



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature  
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

**6th Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

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

Prayer by Ophelia Hu Kinney of HopeGateWay in Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Eric L. Brakey of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

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**Troy D. Jackson**  
*President of the Senate*

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis"

H.P. 147 L.D. 226

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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

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**Joint Order**

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) Joseph Nesen, DVM, of Chester, on his retirement from Chester Animal Hospital after over 30 years of service as a veterinarian. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 16

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

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**Joint Resolutions**

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-3) Nicole Louiselle Carrier, of Skowhegan. Ms. Carrier will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 50 years, Richard, and her family and friends;

HLS 24

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

(1-4) Peter Petersen, of Swanville. Born in Berlin, Germany in 1939, Mr. Petersen was evacuated to Dresden, Germany, where he experienced the Allied firebombing of the city. As a young man, he emigrated to the United States, where he became a lab technician at Bell Labs in New Jersey, later working at Allied Signal. Drafted into the United States Army, he served as a drill sergeant at Fort Dix. Returning to Allied Signal after his service, he was appointed team leader of the High Pressure Center in Morristown, New Jersey, his work leading to many patents. During his retirement in Maine, he established Mainely Wired, the first high-speed internet business serving Swanville, later Chebeague Island and other islands, as well as central and Downeast Maine. He also created Mainely.org LLC to renovate and rent houses. He refereed and coached soccer teams at Searsport High School and rec soccer in Winterport and, still a player himself in his 70s, was declared the oldest soccer player in Waldo County. Mr. Petersen will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 43 years, JoAn, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 25

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

(1-5) Herbert "Kent" Burdin, of Guilford. Mr. Burdin worked for Maine Drilling and Blasting before beginning a career as an outdoorsman. He served as a firefighter for the Town of Guilford and as a Selectman for over 40 years. Mr. Burdin will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 28

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 42

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

January 25, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §20065, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the *Substance Use Disorder Services Commission*, effective immediately.

Representative Madigan will continue to serve on this commission as a member of the House of Representatives who is also a member of the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 38

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

January 24, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Michael Wiers of St. Albans to the Maine Milk Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Michael Wiers of St. Albans for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 39

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

January 24, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Barry W. Norris of Union to the Maine State Harness Racing  
Commission

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am nominating Barry W. Norris of Union for reappointment to the  
Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the  
Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and  
Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 40

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

January 24, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Dr. Richard A. Cook, of Hermon to the Maine Milk Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Dr. Richard A. Cook, of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 35

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
19 UNION STREET  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 19, 2023

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

I am pleased to provide you with the Maine Human Rights Commission's report of quasi-independent state entity activity for the preceding year, as required by 5 M.R.S. §12023. The Maine Human Rights Commission ("MHRC") is committed to ensuring that its governing body has all the information needed to oversee the MHRC's activities and expenditures responsibly.

For the 2022 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), the MHRC reports as follows:

- A. All procurements exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §12022(3), including procurements exceeding \$10,000 that were made under contracts previously entered into for which competitive procurement was not required.  
Answer: None.
- B. All persons to whom the MHRC made contributions greater than \$1,000 and the total amount contributed to each.  
Answer: None.
- C. Changes made in the preceding year to the written policies and procedures required by 5 M.R.S. §12022 or to the procedures used by the MHRC to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.  
Answer: None.

We believe that the MHRC is in full compliance with the spirit and letter of 5 M.R.S. §§12021-12024, and thank the Legislature for its attention to this matter. Should you or another member of the Legislature require additional information, or have a question, about the above report, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Sneirson  
Executive Director

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 36

**MAINE VENTURE FUND  
SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH BOARD**

February 1, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached Report to Legislature for FY 2022 on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terri Wark  
Office Operations Manager

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 37

**MAINE MUNICIPAL AND RURAL  
ELECTRIFICATION COOPERATIVE AGENCY**

January 23, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Scott M. Hallowell  
MMRECA

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 41

**MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

January 23, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke  
Chief Executive Officer

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 43

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY  
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 25, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Alice Herrick  
Director of Fiscal Operations for Maine Maritime Academy

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 44

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

January 25, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler  
President

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(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 45

**STATE OF MAINE  
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE  
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F  
LIMESTONE, ME 04750**

January 24, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora  
President & CEO

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(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 46

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council, 131<sup>st</sup> Maine Legislature;

Honorable Janet T. Mills  
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following report and schedule:

- Communication with Those Charge with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements
- Management Representation Letter

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA  
State Auditor

January 24, 2023

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(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 47

**STATE OF MAINE  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET**

To: The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate  
Members of the 131<sup>st</sup> Senate  
The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
Members of the 131<sup>st</sup> House of Representatives

From: S/Darryl Stewart, Deputy State Budget Officer

Date: January 25, 2023

Subject: Federal Mandates

Title 5, section 1670 requires the State Budget Officer to submit, to all members of the Legislature, a list of any new laws, regulations or other actions that may require the State to comply with any new federal mandate in the current or next biennium.

Federal mandates are programs/activities that the federal government requires an agency or state to participate in whether funded or not. The United States Congressional Budget Office defines a federal mandate as:

- Any provision in legislation that, when enacted, would do one of the following:
  - Impose an enforceable duty on state, local, or tribal governments or on private-sector entities;
  - Reduce or eliminate an authorization of appropriations to cover the costs of complying with existing mandates;
  - Increase the stringency of conditions that apply to the provision of funds to state, local, or tribal governments through certain large mandatory programs or make cuts in federal funding for those mandatory programs if the affected governments lack the flexibility to alter the programs.
  
- “Enforceable duty” is interpreted to mean actions by public and private entities that would be either required or prohibited. Duties that arise from conditions of federal assistance or that are tied to participating in voluntary federal programs are not considered mandates unless they are one of the large mandatory programs as noted above.

The State Budget Officer has reviewed the new federal requirements submitted by state agencies and departments in accordance with Title 5, section 1670 and finds that none of them meet the above definition. Hence, there are no new laws, regulations or other actions resulting in new federal mandates to report at this time.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Governing Pari-Mutuel Pools on Harness Racing"  
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 132 L.D. 311

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra and Representatives: HALL of Wilton,  
JACKSON of Oxford, MORIARTY of Cumberland.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine  
Farmers"

S.P. 136 L.D. 315

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

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

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(3-3) Bill "An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and  
Nonhighway Modes of Transportation"

S.P. 174 L.D. 367

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered  
printed.

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(3-4) Bill "An Act to Improve Recruitment and Retention of First Responders"

S.P. 147 L.D. 326

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

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(3-5) Bill "An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping"

S.P. 130 L.D. 271

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

(3-6) Bill "An Act Regarding Safe Schools"

S.P. 138 L.D. 317

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CYRWAY of Albion, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center"

S.P. 141 L.D. 320

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times"

S.P. 156 L.D. 335

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

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

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(3-9) Bill "An Act to Increase Consumer Choice and Reduce Motor Vehicle Emissions in Maine"

S.P. 125 L.D. 266

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Improve Consideration of Electricity Rate Increases"

S.P. 146 L.D. 325

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Provide Maine Ratepayers with Equitable Access to Interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources"

S.P. 148 L.D. 327

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Require the Nonwires Alternative Coordinator to Review and Analyze Plans to Build, Upgrade or Replace a Substation"

S.P. 164 L.D. 357

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-13) Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws"

S.P. 140 L.D. 319

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

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

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(3-14) Bill "An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs"

S.P. 127 L.D. 268

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services"

S.P. 133 L.D. 312

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine"

S.P. 149 L.D. 328

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: MADIGAN of Waterville.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in Eligibility Considerations"

S.P. 154 L.D. 333

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

(3-18) Bill "An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education"

S.P. 160 L.D. 353

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, KEIM of Oxford.

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants"

S.P. 165 L.D. 358

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times"

S.P. 166 L.D. 359

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Increase the Reimbursement for Electronic Consultations Through Medicaid"

S.P. 168 L.D. 361

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources"

S.P. 171 L.D. 364

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn.

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

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(3-23) Bill "An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk"

S.P. 126 L.D. 267

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senator: RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay.

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Ensure Health Care for All Maine Residents"

S.P. 150 L.D. 329

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Prevent Dog Breed Discrimination by Insurance Companies"  
S.P. 157 L.D. 350

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, STOVER of Boothbay.

(3-26) Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Available over the Counter"

S.P. 158 L.D. 351

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FREDERICKS of Sanford, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SHAW of Auburn.

(3-27) Bill "An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan"

S.P. 169 L.D. 362

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-28) Bill "An Act Regarding Circumstances Under Which an Automobile Insurer May Decline to Renew a Policy"

S.P. 175 L.D. 368

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-29) Bill "An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances"

S.P. 178 L.D. 371

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

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(3-30) Bill "An Act to Improve Compliance with Maine's Implied Warranty Law"  
S.P. 144 L.D. 323

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-31) Bill "An Act to Promote Workforce Development"  
S.P. 173 L.D. 366

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

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(3-32) Bill "An Act to Ensure Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction"  
S.P. 151 L.D. 330

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-33) Bill "An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Sentence Review Panel of the Supreme Judicial Court"  
S.P. 170 L.D. 363

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

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

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(3-34) Bill "An Act to Help Retired Federal Employees"

S.P. 129 L.D. 270

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-35) Bill "An Act to Ensure Consistency in Retirement Plans for Certain Law Enforcement Officers"

S.P. 134 L.D. 313

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

(3-36) Bill "An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine"

S.P. 135 L.D. 314

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: LOOKNER of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-37) Bill "An Act to Examine Hazardous Occupations for Minors"

S.P. 137 L.D. 316

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-38) Bill "An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers"

S.P. 142 L.D. 321

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-39) Bill "An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System"

S.P. 143 L.D. 322

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-40) Bill "An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers"

S.P. 145 L.D. 324

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.



(3-41) Bill "An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development"  
S.P. 163 L.D. 356

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

(3-42) Bill "An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations"  
S.P. 179 L.D. 372

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-43) Bill "An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers"  
S.P. 180 L.D. 373

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-44) Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Mariculture Development Collaborative"  
S.P. 159 L.D. 352

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

(3-45) Bill "An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine"  
S.P. 177 L.D. 370

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

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

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(3-46) Bill "An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock"

S.P. 128 L.D. 269

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, LEE of Auburn, MILLETT of Waterford, RISEMAN of Harrison.

(3-47) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Engineers on Public Works Projects over \$100,000"

S.P. 161 L.D. 354

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

(3-48) Bill "An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter"

S.P. 167 L.D. 360

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

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(3-49) Bill "An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea"

S.P. 131 L.D. 272

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook.

(3-50) Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary 'Swampy' Worster Memorial Bridge

S.P. 139 L.D. 318

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

(3-51) Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

S.P. 152 L.D. 331

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.

(3-52) Bill "An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles"

S.P. 155 L.D. 334

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

(3-53) Bill "An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads"

S.P. 176 L.D. 369

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

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

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(3-54) Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws"

S.P. 153 L.D. 332

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

(3-55) Bill "An Act to Refocus the Purpose and Duties of the Cannabis Advisory Commission"

S.P. 162 L.D. 355

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

(3-56) Bill "An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act"

S.P. 172 L.D. 365

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PLUECKER of Warren, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Pickle's Potions, of Winthrop, which has been named the 2023 Small Business of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 68

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

(4-2) Ingrid Stanchfield, of Gardiner, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley Sandra M. Prescott Clubhouse, who has been named the 2023 Business Person of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 69

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

(4-3) Jules Vazquez, of South Portland, who won the statewide Telling Room Poetry Contest with the poem "Older Sisters to Younger Brothers." We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 72

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

(4-4) Zackery Ellis, of Farmingdale, a member of Troop No. 647, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 73

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

(4-5) Corbin Eldridge, of Farmingdale, a member of Troop No. 647, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 74

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

(4-6) Zachary Truman, of Farmingdale, a member of Troop No. 647, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 75

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

(4-7) Shane Feeney, of Cutler, a student at Machias Memorial High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 76

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

(4-8) Sagan Guerrette, of Saco, a member of Troop No. 310, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 78

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco.

(4-9) the Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team, which won the State Championship. Members of the team include Ava Golder, Ben Cloutier, Sarah Mack, Gabby Thomas, Taylor Jean, Hayden LeCompte, Olivia Crowley, Ethan Rinko, Gabby Gladu, Kim McLaughlin, Adry Viles, Victoria Mpaka and Hayley Aloegnikou and coaches Michelle Crowley, Paul Dionne, Amy Dietrich, Ron Lebel and Dominic Pelletier. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 79

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

(4-10) the Scarborough High School Girls Soccer Team, which won the 2022 Class A State Championship after a perfect season. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 80

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

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### Joint Resolutions

(4-11) On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington (Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 98

#### **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 18, 2023 AS WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY**

**WHEREAS**, amateur radio provides a bridge between people, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, amateur radio communication has evolved from crude spark-gap technology to true digital communication, integrating the use of computers and radio to communicate locally as well as worldwide, and amateur radio operators are continually pushing technical boundaries through experimentation and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 18, 1925, the International Amateur Radio Union was founded, which illustrates how international cooperation and communication are hallmarks of amateur radio; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Amateur Radio Union has given amateur radio a voice in developing international agreements that allow amateurs to communicate over international borders; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 2,500,000 amateur radio operators worldwide, with nearly 780,000 in the United States and approximately 4,500 in the State of Maine; and

**WHEREAS**, each year on April 18th, amateur radio operators throughout the world celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and sponsor special events to promote and publicize amateur radio; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, amateur radio operators volunteer their equipment and time to provide this valuable service, and Maine amateur radio operators routinely provide public service communications for such events as the Dempsey Challenge, the Trek Across Maine, the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, the New England Forest Rally, the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race, the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race, the Loon Echo Bike Trek, the Mount Desert Island Marathon and the Northwoods Gravel Grind; 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 and acknowledge the accomplishments and public service provided by amateur radio operators as they celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on the 98th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union; and be it further

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

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## Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-12) Howard Vandersea, of Brunswick. A decorated football player in high school and college, Mr. Vandersea signed as a free agent with the National Football League Chicago Bears franchise in 1963. He served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant, and while in the Army he was a member of the Fort Benning Doughboys, winners of the 1964 Armed Forces Football Championship. He went on to enjoy a lengthy career coaching football, beginning at Cheverus High School in Portland and with the Portland Sea Hawks semipro team and going on to coach at Tufts University, Brown University and Springfield College before joining Bowdoin College's staff as head football coach and serving from 1984 to 1999. There he coached the Polar Bears to seven Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Championships, while also coaching for the men's tennis, men's and women's track and softball programs. He was an active member of the National Football Foundation for nearly fifty years, was the foundation's northeast regional coordinator and was president and founder of the organization's Maine chapter, which now bears his name. He received several awards and was inducted into the Northbridge High School Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. Mr. Vandersea will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of over 54 years, Sara Jean, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 70

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

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

(4-13) 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 Messabesic 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

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, SAYRE of Kennebunk.



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

(4-14) Chris Rose, of Old Orchard Beach, a respected and well-known former television journalist. Mr. Rose worked as a public relations strategist for the University of New England. Previously, he had a more than thirty-year career at WCSH-TV in Portland. During his journalism career, he covered feature stories and several high profile stories affecting Maine and the region, including the 2015 sinking of the cargo ship El Faro and the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. He was inducted into the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2017. Mr. Rose will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 77

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

**1.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

Tabled - January 17, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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**2.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Danielle Emerson, of Biddeford

SLS 65

Tabled - January 24, 2023 by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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