



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature  
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

## 11th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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

Prayer by Senator Donna Bailey of York County.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Stacy Brenner of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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

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

The Following Communication:

S.C. 134

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

March 12, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Please be advised that in accordance with Senate Paper 423 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, the Maine Senate will convene for Session at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity"  
S.P. 149 L.D. 383

In Senate, March 4, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence"

H.P. 558 L.D. 872

In Senate, March 4, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

EMERGENCY

(1-3) 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  
(S "F" S-6 to C "A" H-1)

In Senate, March 11, 2025, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

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**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-4) Sam and Kathy Smith, of Freeport, who were named the 2024 Citizens of the Year by the Town of Freeport. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 108

(1-5) the Washington Academy Boys Soccer Team, of East Machias, which won the Class C North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 122

(1-6) Nathaniel Wainwright, of Dixfield, a player on the Dirigo High School boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 123

(1-7) Velma Sinclair, of Wellington, 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 124

(1-8) the Moosehead Kiwanis Club, of Greenville, 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 125

(1-9) Julia Coady, of Greene, 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 126

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

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**Joint Resolution**

(1-10) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 578

**JOINT RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE HOLODOMOR AS AN ACT OF  
GENOCIDE AGAINST THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE**

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian famine-genocide of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, was a human-made famine that caused the deaths of at least 5,000,000 innocent men, women and children in Ukraine, resulting in the annihilation of an estimated 25% of the rural population of the country, an area that at the time was one of the most productive agricultural areas of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, the human-made famine also resulted in the deaths of an estimated 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 people in regions outside Ukraine, mostly in the largely ethnically Ukrainian North Caucasus territory; and

WHEREAS, these people were starved to death by forced agricultural collectivization and grain seizures by the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Western observers and scholars who accurately reported on the existence of the famine as it was occurring were subjected to disparagement and criticism; and

WHEREAS, the Soviet Union and many scholars in the West denied the existence of the famine until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 made access to Soviet Union archives, and thereby the documentation of the premeditated nature of the famine and its harsh enforcement, possible; and

WHEREAS, the final report, delivered to Congress on April 12, 1998, of the United States Commission on the Ukraine Famine concluded that the victims “starved to death in a man-made famine” and that Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin “and those around him committed genocide against the Ukrainians in 1932-1933”; and

WHEREAS, although the famine resulted in one of the largest losses of human life in the 20th century, its occurrence remains insufficiently known in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, official recognition of the famine by the government of Ukraine, including by the country’s parliament, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, represents a significant step in the reestablishment of Ukraine’s national identity and the advancement of efforts to establish a democratic and free Ukraine that is fully integrated into the Western community of nations; and

WHEREAS, whether it was political oppression or religious persecution that caused Ukrainian immigrants to pursue better lives for themselves and their families, their desire to live in peace and enjoy liberty was so strong that generations of Ukrainian immigrants came to the United States in an effort to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, Ukraine has marked an annual commemoration for the victims of the famine; and

WHEREAS, a memorial to the millions who perished in the Holodomor was erected in Washington, D.C. in 2015, and the dedication ceremony took place in November of that year; 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 commemorate the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, to solemnly remember and honor its millions of victims and to recognize the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 449

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

March 12, 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 12, 2025, 19 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 12, 2025, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Fort McClary" (S.P. 436) (L.D. 1019) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Representative: MEYER of Eliot)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Develop Maine Talent and Innovation by Improving the Infrastructure of the University of Maine System" (S.P. 431) (L.D. 1014) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, MITCHELL of Cumberland, BRENNAN of Portland)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance" (S.P. 442) (L.D. 1024) (Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, ARDELL of Monticello)

## **Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Change the Residency Requirements for State Funding for Student Tuition at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (S.P. 428) (L.D. 1011) (Sponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory" (S.P. 429) (L.D. 1012) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: GOLEK of Harpswell)

## **Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement" (S.P. 434) (L.D. 1017) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, PLUECKER of Warren, ZAGER of Portland, DEBRITO of Waterville)

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Equitable Access to Maternal Health Care and Birthing Facilities (S.P. 446) (L.D. 1028) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: MOORE of Washington, INGWERSEN of York, CARNEY of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, JAVNER of Chester, ZAGER of Portland, DAIGLE of Fort Kent)

Bill "An Act to Ensure General Assistance for Housing Does Not Reduce Assistance for Other Basic Necessities and to Increase Presumptive Eligibility and State Reimbursement for General Assistance" (S.P. 447) (L.D. 1029) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, TIPPING of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, ZAGER of Portland, RANA of Bangor, DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth)

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

Bill "An Act to Protect Health Care for Rural and Underserved Areas by Prohibiting Discrimination by Participants in a Federal Drug Discount Program" (S.P. 435) (L.D. 1018) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, DUCHARME of Madison, FREDERICKS of Sanford)

## **Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund" (S.P. 433) (L.D. 1016) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln)



Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Economy Task Force (S.P. 441) (L.D. 1023) (Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay)

### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 440) (L.D. 1022) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Law Regarding Relief for Improvident Transfers of Title" (S.P. 445) (L.D. 1027) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BAILEY of York, MOORE of Washington, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, LEE of Auburn, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, CARUSO of Caratunk)

### **Labor**

Bill "An Act to Remove Certain Cost-of-living Adjustment Restrictions for Retired Members of the Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 439) (L.D. 1021) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Allow Federal Civil Service to Count for Purposes of Maine Public Employees Retirement System Benefits" (S.P. 443) (L.D. 1025) (Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York) (BY REQUEST)

### **Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act to Provide Mapping Services for Aquaculture Lease Siting" (S.P. 444) (L.D. 1026) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Jefferson and Senators: MOORE of Washington, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay, CRAFTS of Newcastle, STROUT of Harrington)

### **State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt" (S.P. 430) (L.D. 1013) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Require a Minimum of 2 Persons on a Crew for the Operation of Freight Trains" (S.P. 432) (L.D. 1015) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: MURPHY of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Laws Providing for the Construction of a Connector to Gorham and to Resell Land Taken Under Those Laws to Previous Property Owners" (S.P. 437) (L.D. 1020) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough, OSHER of Orono, MURPHY of Scarborough, SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham)

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:

H.P. 615

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

March 5, 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 March 5, 2025, 36 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 March 5, 2025, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act to Require the Issuance of Maine Agricultural Fair Licenses Every 4 Years" (H.P. 597) (L.D. 932) (Sponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Windham, JACKSON of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Maximum Permissible Size of Recreational Campfires" (H.P. 604) (L.D. 939) (Sponsored by Representative JACKSON of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act to Safeguard Sustainable Food Sources Provided by Certain Maine Farmers" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 607) (L.D. 942) (Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: GUERRETTE of Caribou, MINGO of Calais, ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: CURRY of Waldo)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Items Identified as Prison Contraband" (H.P. 595) (L.D. 930) (Sponsored by Representative O'HALLORAN of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BISHOP of Bucksport, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford, HENDERSON of Rumford, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Allowing Incarcerated Pretrial or Presentence Individuals to Be Credited Time for Participation in Voluntary Work Projects in a Jail" (H.P. 596) (L.D. 931) (Sponsored by Representative O'HALLORAN of Brewer) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DILL of Old Town, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, PUGH of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, SINCLAIR of Bath)

### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Require Parental Permission for Certain Surveys and Questionnaires Administered to Minors in Schools" (H.P. 584) (L.D. 919) (Sponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DRINKWATER of Milford, EDER of Waterboro, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HAGGAN of Hampden, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Require Chaplains in School Administrative Units" (H.P. 592) (L.D. 927) (Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, FLYNN of Albion, FOSTER of Dexter, WHITE of Guilford, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Increase to 100 Percent the State Share of Funding for Special Education Costs of All School Administrative Units" (H.P. 598) (L.D. 933) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DODGE of Belfast, HEPLER of Woolwich)

### **Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Resolve, to Increase Access to Energy Efficiency Programs by Low-income and Moderate-income Residents (H.P. 611) (L.D. 946) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

### **Environment and Natural Resources**

Resolve, to Review Efficiencies in the Licensing of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities by the Department of Environmental Protection (H.P. 585) (L.D. 920) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Report on Air and Soil Chemical and Metal Levels and on Soil Testing on Solar Panel Farm Sites (H.P. 600) (L.D. 935) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CARUSO of Caratunk, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HENDERSON of Rumford, MASON of Lisbon, PAUL of Winterport, STROUT of Harrington)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Local Spending and Sourcing Requirements Regarding the Statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" (H.P. 603) (L.D. 938) (Sponsored by Representative FLYNN of Albion) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BOYER of Poland, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, CHAPMAN of Auburn, COLLINS of Sidney, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond)

Bill "An Act to Require the ASPIRE-TANF Program to Be Administered by State Employees" (H.P. 608) (L.D. 943) (Sponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, MACIAS of Topsham, ROEDER of Bangor, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act Regarding Charges to Uninsured Patients for COVID-19 Vaccines" (H.P. 582) (L.D. 917) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: PAUL of Winterport, POIRIER of Skowhegan, QUINT of Hodgdon, SWALLOW of Houlton)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization to Self-insure for Automobile Insurance" (H.P. 583) (L.D. 918) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CIMINO of Bridgton, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MORRIS of Turner, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HAGGAN of Penobscot)

**Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Promote Investment in Housing" (H.P. 581) (L.D. 916) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Responsibilities of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority" (H.P. 610) (L.D. 945) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DUCHARME of Madison, GERE of Kennebunkport, JULIA of Waterville, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities" (H.P. 614) (L.D. 949) (Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford, MINGO of Calais, YUSUF of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act to Establish a Permit to Hunt Coyote over Bait" (H.P. 602) (L.D. 937) (Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BLIER of Buxton, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, FOLEY of Wells, MORRIS of Turner, WOOD of Greene)

Bill "An Act to Increase Cash Prizes for Fishing Derbies" (H.P. 605) (L.D. 940) (Sponsored by Representative ALBERT of Madawaska) (Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MASON of Lisbon, SWALLOW of Houlton)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Expand Use of Electronic Proceedings in the Judicial Branch" (H.P. 586) (L.D. 921) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Procedure for Filing a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and Responsibilities" (H.P. 587) (L.D. 922) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, Directing the Judicial Branch to Authorize the Lease of a Courthouse That Meets Accessibility and Functional Needs in the Town of Newport (H.P. 589) (L.D. 924) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MARTIN of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act Requiring Employers to Disclose Wage Ranges in Job Postings" (H.P. 606) (L.D. 941) (Sponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representatives: JULIA of Waterville, MACIAS of Topsham, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act Regarding Employees in the Office of the State Auditor" (H.P. 579) (L.D. 914) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, GREENWOOD of Wales, HASENFUS of Readfield, ROLLINS of Augusta, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image" (H.P. 580) (L.D. 915) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Maintain Public Access to Town Ways in Maine" (H.P. 593) (L.D. 928) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, FOSTER of Dexter, MASON of Lisbon, MONTELL of Gardiner, PARRY of Arundel, RAY of Lincolnville, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, THORNE of Carmel)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation and Simplify Legislative Redistricting (H.P. 609) (L.D. 944) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representative: BOYER of Poland, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Amending the Research Expense Tax Credit" (H.P. 591) (L.D. 926) (Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, MALON of Biddeford, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SARGENT of York)

Bill "An Act to Provide 100 Percent of the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Amount to Seniors and Veterans" (H.P. 599) (L.D. 934) (Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, MASON of Lisbon, POMERLEAU of Standish, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HARRINGTON of York)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mining Excise Tax" (H.P. 601) (L.D. 936) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, LAVIGNE of Berwick, QUINT of Hodgdon)

### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Promote Accredited Institutions of Higher Education in Maine by Removing Requirements for Supplemental Guide Signs on the Interstate Highway System" (H.P. 588) (L.D. 923) (Sponsored by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 590) (L.D. 925) (Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senator: LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Overnight Docking at Mainland Ports for Certain Island Ferry Vessels" (H.P. 612) (L.D. 947) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GEIGER of Rockland, RAY of Lincolnville)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Medical Cannabis for Seniors and Veterans" (H.P. 594) (L.D. 929) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, FROST of Belgrade, LOOKNER of Portland, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis" (H.P. 613) (L.D. 948) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, JULIA of Waterville, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec)

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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(2-3) The Following Communication:

H.P. 625

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

March 6, 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 March 6, 2025, 9 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 March 6, 2025, as follows:

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act to Establish the Offense of Aggravated Operating Under the Influence Resulting in the Death of a Pet" (H.P. 621) (L.D. 962) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, MCINTYRE of Lowell, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SMITH of Palermo, SWALLOW of Houlton)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History into the Statewide System of Learning Results" (H.P. 616) (L.D. 957) (Sponsored by Representative SATO of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MITCHELL of Cumberland, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, SARGENT of York, WHITE of Ellsworth, WOOD of Greene, Senator: INGWERSEN of York)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act Facilitating the Discharge of Hospitalized Patients to Nursing Facilities" (H.P. 619) (L.D. 960) (Sponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester) (Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, MCINTYRE of Lowell)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage and Improve Access to Care" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 620) (L.D. 961) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland)

**Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Standardize Subsidized Housing Application Forms" (H.P. 622) (L.D. 963) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINS of Sidney) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FLYNN of Albion, HAGGAN of Hampden, MATLACK of St. George, SMITH of Palermo, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act to Change the Definitions of 'Sunrise' and 'Sunset' in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws to Better Allow for Variations in Timing Across the State" (H.P. 623) (L.D. 964) (Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands" (H.P. 617) (L.D. 958) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DILL of Old Town, HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, MINGO of Calais, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SMITH of Palermo)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Require the Automatic Repealing of Agency Rules" (H.P. 624) (L.D. 965) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Require the Development of Better Cannabis Testing Criteria and Processes" (H.P. 618) (L.D. 959) (Sponsored by Representative FREDERICKS of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Representative: BOYER of Poland)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

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

(2-4) The Following Communication:

H.P. 640

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

March 7, 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 March 7, 2025, 14 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 March 7, 2025, as follows:

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Change the Entity Responsible for Operating the Career and Technical Education Center in Machias to Regional School Unit 37" (H.P. 632) (L.D. 972) (Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program" (H.P. 633) (L.D. 973) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay)

Resolve, to Increase the High School Graduation Rate by Creating the Maine Promise Initiative (H.P. 634) (L.D. 974) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay)

### **Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Increase General Assistance Reimbursement for Municipalities and Indian Tribes" (H.P. 638) (L.D. 978) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester, Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 639) (L.D. 979) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.)

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Emergency Medical Services Provider Training Opportunities" (H.P. 629) (L.D. 969) (Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, RIELLY of Westbrook, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: CURRY of Waldo)

Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services (H.P. 637) (L.D. 977) (Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham)

### **Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Reinvigorate Maine's Workforce and Ensure Student Job Readiness by Providing Funds for the Career Exploration Program" (H.P. 627) (L.D. 967) (Sponsored by Representative EDER of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GERE of Kennebunkport, JULIA of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MINGO of Calais, ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: CURRY of Waldo)

Bill "An Act to Prioritize Affordable Housing by Expediting Reviews for Affordable Housing Projects Applying for Funding from the Maine State Housing Authority" (H.P. 630) (L.D. 970) (Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, MINGO of Calais, ROBERTS of South Berwick, YUSUF of Portland, Senator: CURRY of Waldo)

### **Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Regarding Checking Baitfish Traps" (H.P. 631) (L.D. 971) (Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, TUELL of East Machias, WOOD of Greene)

Resolve, to Restore Accessible Public Transportation to Swan Island in Perkins Township (H.P. 636) (L.D. 976) (Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, HEPLER of Woolwich, LEMELIN of Chelsea)

### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act Allowing Access by State Agencies and Hospitals to Certain Confidential Probate Court Records If the Access Is in the Public Interest" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 626) (L.D. 966) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion" (H.P. 635) (L.D. 975) (Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant) (Cosponsored by Representative: LEMELIN of Chelsea)

### **Marine Resources**

Resolve, to Study Stakeholder Input Involving the Appointment of the Commissioner of Marine Resources (H.P. 628) (L.D. 968) (Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STROUT of Harrington, 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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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 136

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

March 12, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, MRSA, Chapter 419, §4652, we are pleased to reappoint Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the *Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission* effective immediately.

Furthermore, we are reappointing Senator Cameron Reny of Lincoln as a permanent proxy member of the commission, who may also attend meetings of the commission. Additionally, Senator Reny may vote in the event of Representative Hepler's absence.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 135

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

March 12, 2025

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

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Edward S. David, Esq. of Farmington, for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

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

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

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Edward S. David Esq. of Farmington, for reappointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn  
House Chair



(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 132

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

March 11, 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. Underwood of Presque Isle, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 668      An Act to Abolish Ranked-choice Voting

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica  
House Chair

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 133

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

March 6, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 113      An Act to Require Food Labels to Disclose Use of Messenger Ribonucleic Acid Vaccine Material in Food Production

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste"

S.P. 438 L.D. 1065

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, TEPLER of Sagadahoc,

Representatives: OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, RANA of Bangor.

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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the Falmouth High School Girls Ski Team, which won the Class A Alpine State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 244

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth.

(4-2) the Falmouth High School Boys Swim Team, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 245

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth.

(4-3) the Falmouth High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 246

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth.

(4-4) the Falmouth High School Boys Ski Team, which won the Class A Alpine State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 247

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth.

(4-5) the Mattanawcook Academy Boys Basketball Team, of Lincoln, which won the Class C North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 248

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-6) the Penobscot Valley High School Girls Basketball Team, of Howland, which won the Class C North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 249

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

SLS 250

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-8) the United Methodist Women, of Columbia Falls, 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 251

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-9) Bill Zoellick, of Gouldsboro, 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 252

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(4-10) Donna Harmon, of Gouldsboro, 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 253

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(4-11) George Moon, of Hancock, 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 254

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(4-12) Harvey Thomas, of Sullivan, 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 255

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

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

SLS 256

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: WOOD of Norway.

(4-14) Kobe Swett, of Ellsworth, a member of the Ellsworth High School Swimming Team, who placed 2nd in the 1-meter Dive event at the 2025 Class B Boys State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 257

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-15) Cavan Jester, of Ellsworth, a member of the Ellsworth High School Swimming Team, who placed 2nd in the 100 Freestyle event at the 2025 Class B Boys State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 258

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-16) Ann-Katherine Burns, of Ellsworth, a member of the Ellsworth High School Swimming Team, who won the 100 Breaststroke event at the 2025 Class B Girls State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 259

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-17) Fiona St. Germain, of Mount Desert, a member of the Mount Desert High School Swimming Team, who placed 2nd in the 1-meter Dive event at the 2025 Class B Girls State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 260

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

(4-18) Ella Montgomery, of Ellsworth, a member of the Ellsworth High School Swimming Team, who won the 100 Butterfly and 100 Backstroke events at the 2025 Class B Girls State Championships and was named the Swimmer of the Meet. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 261

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-19) Patrick Saltysiak, of Ellsworth, a member of the Ellsworth High School Swimming Team, who won the 100 Backstroke event at the 2025 Class B Boys State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 262

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-20) Witham Family Hotels, of Ellsworth, which has received the Top Drawer Award from the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 263

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-21) Maryalice Crofton, of Augusta, who is retiring as Executive Director of Volunteer Maine after 30 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 267

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, ROLLINS of Augusta.

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**Joint Resolutions**

(4-22) On motion by Senator **GUERIN** of Penobscot, the following Joint Resolution:  
S.P. 448

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

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Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-23) Pauline M. Dube, of West Enfield. Mrs. Dube was highly active serving the Knights of Columbus as a Daughter of Isabella. She will be fondly remembered by many as "The Lunch Lady" as she worked in the school system for more than 40 years. Mrs. Dube will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 264

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

(4-24) Lester Joseph Nadeau, of Orono. Although he worked in sociology and fundraising for both Husson University and the Alumni Association at the University of Maine, Mr. Nadeau's primary love was music, specifically the trumpet, at which he excelled from high school on into his professional performance life. He was a first-call lead trumpet player for name acts, including Milton Berle, and dance and jazz bands including the Al Corey Band, stage shows, ice shows and community bands, especially the Bangor Band and the Ellsworth Community Band. He also served as an Army Honor Guard bugler for military and private services. Mr. Nadeau will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 265

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, OSHER of Orono.

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

(4-25) Jean E. Devereux, of Penobscot. Mrs. Devereux will be remembered for the countless hours she gave to others, volunteering at Blue Hill Hospital, promoting hospice in the area, cooking for church suppers and functions and being a willing sitter for the many grandchildren and friends. She was a member of both the American Hospital Association and Maine Hospital Association, Blue Hill Hospital Auxiliary, Hospice of Blue Hill, Castine Grange, Castine Women's Club, Dr. Mary Cushman Circle and Unitarian Universalist Congregation to name a few of the organizations with which she was associated. Mrs. Devereux will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 266

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: BISHOP of Bucksport.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Name the Bridge Between Milford and Old Town the Alton L. Drinkwater Memorial Bridge

H.P. 334 L.D. 516

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**

(5-2) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway 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. 179 L.D. 275

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-12)**.

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-3) Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Create Consistency in Retirement Service Benefits Deferral Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"  
S.P. 106 L.D. 240

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:

**Acts**

(7-1) An Act to Designate the Warden of the Maine State Prison as Chief Administrative Officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility

S.P. 28 L.D. 17

(7-2) An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

H.P. 49 L.D. 85

(7-3) An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities

H.P. 62 L.D. 97

(7-4) An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons

S.P. 44 L.D. 123

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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

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**2.**

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

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3.

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JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sam Drummey, of Saco  
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4.

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JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Abby Lizotte, of Saco  
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5.

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

SLS 101

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6.

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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** and ordered printed.)

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7.

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

SLS 106

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8.

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

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9.

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

S.P. 320 L.D. 761

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Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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**10.**

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JOINT ORDER - to Require the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to Report Out a Bill Prohibiting Educational Institutions from Being Members of Certain Organizations

H.P. 500

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Pending - **PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

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**11.**

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JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Woody Moore, of Pittsfield  
SLS 198

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**12.**

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JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Dwight and Kay Gagnon, of Benton

SLS 199

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13.

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JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Pamela Ross, of Lewiston  
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