

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Tuesday  
January 17, 2023

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

Prayer by Ali Ali of Portland.

**MR. ALI:** Good morning, everyone. Thank you for having me. My name is Ali Ali. It's actual Abdul Ali but everyone in the community calls me Ali Ali. I'm not from any particular religious group, sect, or mosque but I am a Muslim. I'm here today to call prayer in front of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature on behalf of Muslims in Maine. To everyone, I greet you with an Islamic greeting of peace, peace be upon you. Assalamualaikum. I'm here today to pray for us as human beings as we continue living our lives as the leaders we are; here in this room, in our communities, with our loved ones. I stand here before you today with the stance of humility, a humble calling for myself and everyone in this room to do the best that they possibly can in their lives. There's a verse that I would like to share with everyone here today. This verse, right here, gives me the stability that I need for my own mental and emotional wellbeing while dealing with adversities of every day that we live. The verse is: Laa yukalliful-laahu nafsan illaa wus'ahaa. Verily God does not overburden a person upon something they can't handle and everything that you are dealing with, the adversities you are facing and you will face, is something that you are able to manage. It may be challenging, you may even disagree with it, but I pray that you will all be able to overcome any situation. As leaders, I pray that God gives you the power, might, and glory you all need to achieve any hardships you will face and I will say this other verse that I, personally, love dearly and I use it to practice on a daily basis while facing the challenges of life. This is called Hadith. It's a scripture from the beloved Prophet Muhammad. He stated that he was sent for no other reason but to perfect moral character, as in working on ourselves continuously. The best way to overcome these adversities in life is to work on ourselves, our character, how we mitigate conflict, come to resolutions, and find the peace and safety we are all looking for in our communities. I pray for everyone here today and all of the challenges that they face. I pray and thank everyone here today for all the work you have done and are currently doing and will do. On behalf of the people in Maine, we thank you and may God bless you all. And I'll leave you with the last peace.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Anne H. Beebe-Center of Knox County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Sydney Sewall, MD.

Off Record Remarks

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

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 Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 30

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

January 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA, Subtitle 3, Part 3, Ch. 1058 (2) (B), I have reappointed Representative Margaret Craven of Lewiston to the *Maine Childrens' Trust Incorporated*, effective immediately.

Representative Craven will continue to serve on this board as the member of the House of Representative.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 31

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

January 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Part 10-A, Ch. 319, §3371.2-B, I am pleased to reappoint the Honorable Bruce White of Waterville as a member of the House to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, effective immediately.

Furthermore, I am pleased to appoint the Honorable Michael Lajoie of Lewiston and the Honorable Daniel Newman of Belgrade as members of the House to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 26

**MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 11, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at [Terry@mgfa.com](mailto:Terry@mgfa.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terry Hayes,  
Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 27

**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL  
FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 11, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-1958 or by email at [Terry@mhhefa.com](mailto:Terry@mhhefa.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terry Hayes,  
Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 28

**MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 11, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank due by February 1, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at [Terry@mmbb.com](mailto:Terry@mmbb.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terry Hayes,  
Executive Director

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 29

**MIDCOAST REGIONAL  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

January 10, 2023

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

The Honorable Rachell Talbot Ross  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. President and Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

MARRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Jordan

S/Jeffrey K. Jordan  
Deputy Director

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

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Off Record Remarks

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 105 L.D. 205

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, COLLINGS of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, OSHER of Orono, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WOODSOME of Waterboro, ZEIGLER of Montville.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**ORDERS**

**Joint Order**

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 106

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

**READ and PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Allow a Person to File a Paper Copy of a Timber Harvest Notification Form"

S.P. 84 L.D. 180

Presented by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative **LANDRY** of Farmington and Senators: **LYFORD** of Penobscot, **STEWART** of Aroostook, **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, Representative: **CRAY** of Palmyra.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Support Reentry and Reintegration into the Community"

S.P. 82 L.D. 178

Presented by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor and Senators: **BAILEY** of York, **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Representatives: **BOYER** of Poland, **BRENNAN** of Portland, **GEIGER** of Rockland, **MADIGAN** of Waterville, **OSHER** of Orono, **RECKITT** of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Support for Restorative Justice Practices in Maine"

S.P. 83 L.D. 179

Presented by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Senators: **BAILEY** of York, **CURRY** of Waldo, **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Representatives: **BRENNAN** of Portland, **GEIGER** of Rockland, **MADIGAN** of Waterville, **OSHER** of Orono, **RECKITT** of South Portland.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology"

S.P. 104 L.D. 204

Presented by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: **HARRINGTON** of York, **KEIM** of Oxford, **LIBBY** of Cumberland, Representatives: **BABIN** of Fort Fairfield, **FOSTER** of Dexter, **POLEWARCZYK** of Wiscasset, **WHITE** of Waterville.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide Excess General Fund Revenue to the School Revolving Renovation Fund and the Education Stabilization Fund"

S.P. 97 L.D. 193

Presented by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative **MILLETT** of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: **INGWERSEN** of York, **LIBBY** of Cumberland, Representatives: **BRENNAN** of Portland, **CROCKETT** of Portland, **GATTINE** of Westbrook, **KUHN** of Falmouth.

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund"

S.P. 91 L.D. 187

Presented by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative **ZEIGLER** of Montville and Representative: **BOYLE** of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Reporting Requirements"

S.P. 100 L.D. 194

Presented by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York.  
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Pay for Certain Water Tests for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 92 L.D. 188

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Child Welfare"

S.P. 81 L.D. 151

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Implement Secure Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services

S.P. 85 L.D. 181

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, PERRY of Calais.

Bill "An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents"

S.P. 86 L.D. 182

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CAMPBELL of Orrington, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of Alfred, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs"

S.P. 87 L.D. 183

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of Alfred, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

Bill "An Act to Develop a Long-term Plan to Address Mental Health Needs in Rural Maine"

S.P. 94 L.D. 190

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

S.P. 93 L.D. 189

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HARRINGTON of York.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Incentive Continuity Following a Catastrophic Occurrence Under the Pine Tree Development Zone and Major Food Processing and Manufacturing Facility Expansion Tax Credit Programs"

S.P. 80 L.D. 150

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Provide for the 2023 and 2024 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 88 L.D. 184

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions"  
S.P. 90 L.D. 186

Presented by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York.  
Cosponsored by Senators: **BAILEY** of York, **HARRINGTON** of York, **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, Representative: **MATHIESON** of Kittery.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reduce the Benefit Penalty Imposed on Career Educators Who Retire After 35 Years of Service"  
S.P. 89 L.D. 185

Presented by President **JACKSON** of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative **BRENNAN** of Portland and Senators: **RAFFERTY** of York, **TIPPING** of Penobscot, Representative: **ROEDER** of Bangor.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits"  
S.P. 95 L.D. 191

Presented by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: **KEIM** of Oxford, **LIBBY** of Cumberland, **MOORE** of Washington, Representative: **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements"

S.P. 103 L.D. 203

Presented by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative **THERIAULT** of Fort Kent and Senator: President **JACKSON** of Aroostook.

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

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding"  
S.P. 96 L.D. 192

Presented by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption"  
S.P. 101 L.D. 201

Presented by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative **WILLIAMS** of Bar Harbor and Senator: President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, Representatives: **BOYER** of Poland, **DOUDERA** of Camden, **POIRIER** of Skowhegan, **RIELLY** of Westbrook, **RUDNICKI** of Fairfield, **SUPICA** of Bangor, **TERRY** of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Off-premises Sales by Cannabis Store Licensees" (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 102 L.D. 202

Presented by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland.  
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (1/10/23) matter:

**JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment**  
Recognizing James Toman, of Gardiner, on his retirement as Chief of the Gardiner Police Department after 32 years of service. Beginning his career as an officer in 1990, he was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and chief in 2003. During his tenure as chief, he implemented the Good Day Gardiner program, the ALICE program for school safety and the Rape Aggression Defense program. He was honored in 2016 with an Outstanding Service Award from Healthy Communities of the Capital Area and was recognized by the City of Gardiner for his contributions to saving a teenager caught in the undercurrent of the Cobbossee Stream. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

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Tabled - January 10, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, January 10, 2023, **READ.**)

The Joint Order was **READ.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, women and men of the Senate, I'm honored to stand and recognize the incredible service of Mr. James Toman. We always know that law enforcement officers are hard working women and men whose concern for the safety of those they are charged with protecting and serving is most paramount, even when their own lives are on the line. So, today I'd like to share with you the brief words of a poem written by Eric Derenzis. It goes as follows:

A hero is one who never hesitates to tackle the most difficult problems.

One who is always by your side.

One who knows right from wrong.

One who acts with pride.

A hero touches everyone of us, whether it be by word or deed, always tending to those who find themselves in need.

When a hero leaves this earth, yes, it's sad but true, all too many times, that hero is dressed in blue.

Well, today we have the honor of recognizing a man who's very much alive and with us. He has served for 32 years in the Gardiner Police Department and for the last 19 as Chief. Mr. President, women and men of the Senate, please join me in thanking him for his service, for his leadership, for his commitment and dedication to his community. Join me in thanking him for his tireless efforts for these past 32 years. Join me in thanking also his family for their sacrifices as well. We wish him joy and blessings in his well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair would like to recognize in the Chamber the Gardiner Police Chief, James Toman; his wife, Jackie Toman; their daughter, Mary Toman; the Mayor of Gardiner, Pat Hart; City Councilor, Rusty Greenleaf; City Manager, Andy Carlton; Sergeant Todd Pilsbury; Fire Chief Rick Sieburg; Tara Merrill; Denise Brown; James Cameron; and Doug Clark. They are all from Gardiner and they are the guests today of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings and thanks of the Maine Senate.

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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Off Record Remarks

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities  
H.P. 98 L.D. 157

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Construction of a Firehouse by Sinclair Township"  
H.P. 100 L.D. 159

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

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System"  
H.P. 96 L.D. 155

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms"  
H.P. 109 L.D. 168

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units"  
H.P. 95 L.D. 154

Bill "An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8"  
H.P. 97 L.D. 156

Bill "An Act Regarding the Responsibility for Technology Instruction Marketing Costs by the Maine Community College System"  
H.P. 114 L.D. 173

Bill "An Act to Return the Name of the Maine Community College System to the Maine Technical College System"  
H.P. 115 L.D. 174

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Increase the Use of Municipal Waste-to-energy Processes as a Source of Renewable Energy"  
H.P. 116 L.D. 175

Bill "An Act to Amend the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission Regarding Special Rate Contracts"  
H.P. 118 L.D. 177

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund"  
H.P. 105 L.D. 164

Bill "An Act to Amend and Clarify the Laws Governing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Other Harmful Chemicals"  
H.P. 110 L.D. 169

Bill "An Act to Provide That All Rules Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Are Major Substantive Rules"  
H.P. 112 L.D. 171

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish a Substance Use Disorder Hotline and Consultation and Clinical Supervision Program"  
H.P. 103 L.D. 162

Bill "An Act to Allow Health Care Workers to Return to Work by Reinstating Exemptions from Immunization Requirements"  
H.P. 113 L.D. 172

Bill "An Act to Increase the Safety of Patients and Staff at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center"  
H.P. 117 L.D. 176

Bill "An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage for Doula Services"  
H.P. 122 L.D. 198

Bill "An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program"  
H.P. 123 L.D. 199

Bill "An Act to Require Medicaid Coverage for Certain Children Under 7 Years of Age"  
H.P. 124 L.D. 200

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Create a Training License and Program for Certain Advanced Practice Providers"  
H.P. 99 L.D. 158

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Practicing Chiropractic Without a License"  
H.P. 101 L.D. 160

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

On motion by Senator **RENY** of Lincoln, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.



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Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Change the Term 'Woodsmen' to 'Woodsperson' in the Junior Maine Guide Program

H.P. 93 L.D. 152

Bill "An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances"

H.P. 104 L.D. 163

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

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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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

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety"

H.P. 121 L.D. 197

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications"

H.P. 94 L.D. 153

Bill "An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary"

H.P. 106 L.D. 165

Bill "An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects"

H.P. 107 L.D. 166

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

H.P. 108 L.D. 167

Bill "An Act to Exempt Gold Star Parents from Income Tax"

H.P. 119 L.D. 195

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Modify the Law Regarding Tinted Glass in Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 102 L.D. 161

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

#### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

##### Pursuant to Statute Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission

The **Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 1-803, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law"

H.P. 120 L.D. 196

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 127 L.D. 206

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 126

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

WHEREAS, January 16, 2023 marks the national and state holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorating his birth on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister who advocated the furtherance of civil and human rights for all Americans through nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, this man of great spirit showed this country a dream of "an oasis of freedom and justice"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King, a model of an American patriot, provided the nation with one of the most prophetic and influential voices in our history; and

WHEREAS, for his tireless work to ensure equality and justice, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, a high and honorable distinction, in 1964; and

WHEREAS, his eloquence, his perseverance and his faith moved mountains and brought about landmark legal and social changes by appealing to the better instincts and consciences of his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which ended so tragically on April 4, 1968, is a shining example to Americans and citizens of the world at large of uncompromising dedication to the highest ideals; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald Talbot of Portland submitted legislation in 1975 to create a day commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prior to the federal legislation creating the holiday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary life and works of this teacher, reformer and humanitarian, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pause in our deliberations to recognize and commemorate the occasion of his birth.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, women and men of the Senate, I rise to honor the extraordinary life of the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. To celebrate his birthday and lift up his legacy, I will read brief excerpts from his letter from a Birmingham jail and disperse with the closing passages of his speech entitled 'The Other America' which he delivered at Stanford University on April 14, 1967, just shy of one year before his assassination, and so I quote:

'I have no despair about the future. I have no fear about the outcome of our struggle in Birmingham, even if our motives are presently misunderstood. We will reach the goal of freedom in Birmingham and all over the nation, because the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be, our destiny is tied up with the destiny of America. Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, we were here. Before the pen of Jefferson scratched across the pages of history the majestic word of the Declaration of Independence, we were here. For more than two centuries our foreparents labored here without wages; they made cotton king; and they built the homes of their masters in the midst of brutal injustice and shameful humiliation and yet out of a bottomless vitality our people continue to thrive and develop and I say if the inexpressible cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we now face will surely fail. We're going to win our freedom because both the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of the Almighty God are embodied in our echoing demands. And so I wish you had commended Negro demonstrators of Birmingham for their sublime courage, their willingness to suffer, and their amazing discipline in the midst of the most inhuman provocations. One day the South will recognize its real heroes.

They will be the will be the James Merediths, courageously and with a majestic sense of purpose facing jeering and hostile mobs and the agonizing loneliness that characterizes the life of the pioneer. They will be old, oppressed, battered Negro women, symbolized in a seventy-two-year-old woman of Montgomery, Alabama, who rose up with a sense of dignity and with her people decided not to ride the segregated buses, and responded to one who inquired about her tiredness with ungrammatical profundity, 'My feets is tired, but my soul is rested.' The real heroes will be young high school and college students, young ministers of the gospel, and a host of their elders courageously and nonviolently sitting in at lunch counters and willingly going to jail for conscience's sake. One day the South will know that when these disinherited children of God sat down at lunch counters they were in reality standing up for the best in the American dream and the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage. And so I can sing 'We shall overcome.' We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice. We shall overcome because Carlyle is right, 'No lie can live forever.' We shall overcome because William Cullen Bryant is right, 'Truth crushed to earth will rise again.' We shall overcome because James Russell Lowell is right, 'Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet that scaffold sways the future and behind them unknown stands God within the shadows keeping watch above his own.' With his faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With his faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discourse of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With his faith, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and life together as brothers and sisters all over this great nation. That will be the great day. That will be a great tomorrow and in the words of scripture, to speak symbolically, 'That will be the day when the morning stars will sing together and the sons of God will shout for joy.' Thank you, Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Duson.

Senator **DUSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It is still morning. I rise to speak briefly to the Joint Resolution commemorating the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. This holiday is a day of remembrance and a day of reverence, a day of reflection, a day of recommitment, and a day of celebration. If you go to the Senate webpage and you click on Jill Duson the first words you read are: 'A child of the civil rights movement.' That is my story in seven words. The story of a 9-year old witness to the words and courageous actions of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the leaders of the movement. A witness to reports about the Freedom Riders, lunch counter sit-ins, and bus boycotts, and a witness to the adults in my own life who organized and picketed and marched and were roughed up and arrested and released and arrested again in a two year campaign to win court ordered desegregation of our schools in Chester, Pennsylvania. A child of the civil rights movement is my story of being one of the smart Negro kids who were then bussed across town to the white schools and assigned to the back of the fourth grade class and a child who understood that people had put their lives on the line to open up the world for me and my cohort of Black Negro children. At 10-years old we internalized the expectation of the community,

that we would work twice as hard, to jump every hurdle to success, and remember to pay it forward to the next generation and the next. MLK Day is about remembrance and reverence. Fast forward to 2023, I am so very proud to serve the people of Portland and Westbrook. I am humbled by the prospect of working to make a difference here while being my fully joyful Black self. The first but not the last Black female member of the Maine Senate. This year I turn 70 and these days, MLK weekend, is a time for reflection, assessment, and recommitment. Reflection on my effectiveness in collaborating with engaged activists and elected to meet the needs of our communities. Assessment of how it is going with the drum major of justice imperative. And recommitment to do more and better. MLK Day is about reflection and recommitment. And, lastly, please be reminded that MLK Day is a celebration of his birthday. So, I will conclude my comments on a lighter note, with a favorite poem that has come to be a theme for the month of January and each of my 40 winters in Maine. 'One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight Winters' by Jackie Earley. 'Got up this morning feeling good and Black. Thinking Black thoughts. Did Black things. Played all my Black records and minded my own Black business. Put on my best Black clothes and walked out my Black door and, Lord have mercy, white snow.'

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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Off Record Remarks

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the Call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.