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15th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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

Prayer by Senator Matthea E. L. Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Joseph Baldacci of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Deanna Tabor, of Lewiston, who has been named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine Auburn/Lewiston Youth of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 290

(1-2) Dillon Elliott, of West Gardiner, who has been named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley Gardiner Club Youth of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 291

(1-3) Frankie Pierce, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 299

(1-4) Kira Fitzherbert, of Mars Hill, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Central Aroostook High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 300

(1-5) Matthew Tinkham, of Lincoln, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Mattanawcook Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 301

(1-6) Caleb Brown, of Enfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Penobscot Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 302

(1-7) Sydney DeSimone, of Waterboro, a senior at Massabesic 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 303

(1-8) Noella M. Pepin, of Winslow, a senior at Winslow 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 304

(1-9) Luke G. Plummer, of Buxton, a senior at Bonny Eagle 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 305

(1-10) Abigail M. St. Cyr, of Jefferson, a senior at Lincoln 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 306

(1-11) Abigail Therriault, of Peru, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Dirigo High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 308

(1-12) Grace Robbins, of Dixfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Dirigo High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 309

(1-13) Rhonda Taylor, of Sangerville, on her retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union after 36 years of service. Ms. Taylor started with the credit union, then known as the Dexter Regional Federal Credit Union, as a drive-up window teller in November 1986 and was promoted to president in November 1989. Under her leadership, the credit union expanded from 2 offices to 6, with branches in Dexter, Guilford, Dover-Foxcroft, Greenville, Brownville and Canaan, and assets grew from \$16 million in 1989 to \$182 million in 2018. In 2020, she worked with the credit union's board to provide the credit union's largest community donation ever, giving Piscataquis County the funds needed to purchase the former Guilford Key Bank to serve as the new headquarters for the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Patrol and Investigative Divisions. She promoted the credit union's involvement in its communities, volunteering and inspiring employees to do the same in many events, including the credit union's annual "Ending Hunger Campaign," raising funds distributed to area food banks, as well as Dexter Wild West Days, Guilford Riverfest, Dover-Foxcroft Homecoming and the Dexter Red Hot Dog Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 310

(1-14) Annika Katherine King, of Dexter, a senior at Dexter Regional 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 311

(1-15) Dennis Kiah, of Brewer, on his induction into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Kiah, who devoted more than 40 years to teaching, coaching and administration, mostly at Brewer High School, was also inducted into the Maine Principals' Association Hall of Excellence in 2021. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 312

(1-16) Jayden Moore, of Portland, who has been named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine Portland Clubhouse Youth of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 314

(1-17) Zachary Holt, of Lee, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 315

(1-18) Ethan Linscott, of Lakeville, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Lee Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 316

(1-19) Jathaniel Lindsey, of Bancroft Township, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of East Grand High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 317

(1-20) Owen David James Vincent, of Auburn, a senior at Edward Little 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 318

(1-21) Damon Wilson, of Windsor, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Erskine Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 320

(1-22) Samantha M. Philips, of Acton, a senior at Sanford 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 321

(1-23) Jim Bond, of Shapleigh, who has retired after 41 years of service with the Acton Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 322

(1-24) Madison Warnock, of Jonesport, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Jonesport-Beals High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 323

(1-25) Mallory Alley, of Jonesport, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Jonesport-Beals High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 324

(1-26) Ronald C. Ramsey, of Harrington, Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative District 37, on his retirement after 38 years of service as an educator. Beginning his career as the migrant teacher at Narraguagus High School, he became one of the school's science teachers in 1985. He became Principal at Harrington Elementary School in 1993 and Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative District 37 in 2010. Mr. Ramsey was instrumental in the formation of the Coastal Washington County Institution of Technology. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 326

(1-27) Rachel Mullis, of Dover-Foxcroft, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Foxcroft Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 327

(1-28) Aiden Tripp, of Monroe, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Mount View High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 328

(1-29) Rose Reischl, of Fort Fairfield, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Fort Fairfield Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 329

(1-30) Peyton Cyr, of Madawaska, who has earned the distinction of being named the Summa Cum Laude graduate of the 2023 graduating class of Madawaska Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 330

(1-31) Christopher Tardie, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 331

(1-32) Lucy Tate, of Washburn, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Washburn District High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 332

(1-33) Sarah Doore, of Waterville, who has been named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Waterville Youth of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 333

(1-34) Nesreen Laam, of South Portland, who has been named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine South Portland Clubhouse Youth of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 334

(1-35) the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus, of Portland, which won the Bronze Award in the Education, Art and Culture Category at the Anthem Awards, an extension of the prestigious Webby Awards presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. The academy created the Anthem Awards to draw attention to organizations and individuals that help spark global change. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 335

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-36) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1234

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK,
MAY 8, 2023 TO MAY 12, 2023**

WHEREAS, Maine's future depends upon the provision of high-quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers are among the most dedicated of public servants in the State; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise public awareness of the contributions of teachers and to promote greater respect for and understanding of the teaching profession; 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 the week of May 8, 2023 as Teacher Appreciation Week and strongly encourage the citizens of the State to recognize the efforts of teachers in educating the children of their communities and to support teachers in their efforts.

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

(1-37) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1235

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS
NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH**

WHEREAS, every President of the United States since Ronald Reagan and including Joseph Biden has declared May to be National Physical Fitness and Sports Month; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature is committed to supporting a thriving, vibrant and healthier community for residents of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature recognizes the importance of providing access to safe and convenient places to be physically active for people regardless of age, gender, race, income, socioeconomic status, disability or geographic location; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in 5 children and 2 in 5 adults in the United States have obesity; and

WHEREAS, one in 2 adults in the United States lives with a chronic disease and about half of this group has 2 or more chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, about one in 4 young adults in the United States is too overweight to serve in our military; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that children and teenagers perform 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity each day and that adults perform at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, such as brisk walking; and

WHEREAS, only half of adults and one-quarter of youths in the United States get the recommended amounts of aerobic physical activity they need to help reduce and prevent chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, physical activity is vital for healthy aging and can reduce the burden of chronic diseases and prevent early death; and

WHEREAS, physically active people generally live longer and are at lower risk for serious health problems such as heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, obesity and some cancers and, for people with chronic diseases, physical activity can help manage these conditions and complications; and

WHEREAS, physical activity can benefit the workforce because physically active people tend to take fewer sick days; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is leading Active People, Healthy Nation, a national initiative to help 27 million Americans become more physically active by 2027; and

WHEREAS, communities can support Active People, Healthy Nation by implementing one or more of 7 evidence-based strategies recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase physical activity across sectors and settings; and

WHEREAS, building active and walkable communities can help increase levels of retail economic activity and employment, increase property values, support neighborhood revitalization and reduce health care costs; and

WHEREAS, walkable communities can improve traffic safety for people who walk, ride bicycles and drive; and

WHEREAS, individual effort alone is insufficient to improve opportunities for people to be physically active, and significant policy, systems and environmental changes are needed to support and protect individual efforts to make healthier choices; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that longtime residents have the opportunity to benefit from increased community investment and that community improvement projects do not result in community displacement; and

WHEREAS, reducing barriers to safe and equitable public spaces for persons of color to be physically active is important to addressing existing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, every Active People, Healthy Nation strategy can be used to support the goal of equitable and inclusive access to opportunities for physical activity; 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 May 2023 as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we recognize that physical activity is one of the best things adults, children and families can do to improve their health and that, in light of the foregoing considerations, we express our support for Active People, Healthy Nation strategies, including those promoting activity-friendly routes to everyday destinations, access to places for physical activity and school and youth programs to increase physical activity before, during and after school.

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

(1-38) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1236

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULY 21, 2023 AS
PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY**

WHEREAS, the park and recreation field is a diverse and comprehensive system that improves personal, social, environmental and economic health; and

WHEREAS, the skilled work of park and recreation professionals strengthens community cohesion and resiliency, connects people with nature and one another and provides and promotes opportunities for healthful living, social equity and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation professionals and volunteers perform essential services to provide recreational and developmental enrichment for children, youth, adults and older adults and to ensure that our parks and recreational spaces are clean, safe, inclusive, welcoming and ready to use; 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 July 21, 2023 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day and to recognize the importance and benefits of park and recreation services that enrich the lives of Maine citizens and help make this State a desirable place to live, work and visit.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-39) John P. Lemay, of Sanford. Mr. Lemay was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the 2nd Armored Cavalry in Germany. Mr. Lemay will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 307

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

(1-40) Carter Loren Smith, of Dexter. Mr. Smith spent his life dedicated to protecting the Maine woods. He served as a game warden with the Maine Warden Service from 1970 to 1995. After retiring from the Warden Service, he continued to work several different positions, including at Baxter State Park, at Beal College, where he taught criminal justice, on the state Maine Guide boards, with Maine's Department of Conservation, at the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and on the West Branch of the Penobscot. He finished his career as the manager of Peaks-Kenny State Park. Mr. Smith will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 313

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

(1-41) Nicholas R. Leibowitz, of Pittsfield, a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Leibowitz will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 319

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

(1-42) George V. Hall, of Windham, founder of Hall Implement Company. Mr. Hall will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 325

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

(1-43) the Honorable Rosaire "Ross" Paradis, Jr., of Madawaska. A teacher for 36 years, Mr. Paradis was the first male teacher hired at l'Academie Notre Dame de la Sagesse in Ste-Agathe, a boarding school for women and public school, where he coached sports and worked as a teacher of English, French and Latin. He later taught at Madawaska Middle-High School, chairing the language department. He was elected to serve in the Maine House of Representatives in 2000, serving in the 120th Legislature, and was reelected to serve in the 121st and 122nd Legislatures. In the Legislature, he served on the leaves of absence, transportation and criminal justice and public safety committees. He was a strong advocate for and champion of Maine's large Franco-American population and emphasized the preservation of the French language and culture. He co-founded Le Club Francais and was president of the Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians, an international group dedicated to democracy and justice in over 30 nations where French is either the primary language or a prominent 2nd language. For his efforts, he was inducted into Maine's Franco-American Hall of Fame. He also was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Mr. Paradis will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of nearly 53 years, Judy, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 336

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 464

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

May 10, 2023

Honorable Darek Grant
Senate Secretary
3 SHS
Augusta, ME 04333

Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 163, I am pleased to appoint Katie Bernhardt to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board seat 10, representing the real estate and development interests, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have questions about this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 473

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

May 15, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2-B, §568-B, 1, of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have reappointed Captain Prentice Strong, III of Southwest Harbor to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, effective immediately.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this reappointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 460

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

May 11, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Lance Boucher of Manchester to the Midcoast Regional
Redevelopment Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Lance Boucher of Manchester for reappointment to the Midcoast
Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State
Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation,
Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 461

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

May 11, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of John Neptune of Indian Island to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John Neptune of Indian Island for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 11, MRSA §10151, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 462

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

May 11, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Roger G. Grant of Ellsworth to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Roger G. Grant of Ellsworth for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 11, MRSA §10151, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 463

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

May 11, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Linda J. Conti, Esquire of Augusta as Superintendent, Bureau of
Consumer Credit Protection

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Linda J. Conti, Esquire of Augusta for appointment as Superintendent,
Bureau of Consumer Credit.

Pursuant to 9-A MRSA §6-103, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's
confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and
Financial Services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 465

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

May 10, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has had under consideration the nomination of Michael Shaw of Freeport, for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board.

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	Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Lyford, P. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Gramlich, L. of Old Orchard Beach, Bell, A. of Yarmouth, Bridgeo, W. of Augusta, Campbell, D. of Orrington, Doudera, V. of Camden, Hobbs, D. of Wells, Soboleski, M. of Phillips, Woodsome, D. of Waterboro
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Carney, A. of Cumberland, Rep. O'Neil, M. of Saco, Rep. Schmearsal-Burgess, T. of Mexico

Ten 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 Michael Shaw of Freeport, for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair



(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 471

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

May 12, 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. Bailey of York, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1913 An Act to Support Emerging Adults Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 470

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

May 10, 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. 241 An Act to Reform Education
- L.D. 310 An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State
- L.D. 338 An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 472

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

May 10, 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. 786 Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Study Financial Incentives for Plumbing and Electrical Contractor Services

L.D. 1157 An Act to Stabilize Licensing Fees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 466

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

May 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1275 An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and
Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services
Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 469

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

May 11, 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. 863 An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000
- L.D. 1239 An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote
- L.D. 1348 An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation
- L.D. 1553 An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects
- L.D. 1669 An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 468

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

May 09, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1122 Resolve, to Rename Bridges in the Town of Cornish
- L.D. 1587 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old
- L.D. 1634 An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study
- L.D. 1694 An Act to Improve the Rest Stop Facilities Located on Interstate 95 in Medway

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lynne A. Williams
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State"

S.P. 791 L.D. 1942

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine"

S.P. 792 L.D. 1943

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and Senators: LAWRENCE of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, ZEIGLER of Montville.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 793 L.D. 1950

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle.

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

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

(3-4) Resolve, to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate

S.P. 790 L.D. 1941

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

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

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission"
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 788 L.D. 1939

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Promote Consistent Policies within Growth Management Programs in Order to Increase Food Security and Economic Resiliency in Local Communities"

S.P. 789 L.D. 1940

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Kendall Foster, of New Sharon, a student at Mt. Blue High School, who won the High School Girls Wrestling State Championship in the 165-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 479

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: NEWMAN of Belgrade.

(4-2) Grace Allen, of New Vineyard, a student at Mt. Blue High School, who won the High School Girls Wrestling State Championship in the 120-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 480

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-3) Natalie DeLucca, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Houlton Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 481

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-4) Ryan Mitchell, of Houlton, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Greater Houlton Christian Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 482

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-5) Ashton Walton, of Medway, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Schenck High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 483

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(4-6) Riley Ryan, of Sherman, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Katahdin Middle/High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 484

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-7) Charlotte Hartt, of Mount Chase, a senior at Katahdin Middle/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 485

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(4-8) Frankie Pierce, of Mars Hill, a senior at Central Aroostook 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 486

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

(4-9) Jenna Cochran, of Easton, a senior at Easton Junior/Senior 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 487

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(4-10) Sydney Campbell, of Millinocket, a senior at Stearns Junior/Senior 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 488

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(4-11) Wyatt Joseph Stanley, of Medway, a senior at Schenck 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 489

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(4-12) Richard and Veronica Sloat, of East Hodgdon, owners of Hidden Spring Winery, who were awarded a Best Maine Wine distinction at the Eastern States Exposition for their Wedding Wine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 490

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-13) Traci Storti, of Houlton, a Spanish teacher at Houlton Middle/High School, who received the Lighthouse Award. Ms. Storti, one of only ten educators from across the United States to be recognized out of 500 nominees, is the only Maine teacher to receive the award. Known as a guiding force in her students' lives, Ms. Storti continually works to expose her students to the world around them. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 491

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-14) Samantha Goodwin, of Guilford, who has earned the distinction of being named a Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Piscataquis Community High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 492

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Guilford.

(4-15) Kendall Kimball, of Parkman, who has earned the distinction of being named a Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Piscataquis Community High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 493

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Guilford.

(4-16) Emma Calnan, of Parkman, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Piscataquis Community High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 494

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Guilford.

(4-17) Helen Barry Siragusa, of Winthrop, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on May 23, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 495

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

(4-18) Evan Berube, of Houlton, a senior at Hodgdon 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 496

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-19) Jennah Brooks, of Island Falls, who has earned the distinction of being named a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the 2023 graduating class of Southern Aroostook Community School and has graduated at the top of the class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 497

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-20) Rob Messier, of Topsham, a teacher at Mt. Ararat High School, who has been named the Sagadahoc County Teacher of the Year by the Maine Department of Education. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 498

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GALLETTA of Durham, JAUCH of Topsham.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements"

H.P. 457 L.D. 688

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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset

H.P. 778 L.D. 1230

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-3) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand the Reimbursement to Hospitals for Days Awaiting Placement in Facilities"

H.P. 146 L.D. 225

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-118)**.

(5-4) The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Dismiss Certain Claims That Do Not Allege Violations of Law or Rules"

H.P. 111 L.D. 170

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-113)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-113)**.

(5-5) The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program"

H.P. 804 L.D. 1256

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-114)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-114)**.

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 245 L.D. 394

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-115)**.

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Divided Report

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Strengthen Protections of Persons After a Maine Human Rights Commission Investigation Finds No Reasonable Grounds Exist to Believe Unlawful Discrimination Occurred"

H.P. 614 L.D. 967

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-116)**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

POIRIER of Skowhegan

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

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

Divided Report

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Deadlines in the Freedom of Access Act and Disclosure Provisions in the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act"

H.P. 763 L.D. 1203

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
KUHNS of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-117)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

HENDERSON of Rumford
MORIARTY of Cumberland

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

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

Divided Report

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions"

H.P. 767 L.D. 1207

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-10) Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds"
S.P. 341 L.D. 782

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-93)**.

(5-11) Senator BEEBE-CENTER for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Licensing Actions of the Emergency Medical Services' Board"
S.P. 39 L.D. 47

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-90)**.

(5-12) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Improve Disclosure of Present and Future Costs to Maine Electricity Consumers"
S.P. 394 L.D. 923

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-91)**.

(5-13) Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Assessment of Fines for Tattoo Artists, Body Piercers, Electrologists and Micropigmentation Practitioners and to Change Requirements for the Approval of Public Pool and Spa Plans"
S.P. 75 L.D. 146

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-86)**.

(5-14) Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More Than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment

S.P. 200 L.D. 445

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)**.

(5-15) Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements"

S.P. 103 L.D. 203

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-92)**.

(5-16) Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions"

S.P. 90 L.D. 186

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)**.

(5-17) Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding Disabled Motor Vehicles on Public Ways"

S.P. 399 L.D. 980

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-100)**.

(5-18) Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors"
S.P. 221 L.D. 504

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-96)**.

Divided Report

(5-19) The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab"
S.P. 554 L.D. 1389

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
MURPHY of Scarborough
SARGENT of York
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
SAMPSON of Alfred

Divided Report

(5-20) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Authorize State Special Purpose Depository Institutions for Digital Assets"

S.P. 409 L.D. 990

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-87)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Divided Report

(5-21) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"
S.P. 541 L.D. 1324

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

Signed:

Senator:

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-95)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representative:

SWALLOW of Houlton

Divided Report

(5-22) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way"

S.P. 363 L.D. 866

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

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor
ALBERT of Madawaska
CRAFTS of Newcastle
MASON of Lisbon
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
THERIAULT of Fort Kent
WHITE of Waterville
WHITE of Guilford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)**.

Signed:

Representative:

ANKELES of Brunswick

Divided Report

(5-23) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs"

S.P. 614 L.D. 1551

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

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

ALBERT of Madawaska

CRAFTS of Newcastle

MASON of Lisbon

O'CONNELL of Brewer

PARRY of Arundel

THERIAULT of Fort Kent

WHITE of Waterville

WHITE of Guilford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-99)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

NANGLE of Cumberland

Representative:

ANKELES of Brunswick

Divided Report

(5-24) The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

S.P. 328 L.D. 769

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

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook

Divided Report

(5-25) The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Increase Ballot Transparency with Blockchain Technology"

S.P. 439 L.D. 1070

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

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
COLLINGS of Portland
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-98)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
BOYER of Poland

Divided Report

(5-26) Nine members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure"

S.P. 248 L.D. 580

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-84)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-85)**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
LEE of Auburn

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Report "A" **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-84)** Report.)

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions"
H.P. 306 L.D. 489

House As Amended

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Harassment and Assault by Removing Intentional Acts and Omissions from Workers' Compensation Exemptions"
H.P. 28 L.D. 53
(C "A" H-110)

(6-3) Bill "An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit"
H.P. 178 L.D. 280
(C "A" H-109)

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Workers over 65 Years of Age of Potential High Costs"
H.P. 206 L.D. 308
(C "A" H-108)

(6-5) Bill "An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties"
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 287 L.D. 470
(C "A" H-100)

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond and Stearns Pond in the Town of Sweden"
H.P. 314 L.D. 497
(C "A" H-99)

(6-7) Bill "An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow When Operated on Public Ways"

H.P. 327 L.D. 522
(C "A" H-106)

(6-8) Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families

H.P. 760 L.D. 1200
(C "A" H-105)

House In Non-Concurrence

(6-9) Bill "An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine"

H.P. 346 L.D. 541
(C "A" H-73)

Senate

(6-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards"

S.P. 268 L.D. 651

(6-11) Bill "An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 451 L.D. 1082

(6-12) Bill "An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees"

S.P. 515 L.D. 1278

(6-13) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant"

S.P. 563 L.D. 1396

(6-14) Bill "An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster"

S.P. 709 L.D. 1762

Senate As Amended

(6-15) Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Available over the Counter"

S.P. 158 L.D. 351
(C "A" S-82)

(6-16) Bill "An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings"

S.P. 207 L.D. 453
(C "A" S-29)

(6-17) Bill "An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals from Urgent Care Facilities"

S.P. 280 L.D. 722
(C "A" S-80)

(6-18) Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry

S.P. 347 L.D. 788
(C "A" S-83)

(6-19) Bill "An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville"

S.P. 396 L.D. 925
(C "A" S-79)

(6-20) Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

S.P. 537 L.D. 1318
(C "A" S-77)

ENACTORS

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

**Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land**

(7-1) Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County

H.P. 860 L.D. 1346
(C "A" H-96)

Acts

(7-2) An Act to Improve Coastal Sand Dune Restoration Projects

H.P. 295 L.D. 478
(C "A" H-92)

(7-3) An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy

H.P. 408 L.D. 631
(C "A" H-94)

(7-4) An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products

S.P. 392 L.D. 921

Resolves

(7-5) Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses

H.P. 519 L.D. 830

(7-6) Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Conduct an Accessibility Study of All Maine State Parks and Historic Sites and to Develop a Plan to Remove Access Barriers

S.P. 407 L.D. 988
(C "A" S-62)

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 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**

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting"
S.P. 417 L.D. 1048

Tabled - April 20, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-25)**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Mike Connolly, of Brunswick

SLS 449

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Richard Flaherty, of Scarborough

SLS 450

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Phil Curtis, of Old Orchard Beach

SLS 451

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Arlo Pike, Jr., of Buxton
SLS 452

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Restoring Gold and Silver as Legal Tender"

S.P. 507 L.D. 1270

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-64) (11 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - May 4, 2023 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Low-income Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1907

Tabled - May 11, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.)

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans"
H.P. 1228 L.D. 1912

Tabled - May 11, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**)

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill
"An Act to Protect Birds and Wildlife in the Construction and Maintenance of Public Buildings"
H.P. 439 L.D. 670

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - May 11, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and
the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE**
AMENDMENT "A" (H-102).)

11.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 420 L.D. 1051
(C "A" S-71)

Tabled - May 11, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE
AMENDMENT "A" (S-71)**

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists
H.P. 173 L.D. 275
(C "A" H-38)

Tabled - May 3, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in concurrence

2.

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods
for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients
H.P. 623 L.D. 976
(C "A" H-91)

Tabled - May 11, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in concurrence

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

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| L.D. 112 - H.P. 80 (C "A" H-15) | L.D. 505 - S.P. 222 (C "A" S-22) |
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