



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

3rd Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

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

Prayer by Pastor Mark Philbrick of Clinton Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 6, 2023.

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 Create the Stable Home Fund Program" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 992 L.D. 1540

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:

(1-2) Mazie Peach, of Garland, a student at Dexter Regional High School, who received the 2023 Girls High School Basketball Class C Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 217

(1-3) the Dexter Regional High School Cheerleading Team, runner-up at the Class C State Championship and winner of the Class C North Championship. Members of the team include Sunny Bache, Alyvia Dorman, Andrea Gilman, Tiffany Heinrichs, Elyssa Jerome, Kenzie Kimball, Kelsey Loggans, Hailee McCourt, Taylor Michaud, Fannie Patel, Elizabeth Roberts, Abby Trafton, McKenzie Trafton and Cristin Warner and coaches Kirstie Mower and Danielle Mower. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 218

(1-4) Holly Hunt, of Monmouth, a senior at Monmouth 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;

HLS 221

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

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-5) John L. Palmer, of Oxford. Mr. Palmer was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Korea. A Certified Public Accountant, he spent many years practicing with the accounting firm Arthur Young and Company in the Boston, Chicago and Jakarta, Indonesia offices. He also joined the Arabian American Oil Company, ARAMCO, and spent 3 years in Saudi Arabia in the early 1980s. Settling in Maine, he and his wife, Mary Anna, established their own business, Palmer Development Corporation, doing business as Alternative Modular Homes, in 1985. He became very involved in the manufactured housing industry and was a long-term member of the Maine Manufactured Housing Board. He served on the School Administrative District 17 school board for 8 years, was chairman of the Town of Oxford planning and appeals boards and was a member of the Oxford Hills Kiwanis Club. Mr. Palmer will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 50 years, Mary Anna, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 215

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

(1-6) Albert U. Liberatore, of Bangor, a Doctor of Dental Medicine. Dr. Liberatore moved to Maine and started practicing dentistry in 1973 in a small home office on School Street in Brewer. After moving to Massachusetts and earning a certificate in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, he returned to Maine in 1983 and founded a new practice. His career in dental medical lasted for more than 37 years. Active in his community, he took on many leadership roles, including running the Rotary Club's "Angel Tree Drive," and cofounding the John Bapst hockey program. He also spearheaded the restoration project of John Bapst High School's Steinway grand piano. Piano was one of his greatest passions for 71 years. His love of music took him across the country to learn from some of the greatest Blues musicians of his time. Over the years, he composed and recorded his music and spent many evenings playing the piano for the patrons of Manna Soup Kitchen in Bangor. He became involved with youth hockey in the early 1980s and remained very active in it for more than 30 years. He ran the Learn To Skate program, as making the sport of hockey accessible to children was extremely important to him. Following his retirement, in 2010, his family, friends and colleagues established a scholarship in his honor providing recipients with funding to not only learn to skate but also purchase equipment each year they continue to play. Dr. Liberatore will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 219

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

(1-7) Robert Lawrence Davee, of Camden. Mr. Davee worked for a number of years in Ohio and Massachusetts before moving to Camden. In 1968, he joined L and M Construction, later renamed Maine Coast Construction, and served as president for 54 years. Active in community service and the Town of Camden, he served as a selectman and Planning Board chairman. He wrote the first Zoning Board ordinance, reorganized the Camden Snow Bowl, applied to the United States Federal Parks and Recreation Commission to obtain Curtis Island, designed and installed a dewatering system at the sewerage treatment plant and also worked on the development of the Camden Opera House building. He founded Mid-Coast Children's Services, served on the board for Coastal Opportunities for 24 years and was a former president of Coastal Workshop. He also served as the President of the Camden Community Health Care Center, Vice-president of Northeast Health and President of Health Connections and was a member of and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Camden Rotary. In 2007, he served as the lead project manager in the reconstruction of the Camden Arch. The Town of Camden proclaimed March 13, 1984 to be Robert L. Davee Day in recognition of his extensive community service. In 2019, University of Maine presented him and the Davee family with the Legacy Fogler Award. Mr. Davee will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 220

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 293

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

April 5, 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 Sen. Beebe-Center of Knox, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1188 An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 292

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

April 5, 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 Sen. Grohoski of Hancock, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 411 An Act to Prevent Subscribers from Being Overcharged for Health
Insurance Premiums

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 297

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

April 5, 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. Moriarty of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 158 An Act to Create a Training License and Program for Certain
Advanced Practice Providers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 295

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

April 05, 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. 300 An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine
- L.D. 762 An Act to Authorize Burials with Biodegradable Containers, Including Tree Pods
- L.D. 813 Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder
- L.D. 1211 An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 294

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

April 05, 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. 940 An Act to Allow Pharmacists to Provide Services Through Telehealth and Vending Machines at Federally Qualified Health Centers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 302

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

April 06, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 991 An Act to Require Financial Institutions and Credit Unions to Give Depositors the Option to Designate a Beneficiary

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 296

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

April 04, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 458 An Act to Require an Application for a Hunting License to Include a Check-off Box Indicating an Applicant's Wish to Be Entered in the Antlerless Deer Permit Lottery
- L.D. 608 Resolve, to Improve Outcomes for Participants in the Antlerless Deer Permit Lottery
- L.D. 613 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Antlerless Deer Permit Process
- L.D. 763 An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners
- L.D. 798 An Act to Eliminate the Antlerless Deer Permit Fee for Holders of Senior Complimentary and Senior Lifetime Hunting Licenses

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 298

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

April 05, 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. 281 An Act to Require Ski Area Safety Plans and Reporting

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 301

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

April 06, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 323 An Act to Improve Compliance with Maine's Implied Warranty Law

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 299

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

April 05, 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. 116 An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff
- L.D. 882 An Act to Allow Nonmunicipal Emergency Medical Services Providers to Be Considered State Employees for Purposes of Certain Benefits
- L.D. 1112 An Act to Provide Workers' Compensation for Temporary Employees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 300

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

April 06, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 548 An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy"
S.P. 620 L.D. 1556

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, SAMPSON of Alfred, WORTH of Ellsworth.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities"

S.P. 640 L.D. 1608

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development"

S.P. 622 L.D. 1591

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, CARNEY of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, HALL of Wilton.

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Finance Clean Energy and Infrastructure in Maine"

S.P. 638 L.D. 1606

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

(3-5) Bill "An Act Regarding Visitation Policies for Long-term Care Facilities, Hospice Providers and Hospitals"

S.P. 632 L.D. 1601

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Representative: LIBBY of Auburn.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Repeal Certificate of Need Requirements for Health Care Providers"

S.P. 618 L.D. 1554

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, HYMES of Waldo, JAVNER of Chester, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Guilford.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Allow an Exception to Immunization Requirements for Health Care Workers for Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization"

S.P. 629 L.D. 1598

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou, JAVNER of Chester, QUINT of Hodgdon.

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

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Increase Affordable Housing Development"

S.P. 624 L.D. 1593

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, LOOKNER of Portland, RANA of Bangor.

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

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Create an Outfitter License for Owners and Operators of Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Businesses That Are Not Maine Guides"

S.P. 630 L.D. 1599

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. (BY REQUEST)

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program"

S.P. 619 L.D. 1555

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 637 L.D. 1605

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Special Motions to Dismiss to Include Workplace and Title IX Claims"

S.P. 623 L.D. 1592

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and Senators: BAILEY of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Creation of an Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court"

S.P. 627 L.D. 1596

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

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

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Stabilize the Pension Funds of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 639 L.D. 1607

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Prevent Student Homelessness"

S.P. 641 L.D. 1609

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects"

S.P. 617 L.D. 1553

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

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

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Exempt the Estates of Veterans Who Were Disabled in the Line of Duty from Property Taxes"

S.P. 626 L.D. 1595

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative: PERRY of Bangor.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Improve Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans"
S.P. 631 L.D. 1600

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of
Kennebec, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CRAY of
Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

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

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources"
S.P. 621 L.D. 1590

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: RIELLY of Westbrook.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Provide for Voters Expressing Preferences in Ranked-choice Voting"
S.P. 625 L.D. 1594

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

(3-21) Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission
S.P. 628 L.D. 1597

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland,
FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(3-22) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the
Time That a Signature on a Petition for a Direct Initiative of Legislation Is Valid
S.P. 636 L.D. 1604

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Avery Theriault, of Augusta, a senior at Cony 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;

SLS 352

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

(4-2) Alyssa Clark, of Lewiston, who received the "Dr. Bill Eckart" Young Professional of the Year Award from the Maine Recreation and Park Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 353

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston.

(4-3) Don Voisine, of Fort Kent, on his receiving an Honorary Degree from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Mr. Voisine, who was born in Fort Kent in 1952, attended the Portland School of Art and the Concept School for Visual Studies in Portland. He received an honorary Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Maine College of Art in 2000. Mr. Voisine's work was the subject of a 15-year survey at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockland in the fall of 2016, and in the past year his work has been featured in group exhibitions in Berlin, Brooklyn, Cologne, Denver, Lyon and Monaco. He recently had solo exhibitions with Robischon Gallery in Denver, Colorado and Pamela Salisbury Gallery in Hudson, New York and is currently preparing for a solo exhibition at McKenzie Fine Art in New York, New York. He has long been an advocate and representative of the arts in Maine and around the world. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 354

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-4) Malachi Lowery, of Vassalboro, a senior at Erskine 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 355

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

(4-5) R.F. Chamberland, Inc., of St. Agatha, which received the Maine Motor Transport Association Grand Champion Award for being the safest motor carrier in Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 356

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: ALBERT of Madawaska.

(4-6) Rob Westberg, of York, who received the Outstanding Music Educator Award from the National Federation of State High School Associations. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 357

Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: RUNTE of York, SARGENT of York.

(4-7) Macy Young, of York, a senior at York 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;

SLS 358

Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: RUNTE of York, SARGENT of York.

(4-8) Connor Mackenzie, of Lebanon, a member of Troop No. 369, 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 359

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: ADAMS of Lebanon.

(4-9) Tyler Dolan MacVane, 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 361

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

(4-10) Derek Cote, of Lebanon, a senior at Noble High School, who won the Class A State Wrestling Championship in the 152-pound Weight Class, his 3rd state title, and was named the 2023 Varsity Maine Boys' Wrestler of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 362

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: ADAMS of Lebanon.

(4-11) Jacey Barabe, of Whitneyville, who has earned the distinction of being named a Co-Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Machias Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 363

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-12) Sierra Colbeth, of Marshfield, who has earned the distinction of being named a Co-Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Machias Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 364

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

(4-13) Jaida Case, of East Machias, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Machias Memorial High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 365

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

(4-14) Laney Oliver, of Addison, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 366

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

Joint Resolutions

(4-15) On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York (Cosponsored by Representative **PERRY** of Calais), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 633

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 3, 2023 TO APRIL 9, 2023 AS
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

WHEREAS, approximately 29 million people still lack health insurance in the United States, and the uninsured are less likely to receive preventive care and less likely to seek care as quickly when they are sick, resulting in higher costs when they do seek treatment; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, health care spending represented 17.5% of the nation's gross domestic product, and it is expected to reach 20.1% by 2025; and

WHEREAS, rising health care costs contribute to the nation's federal deficit and reduce the ability to spend in other important areas including education, housing and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the United States spends far more on medical care than any other industrialized nation, but is ranked 26 out of 43 in terms of life expectancy, and the overall United States death rate has increased, leading to a drop in overall life expectancy for the first time since 1993, particularly among people younger than 65; and

WHEREAS, only 3% of the nation's health care spending is focused on prevention and public health, when chronic conditions, which are the most common, costly and preventable of all health problems, account for 86% of the nation's health care costs; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 7 in 10 deaths are related to chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and cancer, which are largely preventable, and 90% of health care dollars are spent treating such diseases, with only 3 cents of each health care dollar spent in the United States going toward prevention; and

WHEREAS, health inequities related to income and access to coverage exist across demographic lines, but African Americans of all ages are more than twice as likely to die from diabetes than white persons, and Hispanic high school students are 80% more likely to have attempted suicide than non-Hispanic white high school students; and

WHEREAS, March 23, 2023 marked the 13th anniversary of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and during open enrollment for 2023, nearly 16,400,000 consumers selected or were automatically re-enrolled in health insurance coverage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 3, 2023 to April 9, 2023 as National Public Health Week, and to express our support for expanding health care coverage and lowering health care costs for Maine families.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-16) Andrew P. Scontras, of Saco. Mr. Scontras was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in Europe after World War II and in the Korean War, air-dropping supplies to troops on the ground. After the war, he owned and operated Andy's Diner before going into real estate sales at the N.P. Scontras Agency and also serving as the City of Saco's building auditor. In 1971, he and his wife, Mary, formed the AnSco Real Estate and Appraisal Company. He served as President of the York County Board of Realtors and in 1974 was Realtor of the Year. He was President of the Maine Chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and one of the first members with Senior Residential Appraiser credentials in the State. He was appointed by Governor John McKernan to a committee to establish licensing laws for appraisers in the State. He also served as Cubmaster of the local Cub Scout pack and as President of Saco Little League and was a member of both the Elks Lodge and the local Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into the University of New England Sports Hall of Fame for embodying the spirit of the university as a supporter of the university's athletic programs. He was an involved member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Saco. Mr. Scontras will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 360

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

(4-17) Joyce Nadine Gerrish, of Lebanon. Mrs. Gerrish and her husband Theodore operated an exotic bird farm for a number of years. A bird watcher, she conducted bird counts for the National Audubon Society. For many years, she was a member of the Little River Baptist Church, and she served on the Ladies Auxiliary for the Lebanon Fire Department from 1947 to 1989. Mrs. Gerrish will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 367

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: ADAMS of Lebanon.

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

(4-18) Polly Anne Simonds Mapes, of Springvale. Mrs. Mapes worked for Mildred Albert, "Boston's First Lady of Fashion," in department store fashion shows and was a Hart Agency model, modeling in Boston and New York City on the runway and in print and catalogues. She later worked as a homemaker and family fashion designer, performed in the Sanford-Springvale Community Theater and was a member of the Goodall Hospital Women's Auxiliary and the Sanford Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. In 1962, representing Maine, she was the runner-up in the National Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Queen Pageant. She found her way back into fashion working as a fashion show model and commentator, later performing in television commercials and newspaper advertising. She served on the boards of the American Red Cross of York County and the Mousam Lake Region Association. Mrs. Mapes will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 368

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, LANIGAN of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services"

H.P. 139 L.D. 218

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 328 L.D. 523

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office"

H.P. 301 L.D. 484

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

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Senate

Pursuant to Joint Order

(5-4) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on Financial Health of Ambulance Services"

S.P. 634 L.D. 1602

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 594.

Pursuant to Joint Order

(5-5) Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel"

S.P. 635 L.D. 1603

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 594.

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-6) Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants"

S.P. 57 L.D. 118

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)**.

(5-7) Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

S.P. 419 L.D. 1050

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-18)**.

(5-8) Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption"

S.P. 101 L.D. 201

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-19)**.

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement"

H.P. 145 L.D. 224

(C "A" H-21)

Senate

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Establish Adult Protective Services Training Requirements for Professionals Mandated to Report Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation to Enhance Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults"

S.P. 27 L.D. 35

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel

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

(7-2) An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

H.P. 50 L.D. 80

(7-3) 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)

(7-4) An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders

H.P. 180 L.D. 282

(7-5) An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas

H.P. 264 L.D. 431

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford
SLS 107

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

Pending - **ADOPTION**

2.

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**

3.

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**.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Spruce Mountain High School Girls Basketball Team, of Jay

SLS 346

Tabled - April 6, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 143 - H.P. 89 (C "A" H-6)
