



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature  
Second Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

**26th Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

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

Prayer by Pastor Chris Dumas of Five Islands Baptist Church in Georgetown.

National Anthem Performed by Holly Tabbutt of Columbia.

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

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Medical Provider of the Day, Kimberly M. Caldwell MPAS, PA-C of Auburn.

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**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) Emerson Morris, of Charlotte, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2024 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 877

(1-2) Dakota Davis, of East Machias, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2024 graduating class of Washington Academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 878

(1-3) Excelsior Grange #5, of Poland, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary on March 16th, 2024. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 880

(1-4) Teo Steverlynck-Horne, of Freeport, who won the Class B State Nordic Skiing State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 881

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

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**Joint Resolutions**

(1-5) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1455

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRELAND**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 1924, Ireland formally opened diplomatic relations with the United States when Ambassador Timothy Smiddy presented his credentials to President Calvin Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, after the Irish people's long and painful struggle for independence, the United States was one of the first nations to recognize the fledgling Irish state, and when Ambassador Smiddy emerged from the White House, he became Ireland's first ambassador to any country in the world; and

WHEREAS, while 1924 marked the beginning of formal diplomatic relations, the deep Irish-American connection dates back centuries, and today nearly one in 10 Americans identify as being of Irish ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants helped build the America we know today, from the skyscrapers of Manhattan and the transcontinental railroad to our modern political system; and

WHEREAS, Irish-Americans have made an enormous contribution to public debate and politics in America, from their local communities to the White House, and more than 20 American presidents have claimed some Irish ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the influence of Irish people in America extends well beyond the Oval Office and the United States Capitol to every state of the nation, and there are a significant number of state Legislators within the American Irish State Legislators Caucus; and

WHEREAS, since Timothy Smiddy's momentous audience in the Oval Office 100 years ago, 18 Irish ambassadors have presented credentials to American presidents, and over this time, Ireland's relations with the United States have evolved significantly; and

WHEREAS, from an impoverished and internationally isolated state, scarred by years of conflict, Ireland has transformed over the past century into the economically prosperous and culturally vibrant peaceful nation of today, and this transformation is due in part to the support of friends in the United States, from the crucial role America played in brokering peace in Northern Ireland, culminating with the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, to the substantial American economic investment in Ireland; and

WHEREAS, there are almost 1,000 American companies in Ireland employing over 200,000 people, and approximately 100,000 people are employed in every state in the United States by over 650 Irish-owned companies, and Ireland is now the 9th largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the diplomatic relationship between the United States and Ireland is a shining example of how ancestral ties, historical connections, cultural affinities and shared values can create a foundation for enduring partnership and mutual prosperity, and Irish-American state Legislators across the United States are playing a vitally important role in fostering this partnership and ensuring that it continues and flourishes for another century to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

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

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Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-6) Carole Green, of Plymouth. Ms. Green attended Emmanuel Bible Baptist Church and participated in bible studies outreach programs, dinners and other events held at the church and in the community. Ms. Green will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 879

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1014

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

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety from its review and evaluation of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3, Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the Requirements of the Act, the committee notified the department by letter of its intent to review the department on May 2, 2023. The department submitted its evaluation report November 1, 2023 and presented the report to the committee on January 30, 2024. The committee held a work session on the report on March 5, 2024 to discuss the report.

The committee has reviewed the report and finds the Department of Public Safety is operating within its statutory authority and meets all criteria under the Act.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Pinny Beebe-Center  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Suzanne Salisbury  
House Chair

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1015

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

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety from its review and evaluation of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3, Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the Requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Maine Emergency Management Agency by letter of its intent to review the department on May 2, 2023. The department submitted its evaluation report November 1, 2023 and presented the report to the committee on January 30, 2024. The committee held a work session on March 5, 2024 to discuss the report.

The committee has reviewed the report and finds the Maine Emergency Management Agency is operating within its statutory authority and meets all criteria under the Act.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Pinny Beebe-Center  
Senate Chair

S/Representative Suzanne Salisbury  
House Chair

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1016

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

March 14, 2024

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

131<sup>st</sup> Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services from its review and evaluation of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee finds that the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, Bureau of Financial Institutions, Bureau of Insurance, Office of Securities and Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation are operating within their statutory authority. The review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is done in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and we defer to that committee with respect to any findings related to the portions of the Department under their jurisdiction and oversight.

As a result of our review, the committee has recommended that the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation develop legislation for consideration in the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature to provide authority to the staff of each licensing board to determine whether complaints that do not address violations of the board's laws or rules or are outside the board's jurisdiction may be resolved informally without presentation to the licensing board. The committee has also recommended that the Office of Professional and Occupational develop legislation for consideration in the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, in consultation with the Board of Dental Practice and interested parties, to establish a separate Board of Dental Hygiene.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna A. Bailey  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry  
House Chair

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1017

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

March 15, 2024

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

RE: Appointments to the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate the Honorable Maria A. Woodman of Monmouth and the Honorable Daniel J. Mitchell of Scarborough as Justices of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1018

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

March 15, 2024

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

RE: Nomination of Judges to the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Michael Duddy, Jeffrey B. Wilson, Esq. and Theodore H. Irwin, Jr., Esq. as Judges of the Maine District Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1019

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

March 15, 2024

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

RE: Nominations to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to nominate the following individuals to the State Workforce Board:

- Ryan Bushey of Houlton, Benjamin Waxman of Portland and Abraham Furth of Old Town for appointment.
- Adria O. Horn of Pittston, Alec Rodman Rogers of Manchester and Vaughan Woodruff of Pittsfield for reappointment.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1020

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

March 15, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of Kelly H. Bickmore of Cape Elizabeth to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Kelly H. Bickmore of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1021

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

March 15, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of Cedar Breeze Worster of Harrison to the State Board of Education as a student member

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Cedar Breeze Worster of Harrison for appointment to the State Board of Education as a student member.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1022

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

March 15, 2024

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

RE: Appointment of Barry T. Woods of Harpswell to the Mid-Coast Regional Redevelopment Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Barry T. Woods of Harpswell for appointment to the Mid-Coast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1008

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

March 13, 2024

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Peter DelGreco of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred, Rep. Worth, J. of Ellsworth

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Peter DelGreco of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair



(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1009

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

March 13, 2024

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

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	1	Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	7	Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred, Rep. Worth, J. of Ellsworth

Eight 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 Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair



(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1010

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

March 13, 2024

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Anne Roosevelt of Embden, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

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	1	Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	7	Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred, Rep. Worth, J. of Ellsworth

Eight 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 Anne Roosevelt of Embden, for reappointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair





(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1011

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

March 13, 2024

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of William B. Eisenhardt of Castine, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred, Rep. Worth, J. of Ellsworth

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of William B. Eisenhardt of Castine, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair



(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1012

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

March 13, 2024

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Mark R. Gardner of Kittery, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

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	1	Rafferty, J. of York
	Representatives	7	Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred, Rep. Worth, J. of Ellsworth

Eight 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 Mark R. Gardner of Kittery, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair



(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 1013

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

March 13, 2024

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Anthony Hall of Winterport, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred, Rep. Worth, J. of Ellsworth

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Anthony Hall of Winterport, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair



**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Hannah B. Lovley, of Fort Kent, a senior at Fort Kent Community High School, who has successfully completed the core requirements for the Social Studies curriculum as prescribed by School Administrative District No. 27 and has received the Class of 2024 Four Year Social Studies Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1578

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-2) Galvin Holbrook, of Turner, 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 1579

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Underground Facility' and Reduce Administrative Burdens Under the So-called Dig Safe Law"

S.P. 967 L.D. 2245

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

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-2) Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Increase Land Access for Historically Disadvantaged Populations"

S.P. 511 L.D. 1274

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-577)**.

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(5-3) Senator PIERCE for the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** on Resolve, to Prepare Preapproved Building Types

S.P. 697 L.D. 1752

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-578)**.

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Acts**

(7-1) An Act to Restrict Noncompete Clauses

H.P. 951 L.D. 1496  
(C "A" H-768)

(7-2) An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders

S.P. 853 L.D. 2025

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**RECALLED FROM GOVERNOR'S DESK**

An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters

S.P. 923 L.D. 2171  
(C "A" S-549)

(In Senate, March 7, 2024, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in concurrence.)

(**RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk, pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 985).)

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

**1.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care"

S.P. 656 L.D. 1639

**Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-391) (7 members)**

**Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)**

Tabled - June 22, 2023 by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

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**2.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Requiring Suggested Committee Amendments to Concept Drafts to Be Filed Before Their Committee Hearings

S.P. 937

Tabled - February 1, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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3.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing the Honorable Gerald Davis, of Falmouth.  
HLS 760

Tabled - February 28, 2024 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

(In House, **ADOPTED**.)

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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Bowdoin College  
Women's Basketball Team, of Brunswick  
SLS 1485

Tabled - February 29, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill  
"An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine"  
S.P. 969 L.D. 2249

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 100, section 7.

Tabled - March 5, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Honorable John L. Martin, of Eagle Lake

SLS 1515

Tabled - March 7, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Michael and Lucinda Brakey, of New Gloucester

SLS 1545

Tabled - March 12, 2024 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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8.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study"

S.P. 357 L.D. 860

**Majority - Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

**Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-565)** (3 members)

Tabled - March 12, 2024 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

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9.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Maine Veterans' Homes with Increased and Ongoing Funding"

S.P. 948 L.D. 2217

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-571)**

Tabled - March 13, 2024 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

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**10.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing Eva Dudley Leavitt, of Turner.  
HLS 871

Tabled - March 14, 2024 by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

(In House, **ADOPTED**)

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**11.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Gray-New Gloucester  
High School Boys Basketball Team, of Gray  
SLS 1565

Tabled - March 14, 2024 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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12.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Continue Allowing the Department of Corrections to Accept Placement of Certain Defendants Found Incompetent to Stand Trial" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1308 L.D. 2046

**Majority - Ought to Pass** (8 members)

**Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-817)** (5 members)

Tabled - March 14, 2024 by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

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13.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Workers' Compensation Board's Allocations Are Properly Funded"

S.P. 927 L.D. 2176

**Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-575)** (7 members)

**Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-576)** (4 members)

Tabled - March 14, 2024 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

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**SPECIAL STUDY TABLE**

**1.**

**Emergency**

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity

H.P. 829 L.D. 1304  
(C "A" H-220)

Tabled - June 6, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

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**2.**

**Emergency**

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options

S.P. 743 L.D. 1827  
(C "A" S-521)

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in concurrence

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**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**

L.D. 25 - S.P. 17 (C "A" S-513)	L.D. 840 - H.P. 529 (C "A" H-344)
L.D. 56 - H.P. 31 (C "A" H-9)	L.D. 871 - S.P. 368 (C "A" S-172)
L.D. 70 - H.P. 45 (C "A" H-24)	L.D. 904 - H.P. 560 (C "A" H-343)
L.D. 93 - H.P. 61 (C "A" H-701)	L.D. 907 - H.P. 563 (C "A" H-496)
L.D. 111 - H.P. 79 (C "A" H-671)	L.D. 936 - H.P. 583 (C "A" H-255)
L.D. 113 - H.P. 81 (C "A" H-26)	L.D. 938 - H.P. 585 (C "A" H-181)
L.D. 142 - H.P. 88 (C "A" H-51)	L.D. 949 - H.P. 596 (C "A" H-173; H "A" H-575 to C "A" H-173)
L.D. 143 - H.P. 89 (C "A" H-6)	L.D. 988 - S.P. 407 (C "A" S-62)
L.D. 154 - H.P. 95 (C "A" H-153)	L.D. 993 - H.P. 628 (C "A" H-143)
L.D. 185 - S.P. 89 (C "A" S-201)	L.D. 997 - H.P. 633 (C "A" H-342)
L.D. 186 - S.P. 90 (C "A" S-89)	L.D. 999 - H.P. 635 (C "A" H-481)
L.D. 208 - H.P. 129 (C "A" H-427)	L.D. 1006 - H.P. 642 (C "A" H-358)
L.D. 210 - H.P. 131 (C "A" H-10)	L.D. 1009 - H.P. 645 (C "A" H-775)
L.D. 220 - H.P. 141 (C "A" H-224)	L.D. 1021 - H.P. 657 (C "A" H-74)
L.D. 223 - H.P. 144 (C "A" H-253)	L.D. 1028 - H.P. 664 (C "A" H-269)
L.D. 225 - H.P. 146 (C "A" H-118)	L.D. 1064 - S.P. 433 (C "A" S-176)
L.D. 226 - H.P. 147 (C "A" H-673)	L.D. 1096 - H.P. 691 (C "A" H-313)
L.D. 254 - S.P. 120 (C "A" S-537)	L.D. 1100 - H.P. 695 (C "A" H-448; S "A" S-337 to C "A" H-448)
L.D. 262 - H.P. 167 (C "A" H-796)	L.D. 1107 - H.P. 703 (C "A" H-134)
L.D. 265 - H.P. 170 (C "A" H-23)	L.D. 1128 - S.P. 465 (C "A" S-236)
L.D. 273 - H.P. 171 (C "A" H-329)	L.D. 1139 - S.P. 466 (C "A" S-406)
L.D. 280 - H.P. 178 (C "A" H-109)	L.D. 1161 - H.P. 733 (C "A" H-440)
L.D. 284 - H.P. 182 (C "A" H-783)	L.D. 1162 - H.P. 734 (C "A" H-78)
L.D. 287 - H.P. 185 (C "A" H-47; H "A" H-64 to C "A" H-47)	L.D. 1177 - H.P. 749 (C "A" H-472)
L.D. 288 - H.P. 186 (C "A" H-804)	L.D. 1178 - H.P. 750 (C "A" H-136)
L.D. 335 - S.P. 156 (C "A" S-101)	L.D. 1190 - S.P. 486 (C "A" S-377)
L.D. 348 - H.P. 222 (C "A" H-449)	L.D. 1227 - H.P. 775 (C "A" H-437)
L.D. 355 - S.P. 162 (C "A" S-47)	L.D. 1234 - H.P. 782 (C "A" H-454)
L.D. 361 - S.P. 168 (C "A" S-254)	L.D. 1236 - H.P. 784 (C "A" H-495)
L.D. 426 - H.P. 259 (C "A" H-507)	L.D. 1258 - H.P. 806 (C "A" H-215)
L.D. 445 - S.P. 200 (C "A" S-94)	L.D. 1263 - H.P. 811 (C "A" H-645)
L.D. 447 - S.P. 202 (C "A" S-58)	L.D. 1276 - S.P. 513 (C "A" S-370)
L.D. 472 - H.P. 289 (C "A" H-302)	L.D. 1285 - S.P. 522 (C "A" S-141)
L.D. 473 - H.P. 290 (C "A" H-501)	L.D. 1301 - H.P. 826 (C "A" H-551)
L.D. 504 - S.P. 221 (C "A" S-96)	L.D. 1303 - H.P. 828 (C "A" H-524; S "A" S-334 to C "A" H-524)
L.D. 505 - S.P. 222 (C "A" S-22)	L.D. 1305 - H.P. 830 (C "A" H-457)
L.D. 512 - S.P. 229 (C "A" S-167)	L.D. 1333 - H.P. 847 (C "A" H-325)
L.D. 536 - H.P. 341 (C "A" H-129)	L.D. 1375 - H.P. 889 (C "A" H-308)
L.D. 539 - H.P. 344 (C "A" H-138)	L.D. 1376 - H.P. 890 (C "A" H-178)
L.D. 540 - H.P. 345 (C "A" H-137)	L.D. 1384 - S.P. 549 (C "A" S-402)
L.D. 566 - S.P. 237 (C "A" S-56)	L.D. 1412 - H.P. 908 (C "A" H-560)
L.D. 568 - S.P. 239 (C "A" S-11)	L.D. 1421 - H.P. 917 (C "A" H-756)
L.D. 577 - S.P. 245 (C "A" S-252)	L.D. 1422 - H.P. 918 (C "A" H-239)
L.D. 579 - S.P. 247 (C "A" S-519)	L.D. 1424 - H.P. 920 (C "A" H-769)
L.D. 580 - S.P. 248 (C "A" S-84)	L.D. 1441 - H.P. 937 (C "A" H-175)
L.D. 587 - S.P. 255 (C "A" S-131)	L.D. 1442 - H.P. 938 (C "A" H-662)
L.D. 591 - S.P. 259 (C "A" S-374)	L.D. 1450 - S.P. 568 (C "A" S-289)
L.D. 599 - H.P. 376 (C "A" H-301)	L.D. 1475 - S.P. 595 (C "A" S-401)
L.D. 602 - H.P. 379 (C "A" H-789)	L.D. 1478 - S.P. 598 (C "A" S-122)
L.D. 610 - H.P. 387 (C "A" H-379)	L.D. 1488 - H.P. 943 (C "A" H-583)
L.D. 632 - H.P. 409 (C "A" H-156)	L.D. 1491 - H.P. 946 (C "A" H-351)
L.D. 659 - H.P. 428 (C "A" H-558)	L.D. 1492 - H.P. 947 (C "A" H-587)
L.D. 666 - H.P. 435 (C "A" H-151)	L.D. 1493 - H.P. 948 (C "A" H-646)
L.D. 669 - H.P. 438 (C "A" H-247)	L.D. 1506 - H.P. 961 (C "A" H-209)
L.D. 695 - H.P. 464 (C "A" H-234)	L.D. 1510 - H.P. 965 (C "A" H-413)
L.D. 741 - S.P. 299 (C "A" S-200)	L.D. 1520 - H.P. 975 (C "A" H-330)
L.D. 787 - S.P. 346 (C "A" S-287)	L.D. 1527 - H.P. 982 (C "A" H-268)
L.D. 791 - S.P. 350 (C "A" S-26)	L.D. 1529 - H.P. 984 (C "A" H-569)
L.D. 794 - S.P. 353 (C "A" S-51)	L.D. 1535 - H.P. 990 (C "A" H-600)
L.D. 816 - H.P. 505 (C "A" H-81)	L.D. 1540 - H.P. 992 (C "A" H-579)
L.D. 827 - H.P. 516 (C "A" H-322)	L.D. 1558 - H.P. 1003 (C "A" H-425)
L.D. 829 - H.P. 518 (C "A" H-287)	
L.D. 838 - H.P. 527 (C "A" H-807)	

L.D. 1573 - H.P. 1018 (C "A" H-584)	L.D. 1817 - S.P. 732 (C "A" S-192; S "A" S-261 to C "A" S-192)
L.D. 1584 - H.P. 1029 (C "A" H-649)	L.D. 1837 - H.P. 1169 (C "A" H-486)
L.D. 1621 - H.P. 1046 (C "A" H-318)	L.D. 1857 - H.P. 1187 (C "A" H-539; H "A" H-571 to C "A" H-539)
L.D. 1664 - S.P. 669 (C "A" S-209; H "A" H-535 to C "A" S-209)	L.D. 1858 - H.P. 1188 (C "A" H-405)
L.D. 1666 - S.P. 671 (C "A" S-363)	L.D. 1863 - H.P. 1193 (C "A" H-621)
L.D. 1668 - H.P. 1066 (C "A" H-361)	L.D. 1867 - H.P. 1197 (C "A" H-751)
L.D. 1682 - H.P. 1081 (C "A" H-314)	L.D. 1886 - S.P. 759 (C "A" S-517)
L.D. 1684 - H.P. 1083 (C "A" H-206)	L.D. 1903 - H.P. 1218 (C "A" H-778)
L.D. 1691 - S.P. 678 (C "A" S-422)	L.D. 1935 - H.P. 1243 (C "A" H-375)
L.D. 1712 - H.P. 1101 (C "A" H-619)	L.D. 1942 - S.P. 791 (C "A" S-393)
L.D. 1714 - H.P. 1103 (C "A" H-620)	L.D. 1958 - H.P. 1260 (C "A" H-610)
L.D. 1718 - H.P. 1107 (C "A" H-450)	L.D. 1966 - H.P. 1263 (C "A" H-753)
L.D. 1720 - S.P. 683 (C "A" S-316)	L.D. 1978 - H.P. 1271 (C "A" H-777)
L.D. 1755 - S.P. 701 (C "A" S-315)	L.D. 2001 - H.P. 1279 (C "A" H-763)
L.D. 1760 - S.P. 707 (C "A" S-199)	L.D. 2061 - H.P. 1323 (C "A" H-733)
L.D. 1761 - S.P. 708 (C "A" S-198)	L.D. 2084 - S.P. 877 (C "A" S-539)
L.D. 1769 - H.P. 1133 (C "A" H-332)	L.D. 2093 - S.P. 886 (C "A" S-516)
L.D. 1773 - H.P. 1136 (C "A" H-762)	L.D. 2103 - S.P. 896 (C "A" S-527)
L.D. 1787 - H.P. 1150 (C "A" H-786)	L.D. 2125 - H.P. 1349 (C "A" H-782)
L.D. 1792 - S.P. 717 (C "A" S-364)	L.D. 2141 - H.P. 1365 (C "A" H-773)
L.D. 1797 - S.P. 722 (C "A" S-417)	L.D. 2142 - H.P. 1366 (C "A" H-765)
	L.D. 2209 - H.P. 1416 (C "A" H-788)

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**SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**

L.D. 1640 - S.P. 657 (C "A" S-546)