

**STATE OF MAINE
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Tuesday
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Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Father Aaron Damboise from Parish of the Holy Savior in Mexico.

FATHER DAMBOISE: Let us pray. Lord, God, from the abundance of Your mercy we beg You, enrich Your servants gathered here today and safeguard them. Strengthened by Your blessing, may they always be thankful to You and bless You with an ending joy. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Jill C. Duson of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Kelly Meehan-Coussee, MD.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/16/23) matter:

NOMINATION - of Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston, for appointment as the Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care

Tabled - February 16, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 16, 2023, Communication (S.C. 116) from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **BRAKEY**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BRENNER**, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from York, Senator **RAFFERTY**, the Senator from Lincoln, Senator **RENY**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **TIPPING**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#18)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BRAKEY, BRENNER, LAWRENCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Megan Garratt-Reed** of South Thomaston for appointment as the Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 139

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

February 17, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Carlos R. Mello of Camden, for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Authority of Maine.

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	Curry, C. of Waldo, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Walker, M. of Naples, White, B. of Waterville
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland, Rep. Lanigan, L. of Sanford, Rep. Smith, K. of Palermo

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 Carlos R. Mello of Camden, for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry.

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. It is my honor to support the nomination of Carlos Mello for the appointment of

Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine. Finance Authority of Maine's mission is to provide the - for the financial solutions that help Maine people achieve their business and higher education goals. For over 40 years FAME has supported substantially over \$2 billion in loans and equity to Maine businesses, creating and retaining well over 100,000 jobs, as well as providing \$433 million in grants, financial aid, and loans to over 276,000 Maine students. It is a sometimes quiet but critical institution of the state of Maine, helping people to achieve their educational and business dreams. Carlos Mello has over 35 years of banking experience, eight years serving as the Chief Risk Management Officer for the Finance Authority of Maine and the last two serving as Acting Director - or Acting Chief Executive Officer. In testimony we heard of his razor-sharp intellect and, just as important, his calm and calming demeanor. We also heard from the prior Chair when he stated: 'While engaging in innovative initiatives and expanding core programing, Carlos consistently focuses the FAME staff on maintaining a climate of excellence, accountability, and respect, exactly what we look for in our public servants.' For this reason, it is with - for these reasons, we are very proud to report that we had a unanimous report in support of this nomination and we encourage the support for him for this vote now. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I, too, rise in strong support of this nomination of Carlos Mello to be head of FAME. I'm a long-time fan and sometimes partner with various programs that FAME administers, their small business support, their educational programs, and I know from having interacted with FAME over many years what an important institution it is. I'm also very pleased to have watched Carlos Mello over the last few years take on the helm of this organization and I know that his dedication to FAME and all of its missions, there are several, and to the state of Maine will serve all of us well and I'm delighted that he's stepping up into this new role and urge you to support his nomination. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members of the Senate, I, too, rise in support of this nomination. FAME is a lifeline to many businesses and other organizations in Maine and I'm so pleased that Carlos Mello has chosen to take it forward and preserve this lifeline for so many Mainers and I'm just delighted to be supportive of his nomination and delighted to be supportive of FAME and its mission and I thank him for his service.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to add my voice in support of Carlos Mello. We certainly are blessed to have somebody with his capabilities in that position and an important part of the mission of the Legislature is carried out through FAME and I just wanted to add my support.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131st Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#19)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BRAKEY, BRENNER, LAWRENCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Carlos R. Mello** of Camden for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Carlos Mello. He's the new Director of FAME. He's here with his wife, Terry, and son, Matt. From the town of Camden and they are also the guests of the Senator from Knox, Senator Beebe-Center. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/7/23) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing James Wilson, of South Portland, who is retiring as South Portland Fire Chief after 7 years as chief and 26 years in

total at the South Portland Fire Department, with additional service in other capacities at the Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough fire departments. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

SLS 90

Tabled - February 7, 2023 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, February 7, 2023, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and colleagues of the Senate, today I am pleased and honored to welcome Fire Chief James Wilson of South Portland, as well as his family, to the Maine Senate. Earlier this month, Chief Wilson departed the South Portland Fire Department after serving as Fire Chief for seven years. In all, Chief Wilson served in the South Portland Fire Department for 26 years and also volunteered with the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department and the Scarborough Fire Department. In all, Chief Wilson has provided emergency life-saving and public safety services to Senate District 29 in its entirety, having dedicated his career to its three municipalities: South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, and Scarborough. Reflecting on his contributions to the city of South Portland, Mayor Kate Lewis said: 'We are very blessed to have a strong department that is rising to meet the needs of the city of South Portland. Being flexible and changing, adapting approaches as the city grows and changes around us. That's because of Chief Wilson's leadership in large part.' The community is grateful to Chief Wilson for his distinguished service to South Portland and its neighboring communities. On behalf of all my constituents, I want to thank Chief Wilson for his career of dedication and devotion to our community. Fire fighting is a challenging career. It's dangerous and life-threatening work. It requires quick thinking under high pressure and stress and demands bravery, skill, and a deep sense of responsibility. From what I've heard and seen, Chief Wilson embodies all of these fine qualities. Chief Wilson, on behalf of the Maine Legislature, please accept our thanks for your service and our best wishes for your future endeavors.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber James Wilson. He is joined by his wife, Bethany; his father, Charles; his mother, Alice. They're all from South Portland. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney. Will they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Christoph Mutschin, of Farmington, an officer of the Farmington Police Department, who has received the Officer of the Year Award for 2022 in recognition of the efforts he made in community relations and his proactive efforts, professionalism and discipline. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 158

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I am pleased to have Officer Mutschin with us today. He has been awarded the Farmington Police Department Officer of the Year for 2022 in recognition of his community relations proactive efforts, professionalism, and discipline. In the press release put out by the Farmington Police Department, Police Chief Charles said that Officer Mutschin had received accolades from citizens and community partners alike. He has led the Department in OUI enforcement, crash investigations, and overall traffic enforcement and safety activity. He has been credited with lifesaving efforts as well. In one instance, Officer Mutschin responded to a medical emergency involving an individual in full cardiac arrest. Along with his partner, they conducted several minutes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation which allowed the paramedics to prepare and administrate lifesaving - advance lifesaving measures that resulted in the patient's revival. On another occasion, Officer Mutschin responded to medical calls involving an unresponsive patient. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of an overdose, he administered Narcan and other supportive measures that resulted in a successful outcome for the patient. Taking further steps, Officer Mutschin helped facilitate co-response by the local options liaison who was able to work with the patient on an on-going basis to seek treatment for substance use disorder. I could go on and on about the type of officer Officer Mutschin is but I will stop here. We are very fortunate that Officer Mutschin moved from Germany with his parents when he was 6 years old and ended up moving to Farmington in 2021 and joined the Farmington Police Department that year. Thank you for everything you do in keeping the citizens of Farmington and congratulations on receiving this well-deserved honor. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Officer Christoph Mutschin; Chief Charles; Leah St. Laurent; Annalenna Mutschin; and Anja Mutschin. They're all from Farmington. They are the guests today of the

Senator from Franklin, Senator Black. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings and thanks of the Maine State Senate.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development
S.P. 163 L.D. 356

In Senate, January 31, 2023, on motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Administering the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation"
H.P. 128 L.D. 207

Bill "An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes"
H.P. 186 L.D. 288

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name or Pronoun Other than a Child's Given Name or Pronoun Corresponding to the Gender on the Child's Birth Certificate"
H.P. 447 L.D. 678

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers"
H.P. 431 L.D. 662

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms"
H.P. 444 L.D. 675

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

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Labeling of Packaged Foods for Genetically Modified Organisms"
H.P. 451 L.D. 682

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

Bill "An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers"
H.P. 238 L.D. 387

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond
H.P. 429 L.D. 660

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond
H.P. 430 L.D. 661

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 135 L.D. 214

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to Encourage Housing Construction"

H.P. 215 L.D. 341

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 136

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

February 21, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 8, Chapter 3, I am pleased to appoint Peter Black to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board. With this appointment, he will serve as a member with expertise in oil storage facility design and installation, oil spill remediation or environmental engineering, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

L.D. 61

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 137

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

February 22, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA Title 5, Part 30, Chapter 623, §24051, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Rebecca Millett of Cape Elizabeth to the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 132

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

February 14, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Eaton of Deer Isle, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 135

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

February 16, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 99 An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 134

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

February 16, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 274 An Act Regarding Municipal Costs for Water Used for Firefighting

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 133

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

February 09, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 152 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Change the Term "Woodsmen" to "Woodsperson" in the Junior Maine Guide Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain S/Rep. Scott Landry
Senate Chair House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds"

S.P. 341 L.D. 782

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

Bill "An Act to Support the Maintenance of Historic Fort George in Castine"

S.P. 350 L.D. 791

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Representative: RUSSELL of Verona Island.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law"

S.P. 361 L.D. 864

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Establish Culturally Informed Reentry or Reintegration Halfway Houses"

S.P. 387 L.D. 895

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

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.

Bill "An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws"

S.P. 336 L.D. 777

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools"

S.P. 364 L.D. 867

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Protect Education Access by Prohibiting a Mandate for Schoolchildren for a COVID-19 Vaccine or a Vaccine Under an Emergency Use Authorization"

S.P. 366 L.D. 869

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GUERIN of Penobscot, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

Bill "An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State"

S.P. 368 L.D. 871

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 370 L.D. 873

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units"

S.P. 381 L.D. 889

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning"

S.P. 384 L.D. 892

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GEIGER of Rockland, GOLEK of Harpswell, MONTELL of Gardiner.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis"

S.P. 362 L.D. 865

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: O'NEIL of Saco.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment"

S.P. 334 L.D. 775

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program"

S.P. 337 L.D. 778

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GUERIN of Penobscot, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services"

S.P. 338 L.D. 779

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MORRIS of Turner, PRINGLE of Windham.

Bill "An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia"

S.P. 340 L.D. 781

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents"

S.P. 343 L.D. 784

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of Sanford, MASON of Lisbon.

Bill "An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services"

S.P. 344 L.D. 785

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding"

S.P. 354 L.D. 857

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics"

S.P. 355 L.D. 858

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to Provide Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Services"

S.P. 356 L.D. 859

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline"

S.P. 369 L.D. 872

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 371 L.D. 874

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Improve Child Welfare"

S.P. 375 L.D. 878

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings"
S.P. 332 L.D. 773

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Child Care Provider Student Loan Repayment Fund"
S.P. 382 L.D. 890

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care"
S.P. 348 L.D. 789

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements"
S.P. 388 L.D. 896

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

S.P. 345 L.D. 786

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development"

S.P. 346 L.D. 787

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative DHALAC of South Portland and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, RIELLY of Westbrook.

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.

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State"

S.P. 373 L.D. 876

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Permit Recordings of a Protected Person to Be Admissible in Evidence"

S.P. 324 L.D. 765

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

Bill "An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion"

S.P. 330 L.D. 771

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, SMITH of Palermo.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Bodily Autonomy
S.P. 335 L.D. 776

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy
S.P. 339 L.D. 780

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough and Senators: BAILEY of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act"
S.P. 342 L.D. 783

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham, PAULHUS of Bath, SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions That Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of Violence"
S.P. 365 L.D. 868

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CARNEY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation"

S.P. 367 L.D. 870

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, GROHOSKI of Hancock, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Allow Use of Courthouse Facility Dogs by Criminal Justice Agencies for Criminal Justice Purposes"

S.P. 379 L.D. 888

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices"
S.P. 326 L.D. 767

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Protect Due Process for Certain Public Sector Employees"

S.P. 383 L.D. 891

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund"

S.P. 333 L.D. 774

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HARRINGTON of York.

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks"
S.P. 378 L.D. 887

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women"
S.P. 353 L.D. 794

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, JAUCH of Topsham, O'NEIL of Saco, TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000"
S.P. 360 L.D. 863

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China"
S.P. 374 L.D. 877

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 385 L.D. 893

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RUSSELL of Verona Island, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor"
S.P. 386 L.D. 894

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Regular Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 323 L.D. 764

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, RISEMAN of Harrison.

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants"
S.P. 331 L.D. 772

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, COLLINGS of Portland, MORRIS of Turner.

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry
S.P. 347 L.D. 788

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide a Turnpike Gasoline Fairness Credit for Maine Turnpike Drivers"

S.P. 351 L.D. 792

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, GREENWOOD of Wales, LIBBY of Auburn, MASON of Lisbon, SHAW of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing"

S.P. 352 L.D. 793

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec,
Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'CONNELL of Brewer, RANA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study"

S.P. 358 L.D. 861

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority"

S.P. 359 L.D. 862

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way"

S.P. 363 L.D. 866

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State"

S.P. 372 L.D. 875

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WHITE of Guilford.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

S.P. 377 L.D. 880

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes"

S.P. 325 L.D. 766

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections"

S.P. 327 L.D. 768

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo.

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

S.P. 328 L.D. 769

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day"
S.P. 329 L.D. 770

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act to Require Disclosure for Communications Paid for Using Maine Clean Election Act Funding"
S.P. 349 L.D. 790

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, LYFORD of Penobscot, Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, PAUL of Winterport.

Bill "An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places"
S.P. 376 L.D. 879

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MALON of Biddeford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 380

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 5, 2023
AS EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, eating disorders are serious but treatable mental and physical illnesses that can affect people of all genders, ages, races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, body shapes and weights; and

WHEREAS, while no one knows for sure what causes eating disorders, a growing consensus suggests that it is a range of biological, psychological and sociocultural factors; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 9% of people will experience an eating disorder at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders have the 2nd highest mortality rate of all mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, the National Eating Disorders Association helpline has experienced a 107% increase in contacts since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collective effort of individuals from every walk of life, including persons with lived experience, family members and friends; students, educators and coaches; and professionals, health care providers and organizations committed to raising awareness of eating disorders; 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 recognize February 27 to March 5, 2023 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week and encourage the citizens of Maine to support the annual awareness campaign to educate the public about the realities of eating disorders and to provide hope, support and visibility to individuals and families affected by eating disorders.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, today I rise to speak about National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which takes place from February 27 through March 5 of this year. As I stand here, I'm thinking of one of my friends who struggled with an eating disorder when he was a junior and senior in high school. The onset of the illness was subtle and slow. He began to restrict what he ate, cutting out foods that he previously enjoyed and obsessing over calorie counts. He strictly controlled his portion sizes and servings no matter the meal or the time of day. Eventually, he stopped eating with his friends in the cafeteria. He lost the energy and will to even spend any time with them at all, not just at lunch time. Over weeks, his elbows became sharp points and his knees hard knots. This wasn't because he was a growing teenager but because he was starving himself. After a few months he couldn't sleep well. He was out of breath each time he climbed the stairs, sometimes having to pause once or twice before reaching the top. He couldn't ride if bike or hike or run like he used to. Going about his day, he could feel his heart beating hard, harder than it should. His skin turned yellow. That's when his art teacher pulled him aside in the hallway and asked if everything was okay. Looking back, everything wasn't okay but he didn't want to say that. He couldn't admit it to himself or to others but she didn't give up on him. Fortunately, she went to him - with him to his science teacher and his school nurse. Before long, he and his Mom were sitting with a doctor and discussing something called anorexia nervosa. It took time and support but he recovered and he remains my friend, full of energy and life, to this day.

There are many eating disorders, some are more well-known than others, such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia, binge eating, etcetera. They are complex medical and psychiatric illnesses that patients don't choose. Eating disorders have the second highest mortality rate of all mental health disorders; whether the patient dies from the complications from binge eating, purging, starvation, over exercise, or suicide. Nearly 30 million Americans experience an eating disorder at some point in their lives. Eating disorders

can affect anyone, regardless of their gender, age, race, ethnicity, body type, body weight, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. Eating disorders are unique in that, unlike other use disorders, the patient can't just abstain. You need to eat to live and so they must learn to have a healthy relationship with food, which is very challenging. If you or a loved one might be struggling with an eating disorder, you can contact the National Eating Disorder Association Help Line. You can either call or text. The number is 1-800-931-2237. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport
H.P. 316 L.D. 501

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association
H.P. 486 L.D. 797

Resolve, to Study the Issue of Persons Who Go Missing in State Parks
H.P. 495 L.D. 806

Bill "An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed"

H.P. 523 L.D. 834

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Support Farm Apprenticeships in Maine

H.P. 557 L.D. 901

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

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

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Restore Historic Community Buildings"

H.P. 568 L.D. 912

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.

Bill "An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office"

H.P. 488 L.D. 799

Bill "An Act to Reimburse the Town of Charleston for Expenses Related to the Mountain View Correctional Facility"

H.P. 512 L.D. 823

Bill "An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 517 L.D. 828

Bill "An Act to Support Law Enforcement in Interactions with Individuals with Histories of Trauma"

H.P. 536 L.D. 847

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Law Enforcement Interactions and Tools for Determining Residency During Conflict Resolution"

H.P. 567 L.D. 911

Bill "An Act to Support First Responders"

H.P. 569 L.D. 913

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.

Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools"

H.P. 497 L.D. 808

Bill "An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice"

H.P. 498 L.D. 809

Bill "An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools"

H.P. 518 L.D. 829

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

H.P. 519 L.D. 830

Bill "An Act to Ensure College Credit Classes Taken in Secondary School Are Credited at the University Level"

H.P. 526 L.D. 837

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Development of a Course Regarding the Use of Manufactured Wood Products

H.P. 547 L.D. 881

Bill "An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices"

H.P. 553 L.D. 897

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

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

Bill "An Act to Expand Energy Choice Through Municipal Utilities"

H.P. 561 L.D. 905

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

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

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Disposal of Certain Solar Panels in the State and to Require Bonds to Cover Disposal Costs"

H.P. 515 L.D. 826

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

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

Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

H.P. 502 L.D. 813

Bill "An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors"

H.P. 505 L.D. 816

Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County

H.P. 509 L.D. 820

Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services

H.P. 510 L.D. 821

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Reimbursement Rates for Nursing Facilities on Islands

H.P. 513 L.D. 824

Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities"

H.P. 514 L.D. 825

Bill "An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains"

H.P. 527 L.D. 838

Bill "An Act to Support Individuals with Personality Disorder or Emotional Dysregulation by Requiring Reimbursement Under the MaineCare Program"

H.P. 529 L.D. 840

Bill "An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements"

H.P. 549 L.D. 883

Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents by 20 Percent (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 554 L.D. 898

Bill "An Act to Repeal So-called MaineCare Expansion"

H.P. 558 L.D. 902

Bill "An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine"

H.P. 560 L.D. 904

Bill "An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases"

H.P. 562 L.D. 906

Bill "An Act to Meet the Needs of Individuals with Severe Behavioral Health Diagnoses"

H.P. 563 L.D. 907

Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Integrated Co-occurring Behavioral Health Home Model Within the MaineCare Program
H.P. 564 L.D. 908

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.

Bill "An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services"

H.P. 485 L.D. 796

Bill "An Act to Protect the Practice of Certain Cardiovascular Professionals"

H.P. 533 L.D. 844

Bill "An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 555 L.D. 899

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Housing

H.P. 543 L.D. 853

Bill "An Act to Help First-time Home Buyers in Maine"

H.P. 551 L.D. 885

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Requirements for Moose Hunting Permits"

H.P. 484 L.D. 795

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Antlerless Deer Permit Fee for Holders of Senior Complimentary and Senior Lifetime Hunting Licenses"

H.P. 487 L.D. 798

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes"

H.P. 503 L.D. 814

Bill "An Act Regarding Low Success Rates for Moose Hunting"

H.P. 520 L.D. 831

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.

Bill "An Act to Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund"

H.P. 496 L.D. 807

Bill "An Act to Establish an Emergency Fuel Reserve"

H.P. 507 L.D. 818

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Time Period for Notice to Terminate a Tenancy at Will"

H.P. 493 L.D. 804

Bill "An Act to Codify Forfeiture by Wrongdoing as an Exception to the Rule Against Hearsay"

H.P. 525 L.D. 836

Bill "An Act to Expunge Certain Nonviolent Drug Crimes"

H.P. 537 L.D. 848

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

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

Bill "An Act to Create the Maine Family First Employer Program"

H.P. 499 L.D. 810

Bill "An Act to Provide Energy Efficiency Program Outreach and Assistance to Manufactured Housing Residents"

H.P. 504 L.D. 815

Bill "An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules"

H.P. 516 L.D. 827

Bill "An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals"

H.P. 530 L.D. 841

Bill "An Act to Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Rolling Average of the Cost of Living of the Previous 3 Years"

H.P. 545 L.D. 855

Bill "An Act to Reduce Recurring Workplace Harassment and Provide Consequences for Serial Offenders"

H.P. 546 L.D. 856

Bill "An Act to Allow Nonmunicipal Emergency Medical Services Providers to Be Considered State Employees for Purposes of Certain Benefits"

H.P. 548 L.D. 882

Bill "An Act to Establish Parity in Tipping Laws for Restaurant Workers"

H.P. 559 L.D. 903

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.

Bill "An Act to Create a Restricted Senior Lobster and Crab Fishing License"

H.P. 500 L.D. 811

Bill "An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 506 L.D. 817

Bill "An Act to Clarify That Maine Holds Title to Its Intertidal Lands"

H.P. 541 L.D. 851

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

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require State Agencies to Complete the Rulemaking Process Within One Year of a Legislative Directive to Adopt Rules"

H.P. 539 L.D. 850

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature"

H.P. 565 L.D. 909

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws of Maine"

H.P. 566 L.D. 910

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.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Maine Exclusion Amount for Estate Tax Exemptions"

H.P. 491 L.D. 802

Bill "An Act Regarding Taxation"

H.P. 492 L.D. 803

Bill "An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles"

H.P. 494 L.D. 805

Bill "An Act to Phase Out the Income Tax"

H.P. 524 L.D. 835

Bill "An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate"

H.P. 532 L.D. 843

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature"

H.P. 538 L.D. 849

Bill "An Act to Fund the Protection and Restoration of Riparian and Estuarine Ecosystems and to Impose an Excise Tax on Certain Bottled Water Operators"

H.P. 544 L.D. 854

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.

Bill "An Act to Allow Hitchhiking at Night"

H.P. 489 L.D. 800

Bill "An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations"

H.P. 508 L.D. 819

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority by Inviting Participation on the Board of Directors by and Negotiating for Funding from the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts"

H.P. 531 L.D. 842

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program"

H.P. 556 L.D. 900

Come 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.

Bill "An Act to Assist Clerks in Facilitating Elections and to Improve Access to In-person Absentee Voting for Working People by Increasing Time for Absentee Ballot Processing and In-person Voting"

H.P. 501 L.D. 812

Bill "An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program"

H.P. 521 L.D. 832

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists"

H.P. 522 L.D. 833

Bill "An Act to Allow On-premises Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products on the Premises of Cannabis Store Licensees"

H.P. 528 L.D. 839

Bill "An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals"

H.P. 534 L.D. 845

Bill "An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws"

H.P. 535 L.D. 846

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Length of Legislators' Terms to 4 Years

H.P. 542 L.D. 852

Bill "An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters Who Have a Nonphysical Disability and Voters Who Support a Person with a Disability"

H.P. 552 L.D. 886

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

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center

H.P. 550 L.D. 884

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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

Bill "An Act to Require Municipalities to Obtain Housing Units for Residents Experiencing Homelessness"

H.P. 490 L.D. 801

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow All Corporations to Self-insure Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 511 L.D. 822

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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

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 (2/16/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of State and Municipalities to Invest in Gold, Silver and Other Precious Metals"
S.P. 292 L.D. 734

Tabled - February 16, 2023 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning.