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ORDERS

Joint Order

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 10, 2023

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 79

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 7

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 312 to read:

Rule 312. Fiscal Notes.

Every bill or resolve that affects state revenues, appropriations or allocations or that requires a local unit of government to expand or modify that unit's activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues and that has a committee recommendation other than "Leave to Withdraw," "Ought Not to Pass" or "Referral to Another Committee" must include a fiscal note prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. ~~For a bill or resolve not yet reported out and upon request of a majority of the committee, the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall, after notice by the committee to the sponsor of the bill or resolve, meet with the committee at a work session to present its analysis and provide copies of the written public materials relied upon by the office to prepare that fiscal note.~~ The fiscal note must be complete, available to the public and attached to any bill before the committee votes on it and the bill is reported out of committee. The fiscal note must accompany the committee report before it is reported out of committee. Any amendment introduced that would affect the fiscal impact of the original bill must also include a fiscal note. The Office of Fiscal and Program Review has the sole responsibility for preparing all fiscal notes.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**.

Prayer by Rabbi Erica Asch of Temple Beth El in Augusta.

RABBI ASCH: This week in the Jewish tradition we begin the book of Exodus. The Israelites have moved to Egypt because their ancestor, Joseph, saved the Egyptians and the entire middle east from a famine. They came as honored guests and settled in Egypt. But we read in Exodus 1:8: A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph and, because this new leader did not remember or care about history, he saw the Israelites as a potential threat and enslaved them. With the actions of one man, the fortunes of not only the Israelites but the Egyptians changed. Meanwhile, the Israelites, while kept in bondage, remembered the past. A midrash, a Jewish text, teaches that they did not change their names, their clothing, or their language. Despite their difficult circumstances, they not only remembered who they were as individuals but kept their identity as a collective. I pray, in the Jewish tradition, Eloheinu v'lohei avotenu v'imoteinu, Our God and God of our ancestors.

As we begin this new legislative session, we are mindful of the power we hold. The actions we take can and will change the lives of people all over our great state and beyond. Let us remember that what we do here carries weight. May You help us to keep close those things that remind us of who we are and of the awesome responsibility we carry. May we remember our own history and may that memory help us to make wise and compassionate decisions and may we also remember that those who are hurting and suffering and know that their condition does not define who they are. May we all work together, regardless of our party or background, to help those outside the walls of these Chambers live more free, prosperous, and fulfilling lives. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthea E. Daughtry of Cumberland.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

READ and **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 53

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 213, first paragraph to read:

All expressions of legislative sentiment must conform to guidelines issued by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and must be presented in a manner standardized by the Revisor of Statutes. Approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House is not needed for joint resolutions.

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 214.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 6

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

December 16, 2022

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
131st Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
131st Legislature

Dear Madam Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 16, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on December 16, 2022, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 5) (L.D. 3) (Sponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

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**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 25

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 5, 2023

Honorable Darek 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 appoint Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission.

Furthermore, we are appointing 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/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 24

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

December 30, 2022

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Jackson,

Pursuant to 5 MRSA § 12009, I am submitting the Report of Board and Commission Appointments or Reappointments to you for the calendar year 2023. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments which have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2022. This report also indicates vacancies which exist on a board or commission that needs a new appointment. If you would like a breakdown of only your appointments, we would be pleased to provide this to you as well.

If you have any questions concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin, Director of the Division of Corporations, UCC and Commissions at 207-624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy"

S.P. 54 L.D. 115

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JAUCH of Topsham, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LOOKNER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts"
S.P. 77 L.D. 148

Presented by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors"

S.P. 62 L.D. 123

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish.

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

S.P. 68 L.D. 129

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project"

S.P. 61 L.D. 122

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: MALON of Biddeford, PLUECKER of Warren, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities"

S.P. 66 L.D. 127

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers"
S.P. 73 L.D. 134

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representative: BOYLE of Gorham.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals"

S.P. 56 L.D. 117

Presented by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative **GRIFFIN** of Levant and Senators: **BENNETT** of Oxford, **GUERIN** of Penobscot, **HARRINGTON** of York, **KEIM** of Oxford, **POULIOT** of Kennebec, **STEWART** of Aroostook, Representatives: **BOYER** of Poland, **LIBBY** of Auburn.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws"

S.P. 53 L.D. 114

Presented by Senator **BAILEY** of York.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees"

S.P. 60 L.D. 121

Presented by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Speaker **TALBOT ROSS** of Portland and Senators: **BAILEY** of York, **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **NANGLE** of Cumberland, Representatives: **DHALAC** of South Portland, **PAULHUS** of Bath, **PERRY** of Calais, **STOVER** of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

S.P. 71 L.D. 132

Presented by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Fairness of Adaptive Management Study Moose Hunt Permits by Exempting Those Permittees from the 4-year Limitation on Receiving Another Permit"

S.P. 65 L.D. 126

Presented by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: **BLACK** of Franklin, Representatives: **THORNE** of Carmel, **WOODSOME** of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws"

S.P. 70 L.D. 131

Presented by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Assessment of Fines for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans"

S.P. 75 L.D. 146

Presented by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants"

S.P. 57 L.D. 118

Presented by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff"

S.P. 55 L.D. 116

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board"

S.P. 59 L.D. 120

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay"

S.P. 58 L.D. 119

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George and Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board"

S.P. 72 L.D. 133

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, STOVER of Boothbay.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

S.P. 69 L.D. 130

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Homestead' Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws"

S.P. 78 L.D. 149

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, RAFFERTY of York.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State Aid Highways"

S.P. 63 L.D. 124

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests"

S.P. 64 L.D. 125

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates from 3 Sets to 4 Sets"

S.P. 67 L.D. 128

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles"

S.P. 74 L.D. 135

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle and Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of Money Allowed to Be Raised for a Charitable Purpose by Certain Raffles"

S.P. 76 L.D. 147

Presented by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **MOORE** of Washington requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Natalie Emmerson, of Woolwich, who has been named a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program. Natalie is one of only two delegates from Maine and the first Morse High School student to be admitted into the program in over thirty years. The United States Senate Youth Program was developed to provide a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 55

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I am very pleased to welcome Natalie Emmerson and her family of Bath, actually of Woolwich, to the Senate Chamber today. Natalie is the first Morse High School student to be admitted into the prestigious United States Senate Youth Program in over 30 years. To those who aren't familiar with the Senate Youth Program, each year two students from each state, including Maine, are invited to participate in a weeklong study of the Federal Government in Washington, D.C. During the program, Natalie will join her fellow student delegates from across the country to attend on-line meetings and briefings with U.S. Senators, a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Leaders of Cabinet Agencies, and President Joe Biden. Although this is a very competitive program, I am not surprised that Natalie was selected. At Morse High School, Natalie is an outstanding student. She serves as the Chairperson for the school Community Liaison Council. She is the captain of her swim team. She a co-founder of the Women's Empowerment Club. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She attended the Dirigo State and Cohen Leadership Institute and she is an AP Scholar. Having accomplished so much at a young age, I wouldn't be surprised to see Natalie also become one of Maine's U.S. Senators one day. Just as an aside, for those of you who are not familiar, Maine's current senior U.S. Senator was also in this program. In a recent article and interview Natalie said that actress Emma Watson and former First Lady Michelle Obama

inspire her and give her hope. Well, I can proudly stand here today and say that Natalie inspires me and gives me hope. Now that you've heard her story, I'm sure that Natalie inspires all of you and gives each of you some hope too. Congratulations, Natalie. I wish you all the best and I look forward to hearing about your experience in Washington this March. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Reny.

Senator **RENY:** Mr. President and distinguished members of the Senate, I rise today to acknowledge Natalie Emmerson as well and her ongoing passion for making the world a better place. I had the privilege of being her school counselor while she attended elementary school at Woolwich Central School and during that time I got to know Natalie as an outstanding go-getter and a rising star among her peers. It's no surprise to me Natalie was selected as one of only two delegates from Maine to the United States Senate Youth Program and no doubt she will continue to succeed in whatever she chooses to do and make a significant impact on the lives of all of those around her. I'm sure her parents are very proud of her, as they should be and as we all are as well. So, Mr. President and my honorable colleagues, I ask that you join me in extending our congratulations to Natalie and wish her all the best for the future. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Natalie Emmerson. She's joined by her father, Dean Emmerson; her Mom, Karen Emmerson. She's also joined by her exchange sister from Kazakhstan, Akku Shaimerdenova. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/4/23) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Lois Skillings, of Brunswick, on her retirement as President of Mid Coast Parkview Health after 43 years of service. A nurse first and foremost, Ms. Skillings moved from the bedside to leadership roles, capped by her selection as president in 2011. She was instrumental in the successful merger between Mid Coast Health Services and Parkview Adventist Medical Center to form Mid Coast - Parkview Health and the later integration with MaineHealth. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 31

Tabled - January 4, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, January 4, 2023, **READ.**)

The Joint Order was **READ.**

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is my great honor and pleasure to recognize Lois Skillings of Brunswick and welcome her to the Senate Chamber today. After serving as President of the Mid-Coast Parkview Health, Lois will be fully retiring by the end of this month. Although Lois has served as the President of Mid-Coast Parkview for the past 11 years, her 43 year career there started much sooner. This was before I was even born, which means that I've literally never gotten care in my community when Lois wasn't there and I was born at Parkview, too. In 1979, Lois started as a nurse, tending to patients bedside. Nursing is a hard but rewarding job. You check in on patients who are afraid, scared, upset. You learn their names. You meet their families or friends. You try to comfort them, all while monitoring instruments, checking rounds, running up and down the hallways, and balancing many different tasks. Some patients recover, others don't. But all the time nurses bear witness to the entire human condition, including its miraculous ability to heal and survive but also its heartbreaking ability to succumb. Having family members who are nurses, I know just how hard this position can be and toll that it can take, but how absolutely lifechanging and what it takes to be successful in this position. Lois embodies every single one of those traits. Lois became the Vice-President of Nursing and, during her career, whatever role she had, Lois witnessed many, many changes to how diseases and illnesses are diagnosed and treated. The medical field changes rapidly from year to year and sometimes even quicker than that. No matter the changes, Lois firmly was committed to one mission; providing outstanding, compassionate care and services to patients throughout the mid-coast. In 2015, Lois oversaw the merger with Parkview Adventist Medical Center and in 2020, just five years later, Lois oversaw another merger, this time with Maine Health, being the largest healthcare provider and employer. Now, if that wasn't enough, we all know what happened in March 2020 when COVID-19 completely turned all of our lives inside out and upside down. But none of us were as affected more severely than the frontline healthcare workers at Mid-Coast Parkview Health and all healthcare centers and hospitals across Maine. Many of our family, friends, and neighbors would not be here today if it weren't for the dedicated doctors, nurses, physicians' assistants, and countless others in the medical fields who tended to COVID patients, whether as administering COVID vaccines and boosters, trying to save someone's life on a ventilator, or trying to give someone just a glimmer of hope that everything would be okay. No matter the challenge in front of her, Lois has faced everything with empathy and grace. In that moment of strife, she was exactly the calm in the storm we needed. She helps us feel calm and steady, even in the worst of times. I've gotten to work with Lois in everything from local issues to healthcare expansion, to trying to solve our regional housing crisis with the good Senator

from Sagadahoc, and so, so much more. She's a constant fount of knowledge and brings so much to every single conversation. She helped shepherd our hospital and our community through the worst pandemic in a century and with many more forces storming around her. It's all a true testament to her extraordinary leadership. Lois, you are truly irreplaceable and I'm so grateful for the decades of care that you provided to my community, my constituents, my family, and me. You've more than earned your retirement, but that doesn't mean I won't miss you any less. I know you'll continue to make a significant impact on our community and look forward to the next steps or, hopefully, getting to share one of Emily's poems together. Thank you for everything, Lois.

The Joint Order was **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Lois Skillings and Jim Skillings. They are of the town of Brunswick. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Establish a Logger Relations Advocate Within the Maine Forest Service"

H.P. 76 L.D. 108

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared"

H.P. 55 L.D. 87

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission"

H.P. 63 L.D. 95

Bill "An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers"

H.P. 64 L.D. 96

Bill "An Act to Improve Safety for Individuals Living in Recovery Residences"

H.P. 77 L.D. 109

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make It a Crime Not to Report a Death"

H.P. 72 L.D. 104

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Update the Special Education Laws"

H.P. 66 L.D. 98

Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Financial Audit of a Private School Approved for Tuition Purposes"

H.P. 68 L.D. 100

Bill "An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work"

H.P. 88 L.D. 142

Bill "An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism"

H.P. 89 L.D. 143

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in Public Restrooms"

H.P. 61 L.D. 93

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities"

H.P. 67 L.D. 99

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act"

H.P. 65 L.D. 97

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 58 L.D. 90

Bill "An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 60 L.D. 92

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care"

H.P. 71 L.D. 103

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Minimum Usage or Tank Rental Fees for Certain Propane Customers"

H.P. 73 L.D. 105

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code"

H.P. 59 L.D. 91

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem"

H.P. 81 L.D. 113

Bill "An Act to Increase the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Children"

H.P. 85 L.D. 139

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Right to Counsel for Juveniles and Due Process for Juveniles"

H.P. 86 L.D. 140

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Standardize Service Credit Qualifications for State Retirees"

H.P. 74 L.D. 106

Bill "An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage"

H.P. 79 L.D. 111

Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 80 L.D. 112

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag"

H.P. 54 L.D. 86

Bill "An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District"

H.P. 84 L.D. 138

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax Revenues"

H.P. 56 L.D. 88

Bill "An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older"

H.P. 57 L.D. 89

Bill "An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property"

H.P. 69 L.D. 101

Bill "An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property"

H.P. 90 L.D. 144

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos"

H.P. 70 L.D. 102

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle"

H.P. 78 L.D. 110

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone"

H.P. 91 L.D. 145

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis by Minors"

H.P. 62 L.D. 94

Bill "An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises"

H.P. 87 L.D. 141

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Family Law Advisory Commission**

The **Family Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code"

H.P. 82 L.D. 136

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Family Law Advisory Commission**

The **Family Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties"

H.P. 83 L.D. 137

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the Call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.