, of Bristol, 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 230

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: CRAFTS of Newcastle.

(4-36) Lawrence Kelsey, of South Bristol, 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 231

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

(4-37) Pumpkin Vine Family Farm, of Somerville, 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 232

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: SMITH of Palermo.

(4-38) Andy Abello, of Edgecomb, 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 233

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: STOVER of Boothbay.

(4-39) James Hall, of Damariscotta, 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 234

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: CRAFTS of Newcastle.

(4-40) Dennis Price, of Readfield, 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 237

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

(4-41) Ralph Eno, of Readfield, 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 238

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

(4-42) Richard McArthur, of Chelsea, 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 239

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: LEMELIN of Chelsea.

(4-43) Michael LaPlante, of Farmingdale, 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 240

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MONTELL of Gardiner.

(4-44) Kathleen Cutler, of Gardiner, 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 241

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MONTELL of Gardiner.

(4-45) Karen Adrienne, of Gardiner, 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 242

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MONTELL of Gardiner.

(4-46) John and Judy Williams, of Stonington, who received the 2025 Andy Mays Award of Excellence from the Department of Marine Resources. Mr. Williams, who began fishing with his father at 6 years old, brought his invaluable perspective as a fisherman to the board member of the Maine Lobsterman's Association. He served for 12 years, helping inform important decisions on offshore wind development and right whale regulations. He was also a four-year member of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team, which advises the National Marine Fisheries Service on right whale protection regulations. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are a team with an enduring partnership. The award is named for Southwest Harbor fisherman Andy Mays who passed away in 2017 and left an important legacy of participation in the management and regulatory process. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 243

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

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**Joint Resolutions**

(4-47) On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington (Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 422

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING APRIL 18, 2025 AS WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY**

WHEREAS, amateur radio, also known as ham radio, provides a bridge between people, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas; and

WHEREAS, April 18, 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, the entity that promotes the international cooperation and communication that are the hallmarks of amateur radio; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 780,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators in the United States and approximately 4,500 in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio is a valuable resource and, during emergencies or natural disasters, such as the ice storm of 1998, Hurricane Katrina, the Boston Marathon bombing and countless other emergency situations, is often the only dependable way to communicate locally or internationally; and

WHEREAS, many Maine amateur radio operators serve their local and county emergency management agencies by training and holding exercises to prepare for when their skills are needed during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Maine amateur radio operators routinely volunteer their equipment and time to provide public service communications for such events as the Dempsey Challenge, the Trek Across Maine, the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, the New England Forest Rally, the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race, the Can Am Crown International Sled Dog Race, the Loon Echo Bike Trek, the Mount Desert Island Marathon, Autism Awareness walks and races and the Northwoods Gravel Grind; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators of all ages provide a great inspiration for today's youth by routinely practicing not only voice communications and the old-fashioned but reliable Morse code but also many modern digital modes, using the ionosphere as well as a fleet of satellites and the International Space Station to make contacts; 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 and acknowledge the accomplishments and public service provided by amateur radio operators as they celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the American Radio Relay League and the International Amateur Radio Union.

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## Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-48) Michael D. MacPherson, of Presque Isle. Mr. MacPherson was a veteran of the United States Army. After his discharge as a captain in 1977, he returned to Presque Isle and entered into business with his father at Aroostook Communications, which provided two-way radio service in Aroostook and northern Penobscot counties. Later, the two started Aroostook Paging. Mr. MacPherson also developed several other businesses, with his last venture being the creation of Just Value Associates, which provided tax assessing services to several communities in northern Maine. Over the years, he was involved in many organizations in various capacities. Typically, he served as a board member and then progressed to a position of leadership. He was involved with Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce, Presque Isle Industrial Council, The Aroostook Medical Center, Turner Foundation, Rotary Club of Presque Isle, Aroostook Hospice Foundation and Grant Memorial United Methodist Church. He also served on the board of directors for MMG Insurance, retiring from that board as chairman in 2020. In 1997, he was named Presque Isle Citizen of the Year. Mr. MacPherson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 196

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

(4-49) Abbie Ann Roberts, of Nobleboro. Working hand in hand with her husband, the late Samuel E. "Sam" Roberts, Mrs. Roberts was a member of the third generation of the Roberts family involved in The Lincoln County News. She served as the newspaper's editor or managing editor for almost 20 years between March 1973, when she succeeded her mother-in-law, Dorothy Roberts, and her retirement in January 1993. She served as secretary for both the Maine Press Association and what is now the New England Newspaper and Press Association. She also traveled extensively with the International Press Study Mission. She and her husband entered the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame together in 2002. Mrs. Roberts helped start the Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service. She was one of the institution's first attendants and was the first bookkeeper of the organization. She was a former Girl Scout leader and a former Massasoit Engine Company Fire Fly. She worked on the Miles Memorial League Hospital League rummage sale for years. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where she was a member of the church guild. She was also a member of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions Club and of the Damariscotta Historical Society. She was a special friend and donor to the Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce and Information Bureau. Mrs. Roberts will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 235

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: CRAFTS of Newcastle.



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

(4-50) Herbert J. "Herbie" Clark, of Charlotte. Mr. Clark was a veteran of the United States Army National Guard, serving from 1959 to 1966. He started a trucking career with his father at age 16 while still attending school. He bought his first truck in 1962 and 18 more in the years that followed. He owned and operated H. J. Clark and Sons, Inc. until his retirement in 2004. Over his 50 years of trucking, he plowed snow, hauled gravel, built roads and delivered tree-length logs to mills all over Maine. He employed many truck drivers and crane operators but ended his career the way he started it, as a sole operator. Community-minded, he served as a firefighter, first in Pembroke and then with the Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for 68 years, serving as president, secretary and treasurer. He served on Charlotte School Board for 53 years and the Charlotte board of tax assessors, as moderator of many town meetings and on various other town boards. He was a member of the Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue Auxiliary and Charlotte Historical Society and attended the Charlotte Baptist Church. He served on the board of Calais Regional Hospital from 1997 to 2020 and on the board of Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative for several years. In 1979, he helped organize the Charlotte Summer Softball League, where he umpired and coached, and he kept the league going for many years. He helped build the Charlotte School playground and softball field that was later named Herbie Clark Field. He was also a proud member of the Pembroke American Legion, Post 59. Mr. Clark will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 236

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law"  
H.P. 68 L.D. 103

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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(5-2) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Bridge on Main Street Between Biddeford and Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge  
H.P. 43 L.D. 79

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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(5-3) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Carmel the Kevin M. Howell Memorial Bridge

H.P. 95 L.D. 162

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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(5-4) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs the Hope Bridge

H.P. 245 L.D. 345

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-5) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 27 L.D. 63

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-11)**.

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**Senate**

**Change of Committee**

(5-6) Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths by Allowing Municipalities to Approve the Establishment of Overdose Prevention Centers"

S.P. 263 L.D. 755

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

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**Ought to Pass**

(5-7) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Newfield the Dam's Mills Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 193 L.D. 460

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

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(5-8) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on 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

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

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(5-9) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Brackett Mill Bridge in Denmark the Brackett Mill Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 198 L.D. 464

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

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Act**

(7-1) 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

S.P. 67 L.D. 131

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

**1.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Alexa Knox, of Saco  
SLS 82

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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**2.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sophia Farago, of Saco  
SLS 83

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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**3.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sam Drummey, of Saco  
SLS 84

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Abby Lizotte, of Saco  
SLS 85

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Thornton Academy Speech  
and Debate Team, of Saco

SLS 86

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Gray-New Gloucester High  
School Cheer Team, of Gray

SLS 101

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BICKFORD** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine by Exempting Sales of Cannabis for Medical Use"

H.P. 363 L.D. 544

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.)

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8.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Lewiston High School Cheering Team

SLS 106

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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9.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing the Honorable Louis Scolnik, of Andover, Massachusetts  
SLS 120

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**

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10.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 131 L.D. 209  
(C "A" H-1)

Tabled - March 4, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 11, 2025, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1)** in concurrence.)

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" (H-9)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

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11.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Arundel House of Pizza  
SLS 163

Tabled - March 4, 2025 by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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12.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Joe Dube, of Lewiston  
SLS 190

Tabled - March 4, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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