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Joint Orders

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

Prayer by Reverend Ruby Parker, Interfaith Minister and Chaplain from Scarborough.

REVEREND PARKER: Dear divine source of all, we come before You today as elected leaders of the great state of Maine, seeking Your wisdom and guidance as we undertake the work of governing our people. We recognize that we're a diverse group with different backgrounds, beliefs, and values. But we also know we share a common goal, to serve our constituents and to build a better future for our state. We ask for Your blessings upon this Chamber, that it may be a place of respectful dialogue and productive collaboration. Help us to listen deeply to one another, to seek common ground, and to work together to address the challenges facing our state. We pray for Your guidance as we make decisions that will impact the lives of our fellow citizens. Give us the wisdom to discern what is right and just, the courage to stand up for what is best for our state, and the compassion to consider the needs and perspectives of all those who serve. May our deliberations be infused with a spirit of unity, cooperation, and understanding. May we work together for the common good. We offer this prayer in humility and gratitude, knowing that we are all stewards of Your creation and that our actions have the power to shape the future. Amen and so be it.

National Anthem Performed by the Skowhegan Area Middle School Band.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David P. LaFountain of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

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

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Nezinscott Farm, in Turner, which has received the James Beard Foundation annual America's Classics Award in recognition of the farm's having a locally owned restaurant with timeless appeal that is beloved for having quality food reflecting the character of its community. Nezinscott Farm, the Northeast Region Winner, is one of only six restaurants from across the Nation to receive this award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 302

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

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It is a true honor to have Gloria Varney with us this morning to honor her for her family farm, Nezinscot Farm in Turner, Maine for being named the Northeast Regional winner of the American Classics category from the James Beard Foundation. Along with her this morning is her cook from Switzerland. She's a student at Bates College. I'll probably botch this name but I'm going to do my very best. Stina Koch. Nezinscot Farm is located in the beautiful town of Turner, Maine. Greg and Gloria took over the family farm from Greg's parents in 1986. Nezinscot Farm began as the first organic dairy farm in the state of Maine. Through the desire to diversify and the passion for good food, Greg and Gloria expanded the farm to encompass a gourmet food shop, a café, a coffee shop, a bakery, a charcuterie, and a yarn and fiber studio. Now, I had to work on one word in there. You guys figure out which one it was. Great food is what we lead them to winning this well-deserved award from James Beard Foundation. The Foundation celebrates and supports the people behind America's food culture, while pushing for new standards in the restaurant industry to create a food future where all who have the opportunity to thrive. Established over 30 years ago, the Foundation has highlighted the centrality of food culture in our daily lives and is committed to supporting a resilient and flourishing industry that honors its diverse community. James Beard Foundation brings its mission to life through the annual awards, industry, and community-focused initiatives and programs, advocacy and partnerships, and events across the country. This award considers locally owned restaurants that have timeless appeal and are regionally beloved for quality food that reflects the character of its community and Greg and Gloria do do that. This fits perfectly on how I would describe Nezinscot Farm. This is the first farm to ever win this award, which makes it even more special. Greg and Gloria are amazing members of our community and I am even more fortunate to call them my friends. They have poured their heart and soul into this farm and making this what they wanted. As Gloria said in an interview with Channel 6, 'It just pleases me to no end,' and that's Gloria all the way. 'Where we're sitting, where the café and the farm store is, is a workshop - used to be a

workshop full of used equipment, parts, and other things,' and I can remember that day. In closing, I want to congratulate Greg and Gloria on this well-deserved honor that has put their farm in Turner, Maine in the national spotlight. If you are looking for some amazing food that is made from scratch all the way around, from bakery items to meats to cheeses to jams, a food menu featuring staples like egg sandwiches, poutine, that all caught the attention of James Beard Foundation, I would encourage you all to go visit Gloria at Nezinscot Farm in Turner. It's an amazing place to visit and it's an amazing place to buy food. I thank you, Greg and Gloria, for all the work you've done for the community.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Women and men of the Senate, I rise in awe. When this came across my newsfeed, however long ago it was, I was gobsmacked. I'm a chef, some of you may know. James Beard Awards are highly coveted in the industry and I could not really believe that a farm won a James Beard Award, but not surprised at all that if one would it would be Gloria and Greg. When I came to Maine a quarter of a century ago, I found this farm on my way somewhere to buy antiques and I stopped in and I fell in love with the food. But I mostly fell in love with Gloria. She became an inspiration to me as a farmer and a foodie and the way that they run the operation on the Nezinscot Farm is old school and revolutionary all at the same time. And so I have participated in things at her farm, I have eaten a lot of her food, and I said to her when I first met her that I want to be her when I grow up. So, this is a pretty awesome day and I'm really happy that this farm, right here in Turner, Maine, is the first recipient of this award in the James Beard Foundation history. So, congratulations and I'm in awe. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Gloria Varney and Stina Koch. They are from the town of Turner and the guests today of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

David Rackliffe, of Weld, a lieutenant with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, who has been named the department's Deputy of the Year for 2022. Lieutenant Rackliffe distinguished himself with his leadership and managerial skill while serving to mentor, monitor and assist in the continual education and growth of the entire patrol division. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 303

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: HALL of Wilton.

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. Some of you in this room might be wondering why I've had so many law enforcement people down this session. It's because they want to make sure I behave myself when I'm out of Franklin County. It's a true honor to have Lieutenant David Rackliffe of Franklin County Sheriff's Department with us this morning who has been named the Franklin County Sheriff's Department 2022 Deputy of the Year. I'm going to read to you some of the press releases put out by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department explaining how wonderful of a deputy Lieutenant Rackliffe is and why we are so fortunate to have him in Franklin County. 'Lieutenant Rackliffe distinguishes himself by outstanding service throughout the year by balancing the tasks of being immediate patrol supervisors for three patrol sergeants in various different personalities and temperaments, all while continuing to be a mentor, monitor, and assist the continual education and growth of the entire patrol division. Lieutenant Rackliffe is the first to show up and the last to take credit for any need within the agency. He has identified an opportunity to modernize the agency and personally spearheaded the acquisition of brand new dash and body camera systems, not only for the patrol division but also for making recording keeping systems available to the investigation division. He also spearheaded the acquisition of a new agency ALPR speed trailer system in 2021 and, when they were not fully operational, spent countless hours coordinating and working with those required to take - to do the repairs. For managing the day-to-day operations of Patrol Lieutenant, he also is the program coordinator for Federal Stone Garden Program and has spearheaded the canine program. Due to his efforts, the Stone Garden Program has ensured excellent teamwork with our federal partners and has been several successful apprehensions of undocumented personnel. The canine program, under his stewardship, has continued to grow and has prepared to provide our agency with a third fully qualified canine team this year, following us to further succeed in providing a layer of safety to our committee.' In closing, thank you, Lieutenant Rackliffe, for everything you do to make Franklin County a safe place to live and work and congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would very much to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Lieutenant David Rackliffe; Sheriff Nicholas; Deputy Steve Lowal; Deputy Laurent; Bernard Rackliffe; Katherine Johnson from Weld and Franklin County. They are being recognized by the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, and the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim. Would they please all rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Mt. Blue High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's second consecutive state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 304

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

The Mt. Blue High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, of Farmington, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's third consecutive state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 305

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

Henri McCourt, of Farmington, a member of the Mt. Blue High School Nordic Ski Team, who won the 5K Classic and Nordic Freestyle Events at the Class A Boys State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 306

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

The Joint Orders were **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. It is a true honor to have this wonderful group of student athletes here from Mt. Blue High School. Cross country skiing is not an easy sport and winning has become a tradition at Mt. Blue High School for both the girls and boys team. First, we'll start with the girls team, which is this year's Class A State Championship. At the Fort Kent Outdoor Center, after two days of racing, finished with an impressive 786 points, finishing ahead of the Greely who had 740 points and Portland who had 739 points. They won an impressive third straight Class A Nordic title by claiming five of the top nine spots and eight of the fourteen spots. As you can see, this group of girls is very impressive and you can see why they will be back here next year for their fourth consecutive title. Next, we have the boys team which, after two days of competing at this year's Class A Championship at the Fort Kent Outdoor, finished with an impressive 782 points ahead of Greely with 761 points and ahead of Deering with 736 points. This boys team had a number of top finishers who helped this team win their second consecutive Class A Nordic State title championship, including sophomore Henri McCourt who won both the Class A State Championship in Classic and Freestyle Nordic Skiing. He had the best time in both events out of any class. We look forward to seeing you here next year and following your skiing career down the road. In closing, I would like to congratulate all the athletes and coaches on this successful season and let you know how proud we are of you, and the Mt. Blue community is of you. I'm looking forward to

having both teams back next year. Best of luck and continue the hard work. Thank you.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Mt. Blue Boys and Girls Ski Team who not only did great winning these two awards, I would imagine they were probably one of the most traveled teams heading all the way to Fort Kent, which a lot of the people in this Chamber probably haven't done that. So, congratulations on that. But I'd also like to have Henri McCourt recognized for the outstanding achievement. Would they please all rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate and congratulations.

Johnny Lettre, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School and a member of the wrestling team, who won the Heavyweight Division at the Class A State Championship and was named All-Class State Champion. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 307

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

Emma Brown, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the 400 Meter Event at the Class B Girls State Indoor Track and Field Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 308

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

Emily Kennard, Lillianna Choate, Anabelle Orth and Addison Burnham, of Augusta, students at Cony High School, who won the 400 Free Relay Event at the Class A Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 309

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

Emily Kennard, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School, who won the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke Events at the Class A Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 310

Sponsored by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: **BRIDGEO** of Augusta,
LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Good morning, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is my distinct honor to have this group of student athletes from Cony High School here this morning to be recognized for their accomplishments. One of my favorite things to do as a State Senator is to have the opportunity to recognize student athletes for their hard work and dedication. All these students won championships in their individual sports, and I was going to sing Queens 'We are the champions' today but I'll spare you. This takes a lot of effort and hard work by them. You've got a number of these wonderful athletes in many different sports at Cony and we're fortunate to have some of them here today. First, we have Emma Brown who was the Class B State Championship in Indoor Track and represented Maine at the New England Championships. We have Johnny Lettre who you definitely want in the back alley with you if you're alone. He was the Class A State Championship in Wrestling and he also won the All Class State Championship and represented Maine at the New England Wrestling Tournament. Then we have Emily Kennard in swimming who won the Class A State Championship in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke and was also on the 400 Free Relay team with teammates Lillianna Choate, Anabelle Orth, and Addison Burnham. They won the Class A State Championship. In talking with Mr. Maines, who's the Athletic Director, he said, 'Not only are these students great athletes, but they're great all-around students as well at Cony.' It's an honor to have you all here today. Congratulations and best of luck with what comes next and, as a fellow graduate of Cony High School, go Rams. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Johnny Lettre, Emma Brown, Emily Kennard, Lillianna Choate, Anabelle Orth, and Adison Burnham. All from the town of - city of Augusta. The guests today of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot. Will they all please rise and accept the congratulation of the Maine Senate.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Representative **SAMPSON** of Alfred and Senators: **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **KEIM** of Oxford, **LIBBY** of Cumberland, Representatives: **BRENNAN** of Portland, **MORRIS** of Turner), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 555

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS NATIONAL FINANCIAL CAPABILITY MONTH

WHEREAS, managing personal finances is more complicated and more important than ever before; and
WHEREAS, high-quality personal financial education is essential in all stages of life to help individuals better manage their money, credit and debt and to be responsible citizens; and
WHEREAS, promoting financial education will help empower individuals to make better-informed decisions, enabling them to live prosperous lives and pass on their assets to future generations; and
WHEREAS, it is important to continue providing financial education to Maine youth to help them become financially capable adults who can fulfill their dreams and aspirations; 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 April 2023 as National Financial Capability Month and recommit ourselves to promoting financial education to help people attain prosperous futures for themselves and their families.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. Again, it's my honor to present this Joint Resolution recognizing April 2023 as National Financial Capability Month. I've worked hard since I came to the Legislature. I'll remember sitting on the Education Committee next to Senator Daughtry in our first term proposing a bill that would require financial literacy in all Maine schools in order to graduate. We've definitely come a long way in the last ten years on that front but we still have a lot of work to do to ensure equity and access to high quality financial literacy education for all Maine students. It's important that these children learn at a young age to be taught about money, credit, and debt and how it all works. Individuals having understanding of this will help empower them to make better informed decisions and help them live more prosperous lives. We have a number of great organizations who help teach financial literacy, such as Junior Achievement, Jobs for Maine's Graduates, and Maine banks and credit unions. All of these organizations and more spend a number of hours each year going into schools teaching financial literacy and I would like to thank them for that. Today we have some representatives from the Maine Credit Union League and JMG and I want to just emphasize how important it is that we

have these partners in this effort to make sure that all students have this access across the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Wendy Brochu from the Connected Credit Union, Abbey Ramsay from the University Credit Union, and Matt St. John of Jobs for Maine's Graduates. They are the guests today of - well, two of them are from Augusta and one's from Carmel. They are the guests today of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot, and the guests of the Senators from Penobscot, Senator Lyford and Senator Tipping. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to welcome guests from my district who are not on our printed calendar. Today I'm joined by many Brunswick Middle and High School students in the balcony who are members of the Queer and Allies Club. These students have worked hard to not only make their schools more welcoming and affirming but have also made our town an even more friendly place for all members of the LGBTQIA community. I am immensely proud of all of them and excited to have them here today. They are learning about our legislature and getting to see democracy in action. So, I'm excited for them to join us today. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize up in the Gallery students from the Brunswick Middle and High School Queer and Allies Club, along side their teachers and chaperones. They are from the city of Brunswick. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Speaker **TALBOT ROSS** of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 556

**JOINT RESOLUTION
TO REAFFIRM THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
MAINE AND TAIWAN, ENHANCE BILATERAL TRADE
RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND SUPPORT TAIWAN'S
INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a robust bilateral relationship marked by a mutually beneficial partnership and supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy, and our countries now enjoy the strongest relations ever; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's 2nd-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the 8th-largest trading partner of the United States as of 2022, with United States trade in goods with Taiwan totaling an estimated \$135.5 billion in 2022, and Taiwan was the 6th-largest consumer of agricultural goods in 2022, totaling \$4.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan-Maine bilateral trade reached \$61.2 million in 2022, and Maine exported to Taiwan \$33.2 million in machinery, electric machinery and fish and other marine products, making Taiwan Maine's 18th-largest export market in the world, and a formal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States would result in even greater Maine exports to Taiwan and create more jobs for the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, President Tsai has expressed Taiwan's desire to reach a bilateral trade agreement with the United States, and the 116th United States Congress's Public Law 116-135, "Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019," affirms that the United States should engage in strengthening bilateral trade and economic relations with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Department of Education and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan) entered into a memorandum of understanding to strengthen and enhance educational exchange and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, making its inclusion in international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization imperative for the best interests and safety of the international community, and, in addition, Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is necessary in the global effort to combat climate change; 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, support a stronger United States-Taiwan relationship under the Biden administration, including the signing of a bilateral trade agreement, encourage the further exploration of ways to strengthen and promote bilateral exchange between Maine and Taiwan, including signing a driver's license reciprocity agreement with Taiwan in the near future, and support pursuing ways to further increase trade and people-to-people exchanges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we support Taiwan's legitimate right to participate in international organizations, agreements and mechanisms; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Janet Mills, Governor of Maine, the Honorable Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Honorable Jonathan Sun, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues of the Senate, I rise to express and underscore the friendship that exists between the people of Maine and the people of Taiwan. We celebrate the democracy the Taiwanese people enjoy and support the country's legitimate right to participate in international organizations and agreements. We look forward to our country's continued friendship with Taiwan and to an enduring and strong and everlasting tie between our country and theirs'. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Jonathan Sun, Director General, and Eric Chao, Deputy Director, of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston. The Chair would like to say that had a long relationship, friendship, with the Taiwanese government. Deputy Director Chao was going to be going back to Taiwan full-time so this is his last time here in the Maine Legislature and Director Sun has been a great partner and so very pleased to - sorry to see Director Chao leave but very pleased to have him recognized here today. They are the guests today of the Senator from Aroostook and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and give congratulations and greetings.

Off Record Remarks

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab"
S.P. 554 L.D. 1389

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York,
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, WORTH of Ellsworth.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Combat Unwanted Telephone Solicitations"
S.P. 544 L.D. 1379

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Protect Utility Customers and Improve Disclosure of Political and Advertising Spending by Public Utilities and Their Affiliates"

S.P. 553 L.D. 1388

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Programs and Policies Regarding Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

S.P. 560 L.D. 1393

Presented by Senator RENEY of Lincoln.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Submission of Certain Reports to the Legislature Concerning Child Welfare"

S.P. 542 L.D. 1325

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Guiding Public Health Principles of Focused Protection for Pandemics of a Highly Infectious Respiratory Disease"

S.P. 547 L.D. 1382

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, BOYER of Poland, FREDERICKS of Sanford, JAVNER of Chester, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges"
S.P. 541 L.D. 1324

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, LYFORD of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services"
S.P. 548 L.D. 1383

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, COPELAND of Saco, GEIGER of Rockland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Single-payer Health Care Insurance to All Children"
S.P. 552 L.D. 1387

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency Regarding Certain Drug Pricing Programs"
S.P. 562 L.D. 1395

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: BAILEY of York, Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, MORRIS of Turner, SKOLD of Portland.

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.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Regarding Employee Liability"
S.P. 550 L.D. 1385

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

Bill "An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program"

S.P. 561 L.D. 1394

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, MALON of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program"
S.P. 545 L.D. 1380

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Create Fairness in Maine's Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Basing the Tax on the Sale Price"
S.P. 546 L.D. 1381

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Promote Fairness in the Taxation of Adult Use Cannabis by Basing the Excise Tax on the Tier of a Cultivation Facility"
S.P. 549 L.D. 1384

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: RANA of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Require That a Completed Form for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Be Provided to a Person Purchasing a Home"
S.P. 551 L.D. 1386

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Change How the Adult Use Cannabis Excise Tax Is Calculated"
S.P. 559 L.D. 1392

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representative: BOYER of Poland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Self-service Motor Vehicle Services in Rural and Other Areas"

S.P. 557 L.D. 1390

Presented by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative **DODGE** of Belfast and Senators: **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **GUERIN** of Penobscot, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **STEWART** of Aroostook, Representatives: **ANKELES** of Brunswick, **WHITE** of Waterville, **WHITE** of Guilford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries"

S.P. 543 L.D. 1378

Presented by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative **BOYER** of Poland and Senators: **BLACK** of Franklin, **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin, Representative: **RUDNICKI** of Fairfield.

Bill "An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market"

S.P. 558 L.D. 1391

Presented by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative **PERRY** of Bangor and Senators: **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **RENY** of Lincoln.

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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Maintaining Drug-involved Premises"

H.P. 820 L.D. 1295

Bill "An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails"

H.P. 826 L.D. 1301

Bill "An Act to Provide That the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis Is Not a Violation of Probation, Parole or Pretrial Release"

H.P. 836 L.D. 1311

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 Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget Developed by a School Board"

H.P. 825 L.D. 1300

Bill "An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 834 L.D. 1309

Bill "An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol"

H.P. 839 L.D. 1326

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.

Resolve, to Ensure Compliance by the State with an Agreement Regarding the Operation of the Landfill in Old Town

H.P. 843 L.D. 1330

Comes 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.

Resolve, to Design and Implement a Community-based Model of Care for Adolescent Mental Health

H.P. 830 L.D. 1305

Comes 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.

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

H.P. 829 L.D. 1304

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Amend the Opioid Education Requirements"

H.P. 838 L.D. 1323

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund"

H.P. 818 L.D. 1293

Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals"

H.P. 819 L.D. 1294

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 Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale"

H.P. 831 L.D. 1306

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.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Bail Code"

H.P. 824 L.D. 1299

Comes 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 Fund a Public Defender's Office Through a Tax on University Endowment Income"

H.P. 841 L.D. 1328

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Under the Workers' Compensation Law for Line Workers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder"

H.P. 827 L.D. 1302

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

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

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 835 L.D. 1310

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 **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Notify School Boards and Select Boards That Lobbying Associations Are Not Governmental Agencies"
H.P. 822 L.D. 1297

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Statewide Election

H.P. 832 L.D. 1307

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 Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing"
H.P. 823 L.D. 1298

Bill "An Act to Exempt Boats and All-terrain Vehicles Purchased for Qualified Commercial Fishing or Commercial Farming from State Sales Tax"

H.P. 828 L.D. 1303

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 Authorize Municipalities to Allow Firefighters to Have Increased Lighting on Their Personal Vehicles"
H.P. 821 L.D. 1296

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.

Bill "An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency"

H.P. 840 L.D. 1327

Bill "An Act to Allow Delivery of Maine Craft Beer"
H.P. 842 L.D. 1329

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.

**Pursuant to Statute
Administrator of the Unorganized Territory**

The **Administrator of the Unorganized Territory**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 833 L.D. 1308

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

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 817

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING
MARCH 2023 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; 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 March 2023 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, College of Professional Programs and Education, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; Saint Joseph's College, Social Work program; and the National Association of Social Workers, Maine Chapter.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 236

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

March 24, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Mark Isaacson of Cumberland to Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Mark Isaacson of Cumberland for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 237

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

March 24, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor to Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 35-A MRSA §10103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 238

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

March 24, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of The Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable David R. Hastings of Fryeburg for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this Reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 239

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

March 24, 2023

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

RE: Reappointment of Richard Metivier of Lewiston to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Richard Metivier of Lewiston, for reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, this reappointment is contingent on Confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 240

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

March 24, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of John H. Kimball of Norway to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate John H. Kimball of Norway, for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, this reappointment is contingent on Confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 232

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

March 23, 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. Costain of Plymouth, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 702 An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles

Sincerely,

S/Anne Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 233

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

March 21, 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. Fay of Raymond, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1130 An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 234

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

March 20, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Sen. Tipping of Penobscot, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 359 An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 235

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 22, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 970 An Act to Provide for the Humane Treatment of Chickens

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation"

H.P. 837 L.D. 1322

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers"

H.P. 265 L.D. 432

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Increase Support for the Modernization of the Board of Pesticides Control by Increasing the Annual Pesticide Registration Fee"

H.P. 12 L.D. 8

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-7)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-7) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 241 L.D. 390

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-8)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Pursuant to Public Law

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel or Others as a Medical Assistant"

S.P. 563 L.D. 1396

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 587, section 3.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Postsecondary Education for Low-income Parents"

H.P. 9 L.D. 5

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties"

H.P. 83 L.D. 137

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

H.P. 90 L.D. 144

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 243 L.D. 392

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Reportable Accident'"

H.P. 357 L.D. 552

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

House As Amended

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

H.P. 89 L.D. 143
(C "A" H-6)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Senate As Amended

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

S.P. 72 L.D. 133
(C "A" S-9)

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation

S.P. 41 L.D. 49
(C "A" S-8)

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits

H.P. 183 L.D. 285

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **HARRINGTON**, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **GUERIN**, the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities

S.P. 23 L.D. 31

An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan

S.P. 169 L.D. 362

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Resolve

Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

S.P. 152 L.D. 331

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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 (3/21/23) matter:

Bill "An Act to Assess a Slip Fee on Megayachts Registered in Overseas Tax Havens"

H.P. 749 L.D. 1177

Tabled - March 21, 2023 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, March 16, 2023, **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.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess 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, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County
H.P. 860 L.D. 1346

Bill "An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People"

H.P. 863 L.D. 1349

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 Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices"

H.P. 854 L.D. 1340

Bill "An Act to Establish a Model Residential Ventilation Design and Installation Standard"

H.P. 867 L.D. 1353

Bill "An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Resentencing for Individuals Who Were Sentenced for Crimes Committed as Juveniles"

H.P. 873 L.D. 1359

Bill "An Act to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths by Establishing Safe Consumption Sites"

H.P. 878 L.D. 1364

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 Protect Children by Modernizing Internet and Digital Media Filtering Requirements for Education"
H.P. 847 L.D. 1333

Bill "An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway"
H.P. 880 L.D. 1366

Bill "An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education"
H.P. 881 L.D. 1367

Bill "An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students"
H.P. 883 L.D. 1369

Bill "An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process"
H.P. 884 L.D. 1370

Bill "An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries"
H.P. 893 L.D. 1398

Bill "An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 897 L.D. 1402

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.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 861 L.D. 1347

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act to Support Extraction of Common Minerals by Amending the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"
H.P. 877 L.D. 1363

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services"
H.P. 848 L.D. 1334

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Forming the Maine Commission on Disabilities
H.P. 853 L.D. 1339

Bill "An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences"
H.P. 874 L.D. 1360

Bill "An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care"
H.P. 875 L.D. 1361

Bill "An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing"
H.P. 891 L.D. 1377

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 to Protect Medicare Beneficiaries from Surprise Bills and to Inform Medicare Beneficiaries About Medicare Part B Excess Charges"
H.P. 868 L.D. 1354

Bill "An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information"
H.P. 887 L.D. 1373

Bill "An Act to Allow Social Workers to Diagnose Organic Mental Illnesses"
H.P. 895 L.D. 1400

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.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Density Requirements for Affordable Housing Developments"
H.P. 872 L.D. 1358

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.

Bill "An Act to Increase Funding for the Prevention and Control of Invasive Aquatic Species"

H.P. 856 L.D. 1342

Comes 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 Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation"

H.P. 857 L.D. 1343

Bill "An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer"

H.P. 866 L.D. 1352

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 Strengthen Work Equity Regarding Employment of Minors and Unemployment Benefits"

H.P. 846 L.D. 1332

Bill "An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations"

H.P. 882 L.D. 1368

Bill "An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage"

H.P. 890 L.D. 1376

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures"

H.P. 850 L.D. 1336

Bill "An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation"

H.P. 862 L.D. 1348

Bill "An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process"

H.P. 864 L.D. 1350

Bill "An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question"

H.P. 870 L.D. 1356

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 Amend the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Law"

H.P. 849 L.D. 1335

Bill "An Act to Require a Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement"

H.P. 851 L.D. 1337

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax"

H.P. 852 L.D. 1338

Bill "An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors"

H.P. 859 L.D. 1345

Bill "An Act to Establish a Behavioral Health Employment Income Tax Credit for Student Loan Payments"

H.P. 869 L.D. 1355

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 Modernize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Mobile Services"

H.P. 855 L.D. 1341

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding

H.P. 865 L.D. 1351

Bill "An Act to Improve Driver Safety by Requiring the Completion of a Defensive Driving Course for Certain Violations"

H.P. 888 L.D. 1374

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.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change Term Limit Time Periods and the Frequency of Elections of Legislators

H.P. 845 L.D. 1331

Bill "An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration"

H.P. 858 L.D. 1344

Bill "An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees"

H.P. 871 L.D. 1357

Bill "An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting"

H.P. 879 L.D. 1365

Bill "An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine"

H.P. 885 L.D. 1371

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta"

H.P. 889 L.D. 1375

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.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning.