

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3rd Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Robert Richards, Fellowship Baptist Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Honorable John "Jack" E. Ducharme III, Madison.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 4, 2023 was read and approved.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

SENATE PAPER

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 11)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 202.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 205 to read:

Rule 205. Filing after Cloture.

Any request for a bill or resolve submitted to the Revisor of Statutes by a Legislator, a department, agency or commission after the appropriate cloture date must be transmitted to the Legislative Council. The council shall ascertain from the sponsor the facts supporting the request notwithstanding cloture. If a majority of the council approves, the legislation is eligible for introduction as other legislation that is in compliance with Rule 202 or 203 or 204.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by striking out all of Joint Rule 207 and inserting the following:

Rule 207. Disclosure of Titles of Bills and Resolves Submitted by Governor.

The titles of requests for bills and resolves submitted by the Governor are considered public information upon filing. The Governor may direct that the title of a particular bill or resolve remain confidential until that bill or resolve is printed.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 208, first paragraph to read:

A request for a bill or resolve filed with the Revisor of Statutes is considered complete when the request is properly titled and accompanied by sufficient instructions, information and data required for its preparation. When a request is not accompanied by sufficient instructions, information or data, the Revisor of Statutes is directed to give written notice of inadequate information to the legislator. Upon receipt of said written notice, the legislator has 5 business days, unless an alternative period is set jointly by the presiding officers, to file adequate information with the Revisor of Statutes, or the request for the bill or resolve will be denied. Drafts prepared by an outside source must be filed in final form by the appropriate cloture date.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 24)

STATE OF MAINE

131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE

January 5, 2023

Honorable Robert Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to our authority under Title 12, MRSA, Chapter 419, §4652, we are pleased to appoint Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission.

Furthermore, we are appointing Senator Cameron Remy of Lincoln as a permanent proxy member of the commission, who may also attend meetings of the commission. Additionally, Senator Remy may vote in the event of Representative Hepler's absence.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 23)

STATE OF MAINE

OFFICE OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148

December 30, 2022

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §12009, I am submitting the Report of Board and Commission Appointments or Reappointments to you for the calendar year 2023. Additionally, I am providing a report that lists appointments or reappointments which have not been made from previous years through December 31, 2022. This report also indicates vacancies which exist on a board or commission that needs a new appointment. If you would like a breakdown of only your appointments, we would be pleased to provide this to you as well.

If you have any questions concerning these reports or need additional information, please contact me or Cathy Beaudoin, Director of the Division of Corporations, UCC and Commissions at (207) 624-7748.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act to Establish a Logger Relations Advocate Within the Maine Forest Service"

(H.P. 76) (L.D. 108)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared"

(H.P. 55) (L.D. 87)

Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission"

(H.P. 63) (L.D. 95)

Sponsored by Representative CYRWAY of Albion.

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers"

(H.P. 64) (L.D. 96)

Sponsored by Representative CYRWAY of Albion.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Make It a Crime Not to Report a Death"

(H.P. 72) (L.D. 104)

Sponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GUERRETTE of Caribou, HENDERSON of Rumford, PERRY of Bangor, QUINT of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act to Improve Safety for Individuals Living in Recovery Residences"

(H.P. 77) (L.D. 109)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

Cosponsored by Representative: LAJOIE of Lewiston.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Update the Special Education Laws"

(H.P. 66) (L.D. 98)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Require an Annual Financial Audit of a Private School Approved for Tuition Purposes"

(H.P. 68) (L.D. 100)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work"

(H.P. 88) (L.D. 142)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism"

(H.P. 89) (L.D. 143)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, MATLACK of St. George, PERRY of Calais, Senators: MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in Public Restrooms"

(H.P. 61) (L.D. 93)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representative: ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities"

(H.P. 67) (L.D. 99)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: BAILEY of York, INGWERSEN of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act"

(H.P. 65) (L.D. 97)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 58) (L.D. 90)

Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington.

Bill "An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 60) (L.D. 92)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care"

(H.P. 71) (L.D. 103)

Sponsored by Representative JAUCH of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell, KUHN of Falmouth.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Minimum Usage or Tank Rental Fees for Certain Propane Customers"

(H.P. 73) (L.D. 105)

Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: JAUCH of Topsham, KUHN of Falmouth, MALON of Biddeford, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Adopt the National 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code"

(H.P. 59) (L.D. 91)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem"

(H.P. 81) (L.D. 113)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Children"

(H.P. 85) (L.D. 139)

Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Right to Counsel for Juveniles and Due Process for Juveniles"

(H.P. 86) (L.D. 140)

Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, DRINKWATER of Milford, JAVNER of Chester.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Standardize Service Credit Qualifications for State Retirees"

(H.P. 74) (L.D. 106)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, TERRY of Gorham, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HARRINGTON of York, INGWERSEN of York.

Bill "An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage"

(H.P. 79) (L.D. 111)

Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, BRIDGEO of Augusta, HASENFUS of Readfield, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MADIGAN of Waterville, MONTELL of Gardiner, WHITE of Waterville.

Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 80) (L.D. 112)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, HEPLER of Woolwich, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PLUECKER of Warren, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag"

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 86)

Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District"

(H.P. 84) (L.D. 138)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Efforts to Avert Evictions and Heating Shut-offs During Winter" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 75) (L.D. 107)

Sponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative COPELAND of Saco, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax Revenues"

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 88)

Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older"

(H.P. 57) (L.D. 89)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property"

(H.P. 69) (L.D. 101)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GRIFFIN of Levant, HENDERSON of Rumford, JAVNER of Chester, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property"

(H.P. 90) (L.D. 144)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DUCHARME of Madison, GEIGER of Rockland, HASENFUS of Readfield.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Length of Registration for Antique Autos"

(H.P. 70) (L.D. 102)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Leaving a Child Under 10 Years of Age Alone in a Motor Vehicle"

(H.P. 78) (L.D. 110)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone"

(H.P. 91) (L.D. 145)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville. (BY REQUEST)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis by Minors"

(H.P. 62) (L.D. 94)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

Bill "An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises"

(H.P. 87) (L.D. 141)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Family Law Advisory Commission**

Representative MOONEN for the **Family Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code"

(H.P. 82) (L.D. 136)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Family Law Advisory Commission**

Representative MOONEN for the **Family Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties"

(H.P. 83) (L.D. 137)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

In Memory of:

Duane Merton Leathers, of South Gardiner. Mr. Leathers was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He served on the USS Oriskany, the USS Intrepid and the USS Bon Homme Richard. He flew with the VF-874, VF-124 and VP-92 squadrons, flying the TBM Avenger, the P2V Neptune and the P-3 Orion. He also served as an instructor for Submarine Warfare. In 1983, he retired from Naval Air Station South Weymouth in Massachusetts as a Weapons Officer, having achieved the rank of E7 Aviation Ordinance Officer. In retirement, he volunteered hundreds of hours at the Togus Veterans Administration Medical Center, receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2009 and six Patriot of New England Awards. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the American Legion, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Disabled American Veterans, Fleet Reserve Navy and North American Hunting Club. Mr. Leathers will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched; (HLS 6)

Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner. Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MONTELL of Gardiner, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Montell.

Representative **MONTELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It's an honor today to speak on behalf of Duane Merton Leathers, affectionately known as Popeye. As the Clerk read, you may have heard his impressive naval service, his dedication to his country, the people of the State of Maine and to his community. Also, it was noted that he has an impressive amount of service to the Togus VA, his many, many volunteer hours and his six Patriot of New England awards. I really can't say enough.

I had the honor to meet Duane, Popeye, this summer and I remember he came outside along with his faithful companion, Piper, his Shetland sheepdog, and I know there's a few Members of this Body, myself included, that has a Sheltie and they are very loyal and I knew right off that his dog had just been groomed and I commented on it.

You could tell that everything that he did in his life was very disciplined and organized and I had a long conversation with his son, Jim, this morning about that, about how unselfish he was and it wasn't just how his family noticed that but the community and how he touched so many people in his 90 years.

They have four generations here today. They were so touched by having this sentiment and some of them drove hundreds of miles to be here in his honor. I just want to say thank you to his family and I know that many of them have continued in the Leathers way to be stewards of community service and outreach and I appreciate it very much. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

In Memory of:

Blanche Elizabeth Kelley, of Westbrook. Ms. Kelley was a veteran of the United States Army who saw active duty in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War. She served several tours of duty in Portland and one each in Bangor, New York City and Boston, and she was also stationed in Alaska. She served as a driver for President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and upon his death she served as a member of his honor guard. She was the Army's top women's recruiter in the United States for many years and received many awards, including being named WAC of the Year. Her medals included the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medals and the National Defense Service Medal. She retired as a Master Sergeant. She was active in the American Legion and recently served as Chaplain of the Stephen W. Manchester American Legion Post. She served as Grand Marshal of the 2022 Westbrook Memorial Day Parade and had previously been honored at Memorial Day service in Gorham and at a Wreaths Across America celebration. She was a member of Windham Hill United Church of Christ, a longtime member and supporter of the Audubon Society and a member and officer of the Pride's Corner Garden Club. Ms. Kelley will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched; (HLS 9)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland, Senator NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to honor my friend, Blanche Kelley, or Kelley, as we knew her. Mostly because she's probably one of the coolest people that I ever knew and it's worth mentioning that in her history being in the Army at a time that women didn't traditionally drive, that was her first assignment. Before she joined the Army, she also played professional basketball and baseball and then when she decided to join the Army, she was assigned as a driver for 18 months. As mentioned, she drove for dignitaries such as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Charles de Gaulle, and General Douglas MacArthur; a true feat back in those days.

She was assigned back to Fort Williams and then to Maine as an Army recruiter and retired in 1973. And after she retired, she came back to her community in Maine and continued to drive important dignitaries from Pride's Corner Church and then Windham Hill Church. She was a great community member and she'll be missed by her friends and family. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

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

(S.P. 8) (L.D. 1)

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on December 7, 2022.

- In Senate, **FAILED OF PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - January 4, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPER

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 79)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Arford. The Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **ARFORD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Men and Women of the House, in reference to Roll Call No. 3 on LD 3, had I been present, I would have voted yea. And in reference to Roll Call No. 4 on LD 3, had I been present, I would have voted yea. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy"

(S.P. 54) (L.D. 115)

Bill "An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts"

(S.P. 77) (L.D. 148)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors"

(S.P. 62) (L.D. 123)

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

(S.P. 68) (L.D. 129)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project"

(S.P. 61) (L.D. 122)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities"

(S.P. 66) (L.D. 127)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers"

(S.P. 73) (L.D. 134)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cards for Cash Withdrawals"

(S.P. 56) (L.D. 117)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws"

(S.P. 53) (L.D. 114)

Bill "An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees"

(S.P. 60) (L.D. 121)

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

(S.P. 71) (L.D. 132)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Fairness of Adaptive Management Study Moose Hunt Permits by Exempting Those Permittees from the 4-year Limitation on Receiving Another Permit"

(S.P. 65) (L.D. 126)

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws"

(S.P. 70) (L.D. 131)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

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)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants"

(S.P. 57) (L.D. 118)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff"

(S.P. 55) (L.D. 116)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board"

(S.P. 59) (L.D. 120)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay"

(S.P. 58) (L.D. 119)

Bill "An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board"

(S.P. 72) (L.D. 133)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

(S.P. 69) (L.D. 130)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Homestead' Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws"

(S.P. 78) (L.D. 149)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State Aid Highways"

(S.P. 63) (L.D. 124)

Bill "An Act to Allow Driver Education Instructors to Administer Driver's License Road Tests"

(S.P. 64) (L.D. 125)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans Registration Plates from 3 Sets to 4 Sets"

(S.P. 67) (L.D. 128)

Bill "An Act to Require Manure Bags for Horse-drawn Vehicles"

(S.P. 74) (L.D. 135)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of Money Allowed to Be Raised for a Charitable Purpose by Certain Raffles"

(S.P. 76) (L.D. 147)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative MONTELL of Gardiner, the House adjourned at 11:25 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023, or until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 79) and in honor and lasting tribute to Duane Merton Leathers of South Gardiner and Blanche Elizabeth Kelley of Westbrook.