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

Prayer by Pastor Tobin Curtis of Christ Community Fellowship in Madison.

**PASTOR CURTIS:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we want to thank You for this opportunity to acknowledge You as our creator and sustainer of life. God, we humble ourselves before You today and ask for the wisdom, strength, and love that is lacking in us. Thank You, God, for these Senators who have answered the call to responsibly serve and represent the good people of Maine and, Lord, I pray that each one here will recognize your hand in bringing them together and I ask that through your spirit of unity and peace they may confidently and effectively position this state and all of its people for future prosperity, security, and freedom. Now, God, I ask that their words be truthful, their hearts be faithful, their decisions be fruitful, and in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, be praised. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Benjamin M. Chipman of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Constance Adler, MD.

Off Record Remarks

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/7/23) matter:

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 105 L.D. 205

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

Tabled - February 7, 2023 by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

(In Senate, February 7, 2023, Report **READ**.)

Report **ACCEPTED**.

**READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-6) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-6) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-6) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-6)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

**ORDERS**

**Joint Order**

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Skowhegan Area High School Football Team, which won the 2022 Class B State Championship. Members of the team include George Mitchell, Quintcey McCray, Marshall Easler, Joe Linkletter, Adam Fitzgerald, Brenden Dunlap, Tyler Annis, Adam Savage, Clarke Frederick, Preston Dishuk, Ayden Mulcahy, Grady Blodgett, Ayden Brusa, Brandon Wyman, Bryson Howard, Cory Trial, Trevor Austin, Hunter McEwen, Darrin Gilman, Ben Linkletter, Caleb Pratt, JJ Howe, Kaden Salley, Collin LePage, Owen Falardeau, Kyle LePage, Brayden Carr, Ben Steward, Travis Coombs, Nick Welch, Tristan Turner, Sebastian Stewart, Bryce Jewell, Mike Welch, Gavin Chillington, Jaimeson Shanoski, Brady Ducharme, Thomas Hebert, Terryn Shields, Miller Foss, Ekhayo Fairley, Troy Dudley and JJ Aubin; managers John Domareki and Katie White; assistant coaches Brad Cyr, Chapin LaBelle, Steven McDaniel, Jason Frost, Matt Keister, Randy Murray, BJ Dunlap and Scott Libby; and head coach Ryan Libby. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 102

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative: POIRIER of Skowhegan.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Class B State Football Champions, the Skowhegan Area High School River Hawks. This team began the season with a dominant start. The first six weeks included multiple decisive wins: 41 - 21, 35 - 0, 28 - 0, 47 - 7, 32 - 6, and 49 - 14. Unfortunately, as often as the case for one reason or another, all good runs come with a hiccup. In week seven the River Hawks faced off the reigning Class A champions and their winning streak came to an abrupt halt. Fortunately, just two games later, and perhaps when it mattered most, the team pulled themselves together for the Class B North Quarterfinals. At the half, the team was up 35 - 0 over Brewer and they concluded that game with a 42 - 6 win. It had been five years since Skowhegan won a regional title and 44 years since their last state title, so entering into the Class B North Championship they knew they had their work cut out for them. The game started off 12 - 0 with the Falmouth Navigators in the lead. From there, Skowhegan moved the ball down the field little by little, scoring four unanswered touchdowns. Despite numerous injuries in the final game of their season, this group of young men pushed through and finished the season the way it began with team work, strategic thinking, and excellence. Playing on their opponent's home field, the defense was able to stop some big plays by Portland and the offensive line was able to make incredible yardage with a variety of unique route combinations to keep Portland on their toes. Just as Coach Libby had them practice the night before, the game ended 20 - 14 taking a knee. It was an emotional win for many. As mentioned, it had been 44 years since Skowhegan won its last title. I remember that game distinctly as I was a freshman at the time. We have two coaches from that team here today, Coach Walker and Coach Wing, who helped deliver that victory 44 years ago. But this game was also emotional as just a few years ago many of the individuals on this team lost a good friend in an accident, John Hovey, who wore the number 44. I know I speak on behalf of our community when I share how impressed and proud I am of the coaching staff, led by Ryan Libby; of the players; the managers; and, just as I remember the last state championship win, I know this state championship game will be one that you will remember your entire life. Again, congratulations to the Skowhegan River Hawks on your incredible season and thank you for bringing that Gold Ball back to Skowhegan.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber members of the Skowhegan Area High School Football players, managers, and coaches. They are all from the town of Skowhegan and they're the guests today of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

The Chair would also like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Dave Wing of Greene and Mark Walker of Cornville. They are coaches of the 1978 Skowhegan Championship Team, the last one before today, which is quite an accomplishment also.

They are the guests today of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin. Would Mr. Wing and Mr. Walker please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

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Off Record Remarks

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/31/23) matter:

**JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Richard Amos "Dick" Heikkinen, of Kennebunk.** Mr. Heikkinen's long career in education began with a position at Fryeburg Academy as a physical education teacher and a day student advisor. He was one of the founders of the school's wrestling program. He later taught physical education and coached wrestling and football at Kennebunk High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He spent 17 years at the Mildred L. Day School in Arundel, serving as Educator, Vice Principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent, and he retired as Athletic Administrator and Assistant Principal at Massabesic High School. He was awarded the Maine Principal's Association Plaque for Excellence and the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Plaque for Athletic Excellence. He was also presented with the Massabesic Athletic Booster Plaque for Dedication and Service and was inducted into the Fryeburg Academy Hall of Excellence. His additional community work included service as a volunteer ambulance driver, school bus driver, recreation director, school board and budget board member, wrestling, football and volleyball official and baseball umpire. Mr. Heikkinen will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 71

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION**

(In Senate, January 31, 2023, **READ**.)

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to speak to the passing of Dick Heikkinen from Kennebunk and I will forego a few of the comments as they are included in the sentiment but some of the things that are unknown is that Dick wore many, many hats in our community. Upon retiring from Massabesic, he returned to Kennebunk as a bus driver. He was humble enough that he could do any and every thing related to school. On a side note, I traveled many trips and games with Dick while he was driving. He had shortcuts to every school we went to and, although we never came home the same way we went, I think Dick used this time so that we had some conversations about - as

he knew many of the siblings and parents of players that I was coaching at the time. He was one of the first people I met when I was hired and he always offered a lending hand, sound advice in working in my new school. In many ways, my career mirrored his. We both got our starts at Springfield, coached the same sports, and utilized very similar philosophies in doing so. Regardless of his role, Dick never lost sight of keeping the kids at the center of his daily efforts. His son, Ricky, played on one of my early teams. His girls were successful athletes at our school. His youngest, Kristen, played with my daughter, Kelly, on numerous teams and his daughter, Lexi, along with his wife, Ann, are both educators, a tradition in their family. None of us know how we will be remembered or understand the impact we have on people. I happen to be reading the on-line memorial to Dick and I pulled one out that I would like to share at this time. It reads as follows: 'I was so fortunate to have Dick as a teacher and football coach. Without a doubt, he was the reason that I got into teaching and coaching. He was a great role model for me. When I saw him, he was truly interested in what was going on in my life. We shared many stories from my high school days and his days as a teacher and an administrator. I looked forward to the bus rides with him. He was truly an icon in our community and will be missed.' That was written by Brian Dill. As it turns out, Brian Dill went on to UMO after graduating from Kennebunk. He got his degree in physical education, came back to Kennebunk to teach in 1979. I got there a year ahead of him, so there wasn't a PE opening at the time but Brian got into teaching special ed and used his degree throughout his career. He joined my staff and, as assistant, he served with me for 44 years. He was also an assistant baseball coach, later became the head coach before retiring in 2021. For many of his games, Dick was behind the plate. I considered Dick a friend and colleague. He was humble and caring. I picture him in his early years, jogging around our town and then in later years that became a walk. His favorite year-round outfit was shorts and sandals, regardless of temperatures. Whenever I lose someone close to me I do my best to keep them living in my head and heart and I am convinced and sure that the students, athletes, friends, and family of Dick are doing the same. His legacy is his family, as well as the thousands of students whose lives he touched and influenced throughout his career. Thank you very much.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is honored to recognize the wife of Dick Heikkinen and his daughter. His wife is Ann and his daughter is Alexis. They are from the town of Kennebunk. They are the guests today of the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please accept the sincere condolences of the Maine State Senate.

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Off Record Remarks

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 231

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 14, 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.**

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolutions**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 315

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF TYRE NICHOLS**

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2023, police officers in Memphis, Tennessee used severe and unrestrained force against Tyre Nichols, who was stopped for alleged reckless driving, resulting in his death in the hospital 3 days after the encounter; and

WHEREAS, Tyre Nichols was a man who was a respected member of his community, a caring man with a generous heart and a loving son and father; and

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force during an arrest or investigatory stop constitutes an unreasonable seizure under the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of every person in the United States to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures at the hands of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force during a period of pretrial detention constitutes the deprivation of due process under the 5th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution, which guarantee the right of every person in the United States to be free from arbitrary interference with the liberty of that person at the hands of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force during a term of imprisonment constitutes the use of cruel and unusual punishment under the 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of every person in the United States to be free from cruel and unusual punishment at the hands of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which is also codified as 42 United States Code, Section 1983 and which is derived from the first section of the Act of April 20, 1871, commonly known as and referred to in this preamble as "the Civil Rights Act of 1871," makes liable "every person," including a police officer, corrections officer or other law enforcement officer, who, under color of law, deprives another person of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the United States Congress in enacting the Civil Rights Act of 1871 was to hold state and local law enforcement officers accountable for intimidating, harming and murdering African American people in the United States after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government has established itself as a government of laws but will cease to be so if it does not furnish a viable remedy for all civil rights violations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in our deliberations to express the Legislature's strong disapproval of state-sanctioned violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we mourn and commemorate the death of Tyre Nichols and extend to all his family and friends our deepest condolences.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. As the Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz wrote in his poem 'The Testing Tree': 'In a murderous time the heart breaks and breaks and lives by breaking.' As Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison wrote in her novel 'Sula': 'They have a simple obligation to say something, do something, feel something about the dead. They could not let that heart-smashing event pass unrecorded, unidentified. It was poisonous, unnatural to let the dead go with a mere whimpering, a slight murmur, a rose bouquet of good taste. For good taste was out of place in the company of death, death itself was the essence of bad taste. The body must move and throw itself about, the eyes must roll, the hands should have no peace, and the throat should release all the yearning, despair, and outrage that accompany the stupidity of loss.' And as the prophet James Baldwin wrote in his essay 'Nothing Personal': 'One must say yes to life and embrace it wherever it is found and it is found in terrible places. For nothing is fixed, forever and forever, it is not fixed; the earth is always shifting, the light is always changing, the sea does not cease to grind down rock. Generations do not cease to be born and we are responsible to them because we are the only witnesses they have. The sea rises, the light fails, lovers cling to each other and children cling to us. The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out.'

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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

## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Charles Mugabe, of Portland, Program Co-Director of Refugee and Immigration Services at Catholic Charities of Maine, who received the 2022 Emerging Leader Award Giraffe Award from the Maine Children's Alliance. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 97

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland,  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise to congratulate Charles Mugabe who is someone I do not know but I can trust that if he is the recipient of the Emerging Leader Award Giraffe Award for being an advocate for children he is somebody that I would like very much to know. It is not easy to be an advocate for children, those who do not have a voice of their own, and so they depend upon those of us who are older, larger, to speak on their behalf. And so I just want to say that I'm very grateful that Charles Mugabe took it upon himself to do the best he could on behalf of the children in his community and thus to earn the award that he is here to be recognized for. And I would just share some words from Mr. Mugabe when he arrived here in Maine. He said: 'Portland was very different than Maryland. We were not isolated like we were in Hyattsville. People were friendly to us. They smiled a lot and even approached us to talk. It felt like home automatically. Other immigrants we met wanted to help and they welcomed us.' Mr. Mugabe, thank you for making Portland, Maine your home. Thank you for all the work you've done on behalf of your community and the children that we all treasure so much, and congratulations on receiving this award. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to echo the comments from the good Senator from Sagadahoc County and I just wanted to add that I do know about Mr. Mugabe's work, especially being on the forefront of the pandemic response in Portland with his work through the Catholic Charities of Maine. I have friends and colleagues who have worked with him and speak very highly of his skills, his empathy, and his ability to rise to the occasion during a very stressful situation. So, I just wanted to say congratulations and thank you for your work.

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

Senator **DUSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm seeking composure. I want to rise to welcome Mr. Mugabe. I've had the opportunity to meet with him on many occasions in the course of his work and I just wanted to ask the Senate, when we stand to welcome him to the Chamber, that we also welcome his Grandmom and his Aunt who are here with him today.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Charles Mugabe. He from the city of Portland. He's the guest today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman, and he's joined with his grandmother and aunt. Would all three of them please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

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The Leavitt Area High School Golf Team, of Turner, which won the 2022 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 98

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

Harry Haylock, of Hartford, who was named the 2022 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Golf Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 99

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

Jade Haylock, of Hartford, who won the 2022 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Girls Individual Golf Championship and the 2022 Class B Girls Individual State Golf Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 100

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

Michael Hathaway, of Turner, who was named the 2022 Campbell Conference Football Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 101

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

Noah Carpenter, of Turner, who has been named the Maine Football Gatorade Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 103

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

Beau Mayo, of Turner, a student and football player at Leavitt Area High School, who has received the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive Lineman Award as the State's top offensive lineman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 104

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

The Leavitt Area High School Football Team of Turner which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1454 (130<sup>th</sup> Legislature)

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I'm pleased to have all these wonderful athletes and coaches here from Leavitt Area High School, my alma mater. I call this dominance under the dome by Leavitt today. First, we have the golf team which, under Coach Harry Haylock, which Harry and I have been friends for years, who was named the 2022 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, and won the 2022 Class B Golf Championship. The first one for the school as competing as a Class B team. Such a great honor. Thank you, Harry. Great job. Also on the team is Jade Haylock, which happens to be his daughter, who we'll hear from again in the next few years, I feel confident, who won the 2022 Class B Girls Individual State Golf Championship and the 2022 Golf B Girls Individual State Championship. This girls team is a fantastic team and this whole golf team is a great team. They'd done a great job. Thank you, Jade. Thank you, team.

As person who loves to play golf and tries to play a lot, it's this team - I don't play as good as they do just in case you want to know. One of them has taken money from me before. I'll say that on the mic, on the record. I hope he paid his taxes on it. - And does a great job under Coach Harry Haylock's leadership. Thank you all for what you do.

Next we have the 2022 Class C Football State Champions, coached by Michael Hathaway, who was named the 2022 Campbell Conference Football Coach of the Year. Mike, I can't say enough. I've known you since you was that tall, or this tall, and your Dad, your family's done a great job with this team throughout our lives and I thank you, Coach, for everything you do. Under Coach Hathaway, in the last decade, alone, the team has gone 80 and 18. This is just amazing. Also on the high school power rankings for football Leavitt was ranked number one in the state. I think it would be fun to have a showdown between all four Class Champions. We could call it the Dominance Under

the Dome State Championship. The football team has a lot of fun - has been a lot of fun to watch right up through the championship game. This team won an amazing 11 - 0 on the season. It's a very special team to watch in so many ways. The problem with this team is I know almost all the kids. I've got grandchildren the same age and almost half of them have been to my house and ate my food and terrorized and I love every one of them, every one of them here. A couple of the players have received some individual honors. Noah Carpenter who was named the 2022 Maine Football Gatorade Player of the Year. We're pretty lucky at Leavitt because we'll be able to watch him again next year at Leavitt. Noah, thank you. And we've got Bret Mayo, and I can remember when he was that tall, going to Pee Wee Football and I helped coaching him. He's done a lot better in football than I did. Bret has won the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive Lineman's Award as the State top offensive lineman. He is the first Leavitt player to win this award. Good luck, Beau, as you go on to graduate and on to study to become a master electrician. I feel pretty confident that when you get done you'll have plenty of work to do after you get your electrician's license because I tried to hire one last week.

In closing, Mr. President, I want to let all the athletes and coaches know how proud I am of them and the Leavitt area community is for them. Whether they are competing on the golf course or the football field, this is an amazing group of athletes and individuals. Keep up the great work, ladies and gentlemen. I hope to have these teams back here in the next year and thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the Chamber Leavitt Area High School Golf Team of Turner. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate. The Chair would also like to individually thank and ask them to rise. Harry Haylock of Hartford who is the 2022 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. Also Jade Haylock of Hartford who was the 2022 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Girls Individual Golf Championship. Would she please rise. I also want to recognize in the Chamber Michael Hathaway of Turner who's the 2022 Campbell Conference Football Coach of the Year. Would he please rise. I want to recognize Noah Carpenter of Turner who's the Maine Football Gatorade Player of Year. Will he please rise. Okay, two more. Beau Mayo of Turner, a student and football player at Leavitt Area High School who has received the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive Lineman Award. Please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate. And up in the balcony we have the Leavitt Area High School Football Team of Turner who won the Class C State Championship. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 317

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS  
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

**AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, teen dating violence takes many forms, including physical or sexual assault, stalking, coercive and controlling behavior, emotional abuse, harassment and exploitation, and can occur in person, online or through various forms of technology; and

WHEREAS, research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that more than 8% of high school students in the United States reported experiencing physical or sexual dating violence over the course of a one-year period, with young women and LGBTQI+ youth reporting the highest rates; and

WHEREAS, young people who are survivors of teen dating violence can suffer from depression, substance use disorder, risk of suicide, eating disorders, poor academic outcomes, unintended pregnancy and other struggles; and

WHEREAS, the effects of teen dating violence are compounded for girls and young women of color, who are less often recognized as survivors of dating and sexual violence and face additional barriers to seeking help; and

WHEREAS, the development of tools to help teens stay safe online and when using electronic devices; help colleges and universities respond effectively to dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and other forms of abuse; and provide resources and training programs that prevent abuse and promote healthy relationships is vital to providing young people with every chance to live the fulfilling and productive lives they deserve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and recommit ourselves to ensuring our society is one in which all young people can live fulfilling and productive lives free of violence and fear.

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

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 318

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023  
AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's role in the global economy of enslavement have been largely effaced from our narratives and from our collective consciousness; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest arrivals of people from Europe and Africa in the Americas, Africans and African Americans have been part of the story of this land, and researchers have identified over 1,900 people of color who lived in what is now called the State of Maine prior to the year 1800; and

WHEREAS, Africans who were brought involuntarily to these shores suffered generations of enslavement, and their descendants faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation and the denial of basic fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, people living in Maine engaged in the slave trade for at least 112 years, with the earliest known slaving voyage departing from Maine's shores taking place in 1749 and the last known slaving voyage on a Maine-built vessel taking place in 1861; and

WHEREAS, a total of 63 Maine-built vessels are known to have transported enslaved people, representing only the tip of the iceberg, and slaving vessels were constructed in at least 26 Maine towns; and

WHEREAS, Maine merchants were deeply entangled in the global economy of enslavement, as were the banks that handled their accounts and the insurance firms that secured their investments, and at a time when Havana, Cuba was the hub of the illicit slave trade, Portland was that city's number one trading partner; and

WHEREAS, it was not only Maine's coastal towns that were complicit in the global economy of enslavement through shipbuilding and merchant trading activities, but its inland regions as well: crops and livestock were routinely shipped in the "coastwise" trade to provision the sugar plantations of the West Indies, along with salted fish and even ice from this region; and

WHEREAS, great quantities of Maine timber were processed into barrel staves and shipped throughout the 18th and 19th centuries to the West Indies, where enslaved Africans were forced to fashion them into barrels; they then filled these barrels with the sugar and molasses that were shipped back to Portland and distilled into rum, which was used as currency in purchasing more captive Africans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans in all walks of life have shown resilience despite suffering under slavery and injustice and have made significant contributions throughout the history of the State and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the significance of Black History Month as an important time to honor the contributions of African Americans in the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

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

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 92

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

February 6, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of John M. Jemison, Jr., Ph.D. to the Board of Pesticides Control

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating John M. Jemison, Jr., Ph.D. of Orono for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 93

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

February 6, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Mark Neavyn, M.D. to the Board of Pesticides Control

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating Mark Neavyn, M.D. of Falmouth for appointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 94

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

February 6, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of David Adams to the Board of Pesticides Control

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating David Adams of Mapleton for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 95

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

February 8, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, USN-Ret. of Harpswell to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, USN-Ret. of Harpswell for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 96

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

February 8, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Elizabeth A. True of Sedgwick to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Elizabeth A. True of Sedgwick for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**



The Following Communication: S.C. 97

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

February 8, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Susan Krauss Loomis of Castine to the  
Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Susan Krauss Loomis of Castine for  
appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 91

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

February 06, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 77 An Act to Require the Bureau of Parks and  
Lands to Maintain Public Restrooms at State  
Parks

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker  
House Chair

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Ensure Maine Residents Have Priority Access to  
State Park Campsites"

S.P. 233 L.D. 562

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY  
REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of  
Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: ARFORD of  
Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, LIBBY of Auburn, WHITE  
of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food  
Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 239 L.D. 568

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and  
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President  
JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra,  
GUERRETTE of Caribou.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to  
the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND  
FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree  
Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing  
Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students"

S.P. 229 L.D. 512

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and  
Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RANA of Bangor,  
SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Resolve, to Provide Information to Maine's School Administrators  
and Maine Communities About the Financial Advantages of  
Modern Wood Heating

S.P. 241 L.D. 570

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and  
Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Net Energy Billing Laws to Require Net Energy Billing Credits to be Nonlapsing"

S.P. 226 L.D. 509

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Its Environmental Permitting Laws

S.P. 225 L.D. 508

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes"

S.P. 222 L.D. 505

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

Bill "An Act to Improve Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Reducing Barriers to Maintaining Health Care Coverage"

S.P. 224 L.D. 507

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers"

S.P. 227 L.D. 510

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services"  
S.P. 237 L.D. 566

Presented by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay and Senator: RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CARLOW of Buxton, DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, RANA of Bangor, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve the Child and Family Court Process by Increasing the Number and Duties of Family Law Magistrates"  
S.P. 223 L.D. 506

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MOONEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 235 L.D. 564

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MOONEN of Portland, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RANA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's System for Protecting Sixth Amendment Rights"

S.P. 236 L.D. 565

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging Dispute Resolution Board"

S.P. 228 L.D. 511

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act Regarding Overtime Protections for Certain Maine Workers"

S.P. 230 L.D. 513

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland.

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 Assert State Sovereignty over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast"

S.P. 234 L.D. 563

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, WHITE of Guilford.

On motion by Senator RENY of Lincoln, REFERRED to the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors"

S.P. 221 L.D. 504

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Require a Military Service Member's Agent with Power of Attorney to Be Legally Responsible for Paying Bills During the Member's Deployment"

S.P. 232 L.D. 561

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Ethical Election of Constitutional Officers by Restricting Certain Campaign Contributions"

S.P. 238 L.D. 567

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York. Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: PAUL of Winterport.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory"

S.P. 240 L.D. 569

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative SWALLOW of Houlton.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, on behalf of President JACKSON of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland), the following Joint Resolution: S.P. 242

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 10, 2023 AS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, one in every 4 persons over the age of 18 has a diagnosable mental illness, and many other persons experience brief periods of mental illness in their lifetimes; and WHEREAS, both in Maine and nationally, mental illness has been received with a reaction of stigma and fear; and WHEREAS, in 2022, 42 law enforcement departments in the State responded to over 4,500 calls involving mental illness; and WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, one in 4 persons in the State received treatment for mental health challenges each year, including persons who were incarcerated, residing in a mental health facility, experiencing homelessness and non-English speakers; and WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2021, 160.27 per 10,000 emergency room visits in the State were related to suicidal intent, and for the first 3 quarters of 2022, the figure was 157.36 per 10,000; and WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023, Legislators throughout the State are invited to visit local mental health care providers and recovery centers to meet clinicians, clients, advocates and family members who are assisting Maine persons living with mental illness; and WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023, Legislators are also invited to join community leaders to learn more about mental health and substance use disorder and how to provide support at the local level; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 10, 2023 as Community Mental Health Services Awareness Day, to recognize the impact mental illness has on our emotions, cognitive abilities and conduct and to thank the mental health professionals who are working to

eradicate stigma and fear and help persons live happier and healthier lives.

**READ and ADOPTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

**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 Reduce Cancer Among Firefighters by Providing Grants for Safety Equipment"  
H.P. 321 L.D. 516

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Emergency Medical Services Organizations"  
H.P. 331 L.D. 526

Bill "An Act to Increase Correctional Officer Salary and Benefits"  
H.P. 355 L.D. 550

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances"  
H.P. 356 L.D. 551

Come 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 Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures"  
H.P. 320 L.D. 515

Bill "An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools"  
H.P. 323 L.D. 518

Come 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.

Resolve, to Conduct a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses  
H.P. 324 L.D. 519

Bill "An Act to Comprehensively and Equitably Reform Electricity Rates"  
H.P. 347 L.D. 542

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential Support Workers"  
H.P. 325 L.D. 520

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Necessary Medical Care for Certain Minors"  
H.P. 340 L.D. 535

Bill "An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil"  
H.P. 341 L.D. 536

Bill "An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury"  
H.P. 344 L.D. 539

Bill "An Act to Establish Peer Respite Centers for Adults with Mental Health Challenges in Maine"  
H.P. 345 L.D. 540

Bill "An Act to Establish a Cabinet-level Position to Ensure a Continuum of Care to Support Children and Their Families"  
H.P. 350 L.D. 545

Bill "An Act Regarding Child Abuse and Endangerment"  
H.P. 351 L.D. 546

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage"  
H.P. 358 L.D. 553

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Continue the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program"  
H.P. 359 L.D. 554

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Rental Housing Applications"  
H.P. 363 L.D. 558

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Add Gray Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs"  
H.P. 336 L.D. 531

Bill "An Act to Remove the Limits on Bass Fishing in Washington County Rivers"  
H.P. 342 L.D. 537

Bill "An Act to Increase the Chance of Receiving a Moose Permit for Maine Service Members and Veterans"  
H.P. 349 L.D. 544

Bill "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 352 L.D. 547

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process"  
H.P. 337 L.D. 532

Comes 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.

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Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at Hospitals, Law Enforcement Facilities and Fire Departments"  
H.P. 335 L.D. 530

Bill "An Act Regarding the Qualification of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions"  
H.P. 343 L.D. 538

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Counties for Judicial Costs"  
H.P. 348 L.D. 543

Bill "An Act Regarding a Discovery Rule for the Statute of Limitations for Cases of Medical Negligence"  
H.P. 354 L.D. 549

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.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining"  
H.P. 330 L.D. 525

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances"  
H.P. 364 L.D. 559

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.

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Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Auditor to Report on Taxpayer Money Funding Maine Nonprofits  
H.P. 319 L.D. 514

Bill "An Act to Prevent Political Patronage with Regard to State Legislators"  
H.P. 326 L.D. 521

Bill "An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs"  
H.P. 353 L.D. 548

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.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Maine Families to Deduct Vehicle Excise Taxes on State Income Tax Returns"  
H.P. 322 L.D. 517

Bill "An Act to Remove the Annual Filing Requirement in the Property Tax Stabilization Laws"  
H.P. 334 L.D. 529

Bill "An Act to Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax"  
H.P. 338 L.D. 533

Bill "An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine"  
H.P. 346 L.D. 541

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow When Operated on Public Ways"  
H.P. 327 L.D. 522

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits"  
H.P. 332 L.D. 527

Bill "An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees"  
H.P. 333 L.D. 528

Bill "An Act to Allow Commercial Driver's License Holders Who Are 18 to 20 Years of Age to Haul Hazardous Materials Intrastate"  
H.P. 339 L.D. 534

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'"  
H.P. 357 L.D. 552

Bill "An Act Concerning Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fees, Fines and Driver's License Reinstatement"  
H.P. 361 L.D. 556

Bill "An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates"  
H.P. 365 L.D. 560

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis"  
H.P. 360 L.D. 555

Comes 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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Pursuant to Statute  
Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging  
and Disability Services**

The **Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 328 L.D. 523

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Decrease Discrimination Based on Evictions in Housing Applications"

H.P. 362 L.D. 557

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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

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Bill "An Act Requiring the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in New Commercial and Multifamily Parking Lot Construction"

H.P. 329 L.D. 524

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties

S.P. 105 L.D. 205

(S "A" S-6 to C "A" S-5)

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation, L.D. 205, comes from the State and Local Government Committee as a unanimous report. What this legislation is seeking to do is to increase the reimbursements for legislators on meals, lodging, and mileage, and I will be totally honest. I think probably in years past I would have been pretty skeptical in supporting legislation like this, skeptical to vote for it. But I think the last few years have been very clarifying, that we can't take for granted an in-person legislature and we have many legislators who are coming to Augusta from very far-flung parts of the state and many of these reimbursement rates have not been updated in decades. The rates that are proposed here are still well below state averages and well below federal allowances. So, I will be supporting this today. I do think it's important if we want to have an in-person legislature, if we want to have a robust institution, the first branch of government remain robust, I think that we need to make sure that our members are not going tremendously out of pocket in order to do the job. Thank you.

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The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CHIPMAN**, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **LAFOUNTAIN**, the Senator from York, Senator **INGWERSEN**, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, the Senator from Washington, Senator **MOORE**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BRENNER**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

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This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 24 Members of the Senate, with 4 Senators having voted in the negative, and 24 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **ADJOURNED** until Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in memory of and lasting tribute to Richard Amos "Dick" Heikkinen of Kennebunk.