



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

1st Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Called to Order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Rev. Susan Reisert of Old South Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ in Hallowell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator James D. Libby of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

The Following Senate Communication:

S.C. 287

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, there exists in the State of Maine an extraordinary occasion arising out of the need to resolve many legislative matters pending at the time of the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the public health, safety and welfare requires that the Legislature resolve these pending matters as soon as possible, and in any event prior to the date of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature of the State of Maine, including but not limited to the state budget, pending legislation, pending nominations of state board and commission members, and pending nominations of judicial officers by the Governor requiring legislative confirmation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JANET T. MILLS, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the constitutional power vested in me as Governor pursuant to Article V, Part I, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, do convene the Legislature of this State, and hereby request the Representatives to assemble at ten o'clock and the Senators to assemble at ten o'clock in the morning in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in order to receive communications, resolve pending legislation carried over from the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature and act upon pending nominations and whatever other business may come before the legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed **GIVEN** under my hand at Augusta and dated this thirty first day of March Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

QUORUM CALL

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 18

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that in accordance with Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 19

ORDERED, that a message be sent to House of Representatives informing that body that in accordance with Article V, Part 1, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Hold School Employees Civilly Liable for Failure to Notify Parents Regarding Medical Issues of Students Under 18 Years of Age"

H.P. 906 L.D. 1410

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

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

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Address Poverty by Increasing Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs"

H.P. 933 L.D. 1437

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

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

(1-3) Bill "An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Housing Voucher Program and Providing Site-based Housing Services"

H.P. 918 L.D. 1422

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

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-4) Scott Graffam, of Norway, Coach of the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Boys Basketball Team, who has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 81

(1-5) Mackinna Campbell, of Westbrook, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 203

(1-6) Greg Stanley, of Medway, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 204

(1-7) Peggy Daigle, of East Millinocket, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 205

(1-8) Cameron McDunnah, of East Millinocket, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 206

(1-9) the Board of Directors of the Patten Veteran's Memorial Library, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 207

(1-10) Brady Saunders, of Brewer, a student at Brewer 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;

HLS 208

(1-11) Cole Ellis, of Searsport, a senior at Searsport District High School, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 209

(1-12) Meghan Case, of Casco, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 210

(1-13) the Kennebunk High School Debate Team, which won the Congressional Debate division of the Maine State Speech and Debate Championship Tournament, with team member Anne Murer winning the individual state championship. This was the first in-person state championship held since the 2019-2020 debate season. The team, led by seniors Anne Murer and Renee Bergeon, was undefeated in Congressional Debate for the entire 2022-2023 season. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the members of the team participating in the statewide meet: Jillian Elkins, Renee Bergeon, Annie Murer, David Rush and Isaac Kahn;

HLS 211

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

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-14) William MacManus, of China. Mr. MacManus, a former teacher, coach, administrator and athletic director, had a long career of helping others reach their hidden potential. He taught at Holbrook Middle School as a physical education teacher for 12 years. He coached the John Baptist Memorial High School boys basketball team to a state championship and was voted Coach of the Year. For 13 years, he was a Maine Public Network sports announcer, and he also served as a high school basketball referee across the State. He was the Athletic Director of Brunswick High School from 1984 to 1986, Assistant Principal at Mount Ararat School from 1986 to 1989 and Athletic Director for Greely High School from 1990 to 1993. He also worked in a number of public administration roles in Massachusetts. He served as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal of Lawrence High School from 2002 to 2017. Retiring as a school administrator, he most recently served as an education technician at Lawrence Junior High School. He was an Executive Board Member for The Massachusetts Elementary Principals' Association, taught The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association Leadership Training Course and served on the Maine Principals' Interscholastic Committees. In addition, he served as chair for the cheering committee, served on the state hockey committee, was a member of the Maine Principals' Association basketball committee and was a member of the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference for 13 years. Mr. MacManus will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 202

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 272

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 29, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Peter Lyford of Penobscot County to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, replacing Senator Eric Brakey of Androscoggin County.

Furthermore, I have appointed Senator Eric Brakey of Androscoggin County to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Senator Peter Lyford of Penobscot County.

These appointments are effective by the date of this communication. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 273

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees – Appointment of Owen McCarthy of
Gorham

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Owen McCarthy of Gorham for appointment to the University of
Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, 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

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 274

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees – Appointment of John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, 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

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 275

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees – Valerie Landry of Ocean Park

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Valerie Landry of Ocean Park for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, 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

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 276

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Harold L. Stewart, II as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Harold L. Stewart, II of Portland for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 277

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Jennifer A. Archer as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Jennifer A. Archer of Falmouth for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 278

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable James F. Martemucci as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable James F. Martemucci of Arundel for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 279

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable William R. Stokes as an Active Retired Justice of the
Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable William R. Stokes of Augusta for appointment as an
Active Retired Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on
confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 280

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Gregory A. Campbell as an Active Retired Judge of the
Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Gregory A. Campbell of Hampden for appointment as
an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this appointment is contingent on
confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 281

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

March 30, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable Keith A. Powers as an Active Retired Judge of the
Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Keith A. Powers of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment
as an Active Retired Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, this reappointment is contingent
on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 282

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

March 31, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Sari S. Greene of South Portland to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate Sari S. Greene of South Portland for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 286

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

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has had under consideration the nomination of Ralph Tucker of Brunswick, for appointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Tipping, M. of Penobscot, Daughtry, M. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Bradstreet, D. of Vassalboro, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Galletta, J. of Durham, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Russell, R. of Verona Island, Skold, C. of Portland, Soboleski, M. of Phillips
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Roeder, A. of Bangor, Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Gere, T. of Kennebunkport

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Ralph Tucker of Brunswick, for appointment to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair



(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 283

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 23, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Maine State 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Crafts of Newcastle, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 493 An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished Firearms
Inventory

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 285

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

March 24, 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. 806 Resolve, to Study the Issue of Persons Who Go Missing in State Parks

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 269

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 28, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 745 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed
150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 270

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 30, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 156 An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8
- L.D. 213 An Act to Maintain the Authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 253 An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards
- L.D. 257 An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 265

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 24, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 905 An Act to Expand Energy Choice Through Municipal Utilities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 266

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 29, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 689 An Act to Study the Construction of a Nuclear Power Facility in the State

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

(2-20) The Following Communication:

S.C. 264

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 28, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 959 An Act to Prohibit Food Waste by Grocery Stores

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair

(2-21) The Following Communication:

S.C. 271

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

March 30, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 200 An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age
- L.D. 463 Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age
- L.D. 573 An Act Regarding Child Care Subsidy Payments and Eligibility
- L.D. 1031 Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-22) The Following Communication:

S.C. 288

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

March 31, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 876 An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State

- L.D. 927 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to Conduct an Independent Assessment Regarding a Proposal to License Genetic Counselors

- L.D. 1035 An Act to Adjust Reimbursement for Chiropractic Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-23) The Following Communication:

S.C. 263

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

March 28, 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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 532 An Act to Simplify the Plumbing and Heating Licensing Process

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

(2-24) The Following Communication:

S.C. 268

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

March 28, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 716 An Act to Assist Nonprofit Service Providers

L.D. 1043 An Act to Create an Office of Ombudsman to Help Nonprofit
Organizations in Their Interactions with the Government

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

(2-25) The Following Communication:

S.C. 284

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

March 31, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 363 An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Sentence Review Panel of the
Supreme Judicial Court

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

(2-26) The Following Communication:

S.C. 262

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

March 27, 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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 727 An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders
Injured in the Line of Duty

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

(2-27) The Following Communication:

S.C. 267

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 24, 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 Marine Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 487 An Act to Establish Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands Regional Planning Commissions

- L.D. 586 An Act to Protect Maine Fisheries from the Effects of Industrial Recirculating Aquaculture Operations

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries"
S.P. 601 L.D. 1480

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford,
DUSON of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: FAULKINGHAM
of Winter Harbor.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Improve Sexual Assault Kit Tracking"
S.P. 605 L.D. 1484

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough and Senators: President JACKSON
of Aroostook, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: LAJOIE
of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, PERRY of Calais, SMITH
of Palermo.

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

(3-3) Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to
Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School
Revolving Renovation Fund
S.P. 591 L.D. 1472

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CARLOW of
Buxton, MALON of Biddeford, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing"

S.P. 584 L.D. 1465

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

(3-5) Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law

S.P. 599 L.D. 1479

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act Regarding Transfers of Land in Resource Protection Areas"

S.P. 589 L.D. 1470

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, LYFORD of Penobscot, Representative: WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

S.P. 590 L.D. 1471

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Metallic Mineral' in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

S.P. 596 L.D. 1476

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DILL of Old Town, LANDRY of Farmington.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Open-pit Rock Quarry Excavation"
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 603 L.D. 1482

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding"

S.P. 610 L.D. 1537

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics"

S.P. 586 L.D. 1467

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, MATHIESON of Kittery, O'NEIL of Saco.

(3-12) Resolve, to Sufficiently Staff Overnight Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities

S.P. 588 L.D. 1469

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Protect Certain Unfiltered Drinking Water Sources"

S.P. 592 L.D. 1473

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

(3-14) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Nursing Facilities

S.P. 593 L.D. 1474

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services"

S.P. 598 L.D. 1478

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham.

(3-16) Bill "An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 602 L.D. 1481

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, SKOLD of Portland.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Hospital Security in Aroostook County"

S.P. 606 L.D. 1485

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, QUINT of Hodgdon, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Ensure That Residents of the State Have the Right to Repair Their Own Electronic Devices"

S.P. 608 L.D. 1487

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, JAUCH of Topsham, LOOKNER of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Ensure Equal Treatment by the Law Court by Requiring 7 Justices to Decide All Cases"

S.P. 587 L.D. 1468

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Remove the Waiting Period for Benefits Under Maine's Unemployment Insurance System"

S.P. 583 L.D. 1464

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Protect the Rights of Agricultural Workers"

S.P. 604 L.D. 1483

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, MALON of Biddeford, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

(3-22) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Governor's Power to Reprieve, Pardon and Commute Sentences and Remit Penalties

S.P. 609 L.D. 1536

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Promote Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology Development by Establishing a Tax Credit"

S.P. 595 L.D. 1475

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLAMORE of Waldoboro, MILLETT of Waterford.

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Exempt Tractor Trailer Trucks from the Excise Tax"

S.P. 607 L.D. 1486

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: MASON of Lisbon.

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units"

S.P. 611 L.D. 1538

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

(3-26) Bill "An Act to Fund Adult Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Services by Eliminating Certain Tax Funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund"

S.P. 585 L.D. 1466

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon.

(3-27) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law

S.P. 597 L.D. 1477

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Representative: BOYER of Poland.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Ruth Collins, of Presque Isle, on her retirement as a registered nurse with Northern Light Home Care and Hospice after over 30 years of service to home care and hospice in Aroostook County. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

SLS 330

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-2) Kasey Jordan, of Lamoine, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 331

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

(4-3) Lorelei Young, of Washington, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 332

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren.

(4-4) Ryan Mitchell, of Houlton, a senior at Greater Houlton Christian Academy, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 333

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-5) Jennah Brooks, of Island Falls, a senior at Southern Aroostook Community School, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 334

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-6) the Greely High School Solve for Tomorrow Team, of Cumberland, including members Mai Lo-Knutti, Christopher Gilbert, Celio Forbes, Adele Weaver and Lauren Dennen, state winner of Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Science Competition for the team's more efficient filtration system to combat PFAS in drinking water. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 335

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MORIARTY of Cumberland.

(4-7) Jane Volin, of Falmouth, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 336

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

(4-8) Alma Thomas, of Falmouth, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 337

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

(4-9) Emma Burr, of Pittsfield, a student at Maine Central Institute, who won the 2023 Class B Girls Indoor Track State Championship in the 200 Meters Event. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 338

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

(4-10) Emma Smith, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who won the All Festival Cast Award for her role as Nicholas in "The Terezin Promise" and for winning Best Musical Arrangement at the Class A Maine Drama Festival State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 341

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-11) Aera Hyson, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who won the All Festival Cast Award for her role as Raja in "The Terezin Promise" at the Class A Maine Drama Festival State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 342

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-12) Sofia Andrade, of Gorham, a student at Gorham High School, who won Best Musical Arrangement for "The Terezin Promise" at the Class A Maine Drama Festival State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 343

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

Joint Resolutions

(4-13) On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GREENWOOD of Wales, LIBBY of Auburn, MORRIS of Turner), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 600

JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article V, the Congress of the United States, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments that, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the United States Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; and

WHEREAS, with each passing year, this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the annual federal budget is a continual demonstration of an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

WHEREAS, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of special outlays that are neither included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance; and

WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation that results from this policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring about the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, we believe action on amendments to the United States Constitution concerning federal expenditures to be vital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Legislature of Maine respectfully applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal outlays made by the Congress of the United States for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia; and this application must be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing amendments, but may not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the nation, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-14) Leo P. Paquette, of Old Orchard Beach. Mr. Paquette worked as an inspector for Saco Defense for 18 years before moving on to Pratt and Whitney for 12 more years. He then became a bus driver for the Saco School Department. He was a parishioner of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a member of the TMIY program. Mr. Paquette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 339

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

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

(4-15) the Honorable Christian "Chris" Greeley, of Veazie, Chief of Police of the Town of Holden. Chief Greeley served Penobscot County as a law enforcement officer in the towns of Veazie, Brewer and, most recently, Holden, where he was Chief of Police for the past 7 years. A proponent of community policing, he believed that creating trust between law enforcement and the public was crucial in building community. His 25 Days of Kindness became a hallmark fund-raiser, raising money to be used to pay for fuel, food, rent and other resources for those in need. From 2002 to 2010, he represented House District 22 in the Maine Legislature, serving on the criminal justice and public safety committee. Working as a motivational speaker, he traveled the country for Skillpath Seminars. He also worked as a weatherman for NewsCenter2, where he sat on the anchor desk with his wife, Donna, and then weekends on WABI TV5. He often filled in as a guest host for WVOM, the Voice of Maine. In 2010, he and his wife took over Loving Touch in Home Care, a family business started by his mother. Throughout the 1980s, he was a stagehand for Rick Bronson Productions, working when large shows came to town. A musician and self-taught guitar player, he played in several rock bands, operated a DJ business and started the "Jingle Jungle" with his brother-in-law, Keith. Chief Greeley will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 22 years, Donna, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 340

Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ADAMS of Lebanon, ALBERT of Madawaska, ANDREWS of Paris, ANKELES of

Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BAGSHAW of Windham, BELL of Yarmouth, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Portland, CYRWAY of Albion, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of East Machias, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Embden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GALLETTA of Durham, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PAULHUS of Bath, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, POMERLEAU of Standish, PRINGLE of Windham, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE of Carmel, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WALKER of Naples, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 226 L.D. 375

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-13)**.

Divided Report

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Lower the Environmental Impact of Consumers, Increase Food Safety and Strengthen Consumer Choice by Ending the Ban on Single-use Plastic Shopping Bags"
H.P. 258 L.D. 425

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
BELL of Yarmouth
BRIDGEO of Augusta
DOUDERA of Camden
HOBBS of Wells
O'NEIL of Saco

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington
SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico
SOBOLESKI of Phillips
WOODSOME of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 80 L.D. 112

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**.

Signed:

Senators:

TIPPING of Penobscot
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)**.

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-4) Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels"

S.P. 313 L.D. 755

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-5) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors"

S.P. 310 L.D. 752

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)**.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program"

H.P. 50 L.D. 80

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders"

H.P. 180 L.D. 282

(6-3) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas"

H.P. 264 L.D. 431

House As Amended

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes"

H.P. 31 L.D. 56
(C "A" H-9)

(6-5) Bill "An Act to Expand the List of Persons Exempt from the Real Estate Transfer Tax"

H.P. 131 L.D. 210
(C "A" H-10)

Senate

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements"

S.P. 19 L.D. 27

Senate As Amended

(6-7) Bill "An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws"

S.P. 53 L.D. 114
(C "A" S-12)

(6-8) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 239 L.D. 568
(C "A" S-11)

(6-9) Bill "An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory"

S.P. 240 L.D. 569
(C "A" S-10)

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents
H.P. 9 L.D. 5

(7-2) An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties
H.P. 83 L.D. 137

(7-3) An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism
H.P. 89 L.D. 143
(C "A" H-6)

(7-4) An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property
H.P. 90 L.D. 144

(7-5) An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"
H.P. 357 L.D. 552

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**.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford

SLS 107

Tabled - February 9, 2023 by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Carter Butterfield, of Phillips

SLS 157

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing Dan Davis, of Hallowell.

HLS 181

Tabled - March 23, 2023 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

(In House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 572 L.D. 1454

Tabled - March 30, 2023 by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 243 L.D. 392

Tabled - March 30, 2023 by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**

(In Senate, March 30, 2023, **RECONSIDERED** whereby the bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**)

(In House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE.**)

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 49 - S.P. 41 (C "A" S-8)
