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SENATE PAPERS

In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
March 9, 2022

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

Prayer by Senator Bradlee T. Farrin of Somerset County.

SENATOR FARRIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, how many times did Jesus say listen? He who has ears, let them hear. Seven times in gospels, 7 times in the Book of Revelations. If you are so inclined, I please ask you to join me this morning in a moment of prayer.

Dear Lord, as we gather here today, let us be reminded that while we are servants to You we are also servants to the people who elected us to this position. As Your son, Jesus, reminds us over and over to listen to You, let us listen to each other and give us guidance and wisdom in the decisions that we make today. Lastly, Lord, please keep the innocent people in Ukraine in Your thoughts and prayers and help us, guide us through these difficult decisions. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Catherine E. Breen of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 727

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act To Allow the Annexation of Certain Lands by Columbia Falls"

S.P. 725 L.D. 2011

Presented by Senator **MOORE** of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative **FAULKINGHAM** of Winter Harbor and Representatives: **PERRY** of Calais, **TUELL** of East Machias.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Help Maine Residents with High Electricity Costs"
S.P. 723 L.D. 2010

Presented by President **JACKSON** of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative **TERRY** of Gorham and Senators: **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **CURRY** of Waldo, **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **RAFFERTY** of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Senator **DILL** for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 70, section 1 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities To Regulate Timber Harvesting"

S.P. 728 L.D. 2012

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ.**

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT.**

**Pursuant to Joint Rule 353
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Senator DILL for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**, pursuant to Joint Rule 353 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the State"

S.P. 729 L.D. 2013

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Senator DILL for the **Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 107, section 5 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Related to Sunday Hunting"

S.P. 730 L.D. 2014

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Joint Rule 353
Joint Standing Committee on Taxation**

Senator CHIPMAN for the **Joint Standing Committee on Taxation**, pursuant to Joint Rule 353 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature"

S.P. 721 L.D. 2009

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Senator DILL for the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 54, section 1 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Collect Pesticide Sales and Use Records for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public"

S.P. 731 L.D. 2021

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Judicial Districts and Divisions for York County"

S.P. 733 L.D. 2022

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York. Submitted by the Judicial Department and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Winthrop High School Field Hockey Team, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 741

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. It brings me great joy to rise and congratulate my home team, the Winthrop Ramblers, for their accomplishment. This is how Larry Mahoney described the end of the game. Maine Central Institute had the momentum but Winthrop had penalty corners. Trinity Leavitt's goal with three minutes left in Saturday's State Class C field hockey game pulled MCI into a tie with Winthrop 2-2 but Winthrop's penalty corners were lethal and senior Madeline Perkins scored the team's third goal off a penalty corner 1:54 seconds later to give the Ramblers a thrilling 3-2 victory at Fuller Field in Augusta. It the Rambler's fourth straight Championship game appearance and its second win. We also won in 2018. MCI wound up 15-2 and was looking for its first State title since it won the Class B title in 2017. 'We work on corners every day in practice,' said Perkins, whose goal was her second of the game. She said the game winner came off of a penalty corner play called the 'zipper.' 'When we moved the ball back and forth to get their defense moving and then I pushed it in over the post, it went in.' So, they had a great season, Mr. President. They lost nine seniors, which is typically the cause for a team to rebuild, but they had no COVID, no injuries, and did not miss a single game. They were undefeated by the time they got to this Championship game, never really having a challenge along the way, and they finished with a perfect season, 18-0 and 0. So, I'd like to congratulate Sharon Coulton, all of the other coaches, of course all the team members and their families, and we, in the Winthrop community, are very proud of our Class C State Champion field hockey team, the Winthrop Ramblers. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Class C State Champion Winthrop Ramblers. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representatives: HYMANSON of York, TEPLER of Topsham), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 720

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2022 AS THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL**

WHEREAS, May 5, 2022, which is the 4th of Iyar, 5782 in the Hebrew calendar, marks the 74th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel; and
WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to reestablish an independent State of Israel is the outgrowth of the existence of the historic Kingdom of Israel established over 3,000 years ago in the city of Jerusalem in the land of Israel; and
WHEREAS, David Ben-Gurion's Declaration of Independence for Israel, made on May 14, 1948, fulfilled a spiritual yearning that had remained for over 2 millennia; and
WHEREAS, on the day that the British mandate over Palestine formally ended, the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel was signed and went into effect, the State of Israel was proclaimed and the United States recognized Israel and established full diplomatic relations; and
WHEREAS, the United States has played a critical role in the development of Israel and has been steadfast in its commitment to helping the people of Israel develop their own economy and secure their own peace; and
WHEREAS, the people of Maine have shared an affinity with the people of Israel and the bonds of friendship and cooperation that have existed between Israel and Maine for the past 74 years have enriched the cultural diversity of our State's tapestry; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 5, 2022 as the 74th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford (Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CURRY of Waldo, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MAXMIN of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARFORD of Brunswick, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Gorham, BELL of Yarmouth, BERNARD of Caribou, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, CONNOR of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DOWNES of Bucksport, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, KESSLER of South Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYFORD of Eddington, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, NEWMAN of Belgrade, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, QUINT of Hodgdon, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick,

ROCHE of Wells, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SHARPE of Durham, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, THORNE of Carmel, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TUTTLE of Sanford, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 722

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ON ITS BEING
DESIGNATED A NATIONAL R1 RESEARCH UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, in 1970, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education developed a classification of colleges and universities to support its program of research and policy analysis, and the Carnegie Classification is the leading framework for recognizing and describing institutional diversity in United States higher education; and
WHEREAS, the R1 designation signifies very high research activity in recent years and is the highest possible tier that a doctoral research university can achieve in the Carnegie Classification; and
WHEREAS, the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development was created by a Joint Order of the Maine Legislature on May 29, 1997 and was directed to develop and recommend a plan for the support of applied research and development in 5 technologies identified as having growth potential in the State's Science and Technology Action Plan; and
WHEREAS, the committee was directed to review current policies and programs in the State supporting research and development and to develop a plan to further support research and development in the 5 target technologies of aquaculture and marine sciences and technology; biotechnology; composite materials engineering; environmental sciences and technology; and information sciences and technology; and
WHEREAS, the recommendations of the committee included extensive support for research and development within the University of Maine System and between the university and other research sectors, including the funding of capital expenses such as the purchase of equipment and the renovation of laboratories; and
WHEREAS, since that time the University of Maine, already a vital state economic and educational asset, has greatly increased its research and innovation reputation, becoming a premier location for research and development that attracts highly talented experts, creates new research opportunities and drives further innovations; and
WHEREAS, over the last 5 years, research and development expenditures at the University of Maine have grown 80.2% to an all-time high of \$179,300,000 for 2021 and external funding in support of research and development has increased to \$133,600,000; and

WHEREAS, only 146 of the 3,982 degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the United States are classified as top-tier doctoral research universities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the University of Maine on its designation as a national R1 research university and commend the university on its well-deserved designation and the groundbreaking achievements and commitment to excellence by the faculty, scientists, students and staff.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members of the Senate, it's really hard to believe that it was 25 years ago, a quarter century, in January 1997, when our colleague, then Senate President, Mark Lawrence made an audacious Research and Development initiative a high priority for his term in that office. He was spurred on by a group that was called the Faculty Five that included George Markowsky, Stephen Norton, Malcolm Hunter, Davis Smith, and incomparable George Jacobson, a professor who was spearheading that group and worked tirelessly and relentlessly to stimulate the funding and a new approach to research and development. One of the keys to the success of President Lawrence's initiative was his decision from the very beginning to involve Legislators from both sides of the aisle. The first concrete step was the creation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development and he appointed Senator Mary Cathcart and me, a first term Minority member, as the co-chairs of the committee. The committee included many thoughtful Legislators, including then-Representative and Republican House Leader Jim Donnelley, who is now Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System. The recommendations of that committee led to a direct goal of increasing the capacity of the University of Maine to compete for research funds, that were just described a moment ago, that are distributed nationally through a highly rigorous process. Success in that competition has allowed a growing number of researchers to pursue their ideas and insights at the highest levels, often in collaboration with private sector partners right here in the state of Maine. Perhaps the greatest beneficiaries have been the students who have had the opportunity to share experiences in the classrooms and often the laboratories with some of our nation's top scientists and engineers.

The achievement of Carnegie R1 status is an immense accomplishment for the University of Maine and for the State of Maine, which is already benefiting from innovative ideas and technologies that will be the basis of a productive and creative economy. We should view the R1 designation with pride, but it's also just the beginning of a new and exciting chapter, I believe, in Maine history. One of the attractions, I think, of our commitment to research and development was the attraction of the now President of the University of Maine, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, who came to the position having previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of the National Science Foundation. We are developing a reputation nationally after 25 years of bi-partisan, cross-partisan, really non-partisan, work and leadership among the leading University of Maine, among the Legislature, among

the Executive Branch, and particularly among the business community. This initiative is paying dividends now. It's paid dividends for the last generation and it will pay dividends for generations later to come. Again, I want to emphasize the inspired leadership of the Senator from York, former President of the Senate, Mark Lawrence, for his extraordinary insight and inspirational leadership in doing that. I wish he were with us today but he is not and I am personally grateful, as all Maine people should be, for that leadership. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the road to R1 began over 20 years ago when the Legislature established the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, MEIF, to support University based research and development. The annual appropriation now has a more than 5-1 return on our investment here in the state of Maine. Since then, Maine has increasingly realized the value of having a strong research University in the state and that was especially true during the pandemic when the University's researchers and labs stepped up to support the state's pandemic response, including producing thousands of gallons of hand sanitizer for Maine hospitals, conducting waste water testing for Maine municipalities, and helping our state's manufacturing businesses pivot to produce new products in response to changing markets and supply chain challenges. The prestigious R1 designation is a recognition of what those of us in Maine have known for a long time, our flagship University is world class and a vital economic and educational asset to the state. As an R1, UMaine joins MIT, John Hopkins, Cornell, Purdue University, and less than 4% of the degree granting post-secondary institutions in the country who have achieved this top-tier status. R1 would not have been possible without the ongoing investment of the Legislature and University research through MEIF and is a testament to the incredible faculty, staff, and students in my district and the UMaine campus community. Despite the pandemic, UMaine has experienced record research productivity and record enrollment, including drawing more than 4,500 students from out-of-state to Orono. It is the most affordable flagship university, an R1 institution in New England, and if we pass the supplemental budget as proposed by the Governor, we will be able to hold tuition flat for the seventh time in ten years. Now having achieved this status as one of the nation's top research universities, UMaine will be even more competitive, not just in recruiting and retaining talented students and faculty in Maine, but also in federal funding and businesses who depend on access to research innovation. This will, in turn, allow the University to do even more to increase access to high-impact research learning experiences for all Maine students, strengthen our economy and communities, and provide Maine-made solutions to the great challenges of our time, like climate change. From developing renewable packaging that sustains and grows our forest economy to helping our wild blueberry growers improve the shelf life of fresh packed berries to engaging Maine youth in hands-on stem research that helps prepare them for the workforce, UMaine's research enterprise has never mattered more to Maine's future. I am proud to be an alumnus of this incredible institution, to work there, and to represent so many of the students, faculty, and staff here in Augusta and to celebrate this well-deserved honor. I want

to congratulate President Joan Ferrini-Mundy, who is here today, and the entire UMaine campus community. Go Black Bears.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the President of the University of Maine System, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, along with board members Jim Donnelley and George Jacobson, and staff of the University. Would the Maine Senate please rise and give congratulations to this unbelievable award.

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214.), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 732

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

WHEREAS, Maine women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles in every sphere of the life of our State, whether in the workforce or as unpaid labor within homes and community settings, and as the majority of the State's volunteer workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine women of every race, class and ethnic background have served and continue to serve as leaders in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic, commercial and cultural institutions in our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have protected and defended our collective rights, responsibilities and freedoms in myriad spheres, including serving our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and increased opportunity, but also in expanding the rights of all who experience oppression as leaders in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and other movements, especially the peace movement, that create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of Maine women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, despite progress, women and girls—especially women and girls of color—still experience higher rates of poverty, violence and discrimination and face systemic barriers to full participation in the workforce and society and wider gaps in opportunity and equality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate March as "Women's History Month" and recognize March 8th as "International Women's Day."

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise to just draw your attention to one particular celebration of International Women's Day, which is that more than 20 breweries across the state of Maine joined together and separately with women on their staff to brew beers yesterday and you should all look out for those beverages to be released over the course of the next month or so. Please seek them out. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the important role that women play in this critical industry in the state of Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 726

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 3, 2022

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 3, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on March 3, 2022, as follows:

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Create the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Incidence Registry" (S.P. 724) (L.D. 2007) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1485

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 22, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On February 22, 2022, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on February 22, 2022, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1482) (L.D. 1995) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1054

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Luann Ballestros of Glenburn to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Luann Ballestros of Glenburn for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1055

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Tracey Cooley of Pittsfield to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Tracey Cooley of Pittsfield for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1056

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Aileen Huang-Saad of Portland to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Aileen Huang-Saad of Portland for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1057

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Guy Langevin of Scarborough to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Guy Langevin of Scarborough for reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1058

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Gordon McAleer of Rockport to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Gordon McAleer of Rockport for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1059

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Christopher S. Morley of Dedham to the
State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Christopher S. Morley of Dedham for
appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1060

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Jennifer O'Leary of Brunswick to the State
Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Jennifer O'Leary of Brunswick for appointment to
the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1061

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable John L. Patrick of Rumford
to the State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable John L. Patrick of Rumford for
reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is
contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review
by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1062

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Grant Provost of South Berwick to the
State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Grant Provost of South Berwick for
reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is
contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review
by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1063

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Jason Shedlock of South Portland to the
State Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Jason Shedlock of South Portland for
reappointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this reappointment is
contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review
by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1064

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Robin Wood of West Gardiner to the State
Workforce Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Robin Wood of West Gardiner for appointment to
the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1065

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Noël Bonam of Portland to the Maine State
Housing Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Noël Bonam of Portland for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, this appointment is contingent on the confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1066

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of William L. Caron, Jr. of Cape Elizabeth to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating William L. Caron, Jr. of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1067

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Jennifer Hogan of Turner to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Jennifer Hogan of Turner for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1068

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Alaina B. Adams, Ph.D. of West Roxbury, MA to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

I am nominating Alaina B. Adams, Ph.D. of West Roxbury, MA for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1069

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of S. Catherine Longley of Bar Harbor to the
Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

I am nominating S. Catherine Longley of Bar Harbor for
appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as
amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1070

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Roxanna MacGregor of Eastport as the
Student Trustee to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of
Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

I am nominating Roxanna MacGregor of Eastport as the Student
Trustee for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of
Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as
amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1071

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of John S. Webb, Esquire of Arundel to the
Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

I am nominating John S. Webb, Esquire of Arundel for
appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as
amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1072

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

February 23, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Marguerite Miller Fleming of Portland to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Marguerite Miller Fleming of Portland for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1114

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Diane L. Dunn of Newburgh to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Diane L. Dunn of Newburgh for appointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1115

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Margaret B. Angell of Cape Elizabeth to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Margaret B. Angell of Cape Elizabeth to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA § 12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1116

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Elizabeth Ann Neptune of Indian Township to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Elizabeth Ann Neptune of Indian Township to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA § 12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1117

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Cherie Wendelken of Portland to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Cherie Wendelken of Portland to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA § 12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1118

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of John H. King, Esquire of Islesboro to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

I am nominating John H. King, Esquire of Islesboro for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5 §12004-C and Public Law 1941, c. 37, §1, as amended by P&SL 1993, c 27, §1, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1119

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees – Appointment of Barbara Alexander, Esquire of Winthrop

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Barbara Alexander, Esquire of Winthrop for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1120

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –
Reappointment of Timothy L. Doak of Fort Kent

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Timothy L. Doak of Fort Kent for reappointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate’s confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1121

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees –
Appointment of the Honorable Donna M. Loring of Bradley

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Donna M. Loring of Bradley for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate’s confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1122

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable Rae Ann French as an
Active Retired Judge on the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Rae Ann French of Augusta for reappointment as an Active Retired Judge on the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157-B, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1123

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable Peter J. Goranites as an
Active Retired Judge on the Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Peter J. Goranites of Cumberland
for reappointment as an Active Retired Judge on the Maine
District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157-B, this reappointment is
contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after
review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1124

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Thomas E. Humphrey as an
Active Retired Justice of the Maine Supreme Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Thomas E. Humphrey of Sanford
for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Maine
Supreme Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1125

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Amy L. Faircloth -Judge,
Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Amy L. Faircloth of Bangor for
appointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 157, this appointment is contingent
on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1126

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Andrew S. Robinson, Esq. -Judge, Maine District Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Andrew S. Robinson, Esq. of Farmington for appointment as a Judge of the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA § 157, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1127

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable Wayne R. Douglas as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Wayne R. Douglas of Ocean Park for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1128

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Julia M. Lipez, Esq. as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Julia M. Lipez, Esq. of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1129

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable Bruce C. Mallonee as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Bruce C. Mallonee of Bangor for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1130

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable Mary Michaela Murphy as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Mary Michaela Murphy of Rome for reappointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1131

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

March 7, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Rick E. Lawrence as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Court

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Rick E. Lawrence of Portland for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Court.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1107

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

March 4, 2022

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business from its review and evaluation of the Department of Economic and Community Development under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3, Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Department of Economic and Community Development by letter of its intent to review the department on April 30, 2021. The Department of Economic and Community Development submitted its program evaluation report by November 1, 2022 and presented the report to the committee on January 25, 2022. The committee held work sessions on February 1, 2022 and February 17, 2022.

The committee has reviewed the report and finds the Department of Economic and Community Development is operating within its statutory authority. Additionally, the committee commends the Department of Economic and Community Development for their work in developing programs and dispensing millions of federal funds in order to help keep businesses within this State afloat as they faced the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1108

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

March 4, 2022

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business from its review and evaluation of the Maine Development Foundation under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3, Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Maine Development Foundation by letter of its intent to review the foundation on April 30, 2021. The Maine Development Foundation submitted its program evaluation report on January 22, 2022 and presented the report to the committee on January 25, 2022. The committee held work sessions on February 1, 2022 and February 17, 2022.

In their program evaluation report, the Maine Development Foundation noted that the Maine Economic Growth Council has not fulfilled the function described in Title 10, section 929-C related to developing specific annual budgetary recommendations to support the innovation economy action plan as described in Title 10, chapter 107-D. After review, the committee acknowledges that the inability to fulfill this function is due to a lack of capacity and resources, and not from a lack of awareness on the part of the foundation or the council.

The committee has reviewed the report and finds the Maine Development Foundation is operating within its statutory authority. Additionally, the committee commends the Maine Development Foundation for their ability to pivot when facing the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue to provide exceptional programming and services, including the Policy Leaders Academy, in alternative formats. The committee would also like to express their appreciation for the Maine Development Foundation as a trusted source of information, especially as it relates to information on economic growth and workforce development.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1109

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

February 28, 2022

President Troy Jackson
Maine State Senate
Speaker Ryan Fecteau
Maine House of Representatives
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary from the review and evaluation of the Maine Human Rights Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act. In its review, the Committee found that the Maine Human Rights Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne M. Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Thom Harnett
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1098

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Richard A. Cook, PhD of Hermon, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	8	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Black, R. of Franklin, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren

Ten 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 Richard A. Cook, PhD of Hermon, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **BAILEY**, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **BALDACCI**, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **STEWART**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

ROLL CALL (#563)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, STEWART

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Richard A. Cook**, PhD of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 1099

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Timothy D. Drake of China, for appointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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	3	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	8	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren

Eleven 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 Timothy D. Drake of China, for appointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#564)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Timothy D. Drake** of China for appointment to the Maine Milk Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The has a note that Mr. Drake is here today. Mr. Drake, would you please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1100

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Harry B. Center, II of Freeport, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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:

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#566)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Donald G. Marean** of Hollis for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1102

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 1, 2022

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Patricia A. Varnum of Greene, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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	3	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin, Maxmin, C. of Lincoln
	Representatives	8	O'Neil, M. of Saco, Gifford, J. of Lincoln, Hall, R. of Wilton, Landry, S. of Farmington, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Osher, L. of Orono, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Pluecker, B. of Warren

Eleven 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 Patricia A. Varnum of Greene, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Maggie O'Neil
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#567)

YEAS	Senators	1	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Patricia A. Varnum** of Greene for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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 Elizabeth Bordowitz, Esquire of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

The Following Communication: S.C. 1076

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Elizabeth Bordowitz, Esquire of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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:

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?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#568)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Elizabeth Bordowitz**, Esquire of Portland for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1077

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Kevin Carley of Portland, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

Ten 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 Kevin Carley of Portland, for appointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#569)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Kevin Carley** of Portland for appointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1078

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

ROLL CALL (#570)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Gigi Guyton-Thompson** of Peaks Island for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1079

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Jessica D. Linzer of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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:

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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Gigi Guyton-Thompson of Peaks Island, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

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 Gigi Guyton-Thompson of Peaks Island, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS Senators 1 Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
 Representatives 9 Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Jessica D. Linzer** of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

The Following Communication: S.C. 1080

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
 President of the Senate of Maine
 130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Deborah Adams Neuman of Hampden, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Brenner, S. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

Ten 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 Jessica D. Linzer of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
 Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
 House Chair

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?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#571)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel Piltch of Freeport, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland, Brenner, S. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

Eleven 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 Daniel Piltch of Freeport, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Eleven 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 Deborah Adams Neuman of Hampden, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#572)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Deborah Adams Neuman** of Hampden for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board 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 Deborah Neuman. Would she please rise and get the greets of the Maine State Senate.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1081

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#573)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Daniel Piltch** of Freeport for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1082

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Tina Wilcoxson of Cumberland Center, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	1	Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

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 Tina Wilcoxson of Cumberland Center, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#574)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS 0

ABSENT 4 Sen. Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Brooks, H. of Lewiston, Rep. Quint, T. of Hodgdon

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

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 Rebecca M. Wyke, Ph.D. of Augusta, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Tina Wilcoxson** of Cumberland Center for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

Signed,

S/Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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

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 Following Communication: S.C. 1083

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

March 1, 2022

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#575)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

Dear Mr. President:

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Rebecca M. Wyke, Ph.D. of Augusta, for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Rebecca M. Wyke**, Ph.D. of Augusta for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 1 Sanborn, H. of Cumberland
Representatives 8 Tepler, D. of Topsham, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Blier, M. of Buxton, Connor, J. of Lewiston, Evans, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Melaragno, G. of Auburn, Morris, J. of Turner

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1084

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Grace O'Neal of Limestone, for appointment to the Loring Development 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, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

Ten 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 Grace O'Neal of Limestone, for appointment to the Loring Development 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 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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#576)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Grace O'Neal** of Limestone for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1085

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Joseph M. Sleeper of Caribou, for appointment to the Loring Development 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, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Peabworth, S. of Blue Hill

Ten 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 Joseph M. Sleeper of Caribou, for appointment to the Loring Development 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 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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#577)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Joseph M. Sleeper** of Caribou for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1086

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Peter J. DelGreco of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	7	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 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 **Peter J. DeIGreco** of North Yarmouth for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1087

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
 President of the Senate of Maine
 130th 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 Michael A. Duguay of Waterville, for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	7	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Peter J. DeIGreco of North Yarmouth, for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
 Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
 House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#578)

YEAS:	Senators: None
NAYS:	Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON
EXCUSED:	Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

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 Michael A. Duguay of Waterville, for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#579)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Michael A. Duguay** of Waterville for reappointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1088

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Steven H. Levesque of Greenville, for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	7	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

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 Steven H. Levesque of Greenville, for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

YEAS Senators 2 Curry, C. of Waldo, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec

The Secretary opened the vote.

Representatives 8 Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochele, R. of Augusta

ROLL CALL (#580)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Steven H. Levesque** of Greenville for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

Ten 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 Elizabeth Reinholt of Rangeley, for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

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

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1089

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

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

March 1, 2022

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#581)

Dear Mr. President:

YEAS: Senators: None

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 Elizabeth Reinholt of Rangeley, for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees.

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

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:

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Elizabeth Reinholt** of Rangeley for appointment to the Maine Rural Development Authority, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Ten 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 Rita Armstrong of Freeport, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#582)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Rita Armstrong** of Freeport for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1091

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

March 1, 2022

The Following Communication: S.C. 1090

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Rita Armstrong of Freeport, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 David W. Lenna of Portland, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of David W. Lenna of Portland, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#583)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **David W. Lenna** of Portland for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1092

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Herman A. Nichols of Bath, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec

Representatives 6 Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield

NAYS 0

ABSENT 5 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Herman A. Nichols** of Bath for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Herman A. Nichols of Bath, for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#584)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, KEIM, LAWRENCE

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/16/22) matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data and To Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans"
S.P. 713 L.D. 1982

Tabled - February 16, 2022 by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In Senate, February 16, 2022, **READ**.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1093

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

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Barry Lee Valentine of Brunswick, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	6	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Rep. Ducharme, J. of Madison, Rep. LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Rep. Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Barry Lee Valentine of Brunswick, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#585)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Barry Lee Valentine** of Brunswick for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1095

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Andrew McLean, Esquire of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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:

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YEAS Senators 3 Diamond, B. of Cumberland,
Chipman, B. of Cumberland,
Farrin, B. of Somerset

Representatives 8 Martin, D. of Sinclair, Bryant,
M. of Windham, Martin, T. of
Greene, O'Connell, K. of
Brewer, Parry, W. of Arundel,
Perkins, M. of Oakland,
White, B. of Waterville,
Williams, L. of Bar Harbor

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Rep. Cebra, R. of Naples,
Rep. White, D. of Mars Hill

Eleven 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 Andrew McLean, Esquire of Gorham, for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Danny Martin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#586)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER,
CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY,
CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT,
DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN,
KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE,
POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN,
STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME,
PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Andrew McLean**, Esquire of Gorham for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1096

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Alan M. Casavant of Biddeford, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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 3 Diamond, B. of Cumberland,
Chipman, B. of Cumberland,
Farrin, B. of Somerset

Representatives 8 Martin, D. of Sinclair, Bryant,
M. of Windham, Martin, T. of
Greene, O'Connell, K. of
Brewer, Parry, W. of Arundel,
Perkins, M. of Oakland,
White, B. of Waterville,
Williams, L. of Bar Harbor

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Rep. Cebra, R. of Naples,
Rep. White, D. of Mars Hill

Eleven 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 Alan M. Casavant of Biddeford, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Danny Martin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#587)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Alan M. Casavant** of Biddeford for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1094

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Michael Cianchette of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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	3	Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Farrin, B. of Somerset
	Representatives	8	Martin, D. of Sinclair, Bryant, M. of Windham, Martin, T. of Greene, O'Connell, K. of Brewer, Parry, W. of Arundel, Perkins, M. of Oakland, White, B. of Waterville, Williams, L. of Bar Harbor

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Rep. Cebra, R. of Naples,
Rep. White, D. of Mars Hill

Eleven 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 Michael Cianchette of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Danny Martin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#588)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS 0
 ABSENT 2 Rep. Cebra, R. of Naples, Rep. White, D. of Mars Hill

Eleven 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 Alison Harris of Brunswick, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bill Diamond S/Danny Martin
 Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#589)

YEAS: Senators: None
 NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Alison Harris** of Brunswick for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

THE PRESIDENT: I believe that Ms. Harris is here today. Would Ms. Alison Harris please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Michael Cianchette** of Cumberland for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1097

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
 President of the Senate of Maine
 130th 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of Alison Harris of Brunswick, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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	3	Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Farrin, B. of Somerset
	Representatives	8	Martin, D. of Sinclair, Bryant, M. of Windham, Martin, T. of Greene, O'Connell, K. of Brewer, Parry, W. of Arundel, Perkins, M. of Oakland, White, B. of Waterville, Williams, L. of Bar Harbor

The Following Communication: S.C. 1075

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
130th 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of William J. Schneider, Esquire of Durham, for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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	3	Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Farrin, B. of Somerset, Miramant, D. of Knox
	Representatives	6	Caiazza, C. of Scarborough, Kinney, M. of Knox, McCreight, J. of Harpswell, Rielly, M. of Westbrook, Supica, L. of Bangor, Wood, B. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Rep. Corey, P. of Windham, Rep. Dolloff, J. of Milton Township, Rep. Harrington, M. of Sanford

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of William J. Schneider, Esquire of Durham, for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Chris Caiazza
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#590)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **William J. Schneider**, Esquire of Durham for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1104

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

March 4, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

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

L.D. 812 An Act To Provide Student Loan Debt Relief

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1110

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

March 7, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

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

L.D. 892 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1112

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

March 1, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1777 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1105

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 3, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 676 An Act To Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1074

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

March 1, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1755 An Act To Enhance the Child Welfare Ombudsman Program
- L.D. 1790 An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographic Access to Long-term Care Services in the Department of Health and Human Services
- L.D. 1791 An Act Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice to Hospitals of Nursing Facility Closures
- L.D. 1812 An Act To Strengthen the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing for Increased Staffing

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton	S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1132

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

March 8, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1834 An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services
- L.D. 1866 An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access After-school Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton	S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1106

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

March 4, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1706 An Act To Require Appropriate Coverage of and Cost-sharing for Generic Drugs and Biosimilars
- L.D. 1973 An Act To Support Frontline Health Care Workers by Waiving Professional Licensing Fees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn	S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair	House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1111

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

March 4, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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. 1991 An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Big Game

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill Senate Chair S/Rep. Scott Landry House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1113

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

March 7, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1977 An Act To Require Registration by General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1133

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

March 8, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 1568 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney Senate Chair S/Rep. Thom Harnett House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1103

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

March 3, 2022

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 1334 An Act To Promote Economic Development through Increased Film Incentives
- L.D. 1689 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Clean Energy Economy by Providing a Limited Tax Exemption for Certain Clean Energy Infrastructure Projects

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman Senate Chair	S/Rep. Maureen F. Terry House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 1073

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PAID FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE BENEFITS PROGRAM**

February 22, 2022

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

Pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 122 the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.legislature.maine.gov/opla.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Matthea Daughtry Senate Chair	S/Rep. Kristen Cloutier House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Establish a Court Process for Involuntary Substance Use Disorder Treatment"
H.P. 1496 L.D. 2008

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural
Resources**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 279, section 3 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making"
H.P. 1500 L.D. 2018

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 83, section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Require the Registration of Adjuvants in the State and To Regulate the Distribution of Pesticides with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 1501 L.D. 2019

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 29, section 1 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Crisis Response Services Recommendations Identified Pursuant to Resolve 2021, Chapter 29"

H.P. 1498 L.D. 2016

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 63, section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Monitoring of and Reporting on Energy Use Data Standards and Online Energy Data Platforms

H.P. 1499 L.D. 2017

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C-1 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Update the Comprehensive State Energy Plan To Achieve the State Energy Vision"

H.P. 1497 L.D. 2015

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

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

S.P. 734

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out, to the Senate, a bill related to recommendations from the motor vehicle inspection working group organized by the Department of Public Safety.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Public Law
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

The **Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 449, section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Regulation of Firefighting or Fire-suppressing Foams to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Intentionally Added"
H.P. 1502 L.D. 2020

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1441 L.D. 1932

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

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

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Enhance the Ecological Reserve System"

H.P. 541 L.D. 736

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-771)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-771)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-771) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths"

H.P. 1436 L.D. 1929

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-772)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin, Senate Amendment "A" (S-436) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) **READ**.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to get up briefly and just say that all this amendment does is move it from one section of law to another section of law. The original bill referred it to the wrong section.

On motion by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin, Senate Amendment "A" (S-436) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-436) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-436)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Subcommittee of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1359 L.D. 1826

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-774)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-774)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-774) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

H.P. 1322 L.D. 1771

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-770)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-770)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-770) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1339 L.D. 1798

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-776)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-776)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-776) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

H.P. 1409 L.D. 1902

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-769)**.

Signed:

Senators:
RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, may I pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Mr. President, as I read the bill and I look at the fiscal note on it, it looks like through this biennium budget there is a zero impact but into the next biennium budget it's a \$3 million impact. I'd like to know if that's factual the way I read it.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake, has posed a question through the Chair for anyone that can respond. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I do rise to answer said question. If you would pull up the fiscal note, you're able to see there is an allocation in fiscal year 2022 to 2023. What's cool about this

fiscal note is that it actually creates within the Department of Education a system of grants to our local schools. I think we can all agree making sure that if you have some sort of curriculum portion one of the hardest parts for a school district is making sure that they have the resources necessary to implement that curriculum. So, this is one of these great examples that would enable these pilot projects and this bill would help fund schools to be able to take on this curriculum and be able to have additional resources. So, unlike some curriculum bills that we've all looked at over the years, this does not leave our schools high and dry, having to try to do this. It's a partnership and it really helps our local teachers.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. After hearing, and I thank the Senator for her response, after hearing that response it poses a great concern to me that we're passing on a \$3 million outlay into our ongoing budget and, with everything that's happening in world right now, I'd be very concerned about passing this on. So.

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

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I understand that we all want to be fiscally responsible. I just want to remind some of you, perhaps, that may or may not be aware of how funding works for, you know, these types of education programs, basically professional development. There's little funding set aside any more as far as professional development within schools. So, this grant program would allow, in this case, science teachers, and this was their number one request across the state in terms of identifying need. This was the need they felt the most and this particular topic was their number one topic. So, this is a grant program that would set those funds aside for science teachers to partner with possible folks in their county or areas, and we know that there is a minimum of 13 groups in every county that may offer this potential in terms of grant programs. It is not a mandate by any stretch, but it is an opportunity for our science teachers to gain further professional development in an area that is changing every day. Thank you very much, sir.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I do rise to add some additional clarification to the fiscal note on this bill. First off, I want to highlight that it is a one-time transfer of existing surplus money and if you look a little bit further into the projections the ongoing cost of this bill is pretty minimal. The one-time surplus is what funds the grant and so this isn't a massive ongoing cost. I also wanted to add, I feel like I've been focusing on the financial projections of this measure but I want to share with the Chamber that I heard about this bill overwhelmingly from an amazing amount of young students. This was, I was surprised by the amount of correspondence I received from students, not only in my own district but from across our state, and literally I think I received a piece of correspondence or a call or a Facebook message or any sort of different medium from a student in literally

every county. They spoke loud and clear that they want to be seeing increased amounts of this education. This is their future. They want to know how to make Maine better and how to save their state, their quality of life, and make our planet a better place. So, I really urge you to support this. It's a great bill. I'm not typically one to stand and speak in such high support of curriculum bills because it's something that is a very complicated process in our schools but this was one of those few times where I was hearing from teachers, from students, from parents, from the Department of Education that this is a great partnership and a great opportunity to make sure that the education for our students in our schools is what's happening now and that it's staying current. So, I urge you to please strongly support this motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Franklin, Senator **BLACK**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#591)

YEAS: Senators: BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BLACK, LAWRENCE

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) **READ**.

House Amendment "A" (H-778) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-778) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-769) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778)** thereto, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council" H.P. 1045 L.D. 1429

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-775)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:
TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
BOYLE of Gorham
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
HANLEY of Pittston
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-775)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

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

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to speak to my motion. Pope Francis says that there can be no sincere and enduring resolution to the challenge of the ecological crisis and climate change unless the response is concerted and collective and unless the responsibility is shared and accountable,

unless we give priority to solidarity and service. Climate change is a global problem with grave implications that demands global, national, and local solutions. Thousands of them. But they must be linked to a goal and that's what this bill sets, a goal of carbon neutrality by 2045. Setting a goal in statute is a statement of solidarity. Maine's statutes list a number of goals, one of which I'm deeply familiar with on my committee, the solid waste hierarchy, and I see this as no different. Absolute tonnage reductions by sector, transportation, building, heating, industry generation are in the works. The measure of net carbon reduction compliments these goals by taking into account carbon encrustation by Maine's forests, agricultural, and wood industries. The reason for putting the carbon neutrality goal in statute is to coordinate planning between departments and between the State and private and quasi- public entities who are working together, gaining in the same direction along the same track. Mr. President, we probably won't agree on all the solutions for how to achieve this goal but I hope we can be of service together to Maine's people and set this goal in statute. Pope Francis also ties our most vulnerable to the story of climate change. Our most vulnerable industries in the state include agriculture, forestry, and fishing. Our heritage industries that define our grit and capacity, they rely on us to do our part to mitigate climate change. I urge you to vote to support embedding carbon neutrality into statute as a goal we're capable of achieving. Let's show Maine we can be united to protect the way life should be and, Mr. President, I request a division.

Same Senator requested a Division.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#592)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, POULIOT, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-775) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I wish to make a statement on the record with regard to the last vote.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland may proceed.

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I voted in error on the last bill and had I pressed the correct button would have voted yea on the last bill. I apologize. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **HICKMAN**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#593)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 635 L.D. 867

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

- CLAXTON of Androscoggin
- BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

- MEYER of Eliot
- CRAVEN of Lewiston
- PERRY of Calais
- STOVER of Boothbay
- ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-768)**.

Signed:

Senator:

- MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

- CONNOR of Lewiston
- GRIFFIN of Levant
- JAVNER of Chester
- LEMELIN of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I ask your indulgence for speaking a bit longer than usual, for myself anyway, on this bill. Because the impact has been so significant on people in the state of Maine, I felt that it was important to give this bill due diligence here on the floor. L.D. 867, An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm, is needed to preserve the right to informed consent, a bedrock principle of medical treatment, and to allow

time to determine efficacy and long-term impact. The Health and Human Services Committee heard from hundreds of Maine people on this bill, sharing the heartbreaking, real life impact both from the loss of education opportunity and life-long careers for refusing the vaccine to adverse reactions experienced from taking the COVID vaccine. This bill is our opportunity to put the breaks on policy and take a closer look, and a closer look is needed since the data being fed to Maine people from both the state and federal administrations and the press has been cherry-picked to align with their policy goals and with the audacious and defensive goal of keeping us in the dark so that we don't misinterpret it. In addition to being kept in the dark with data, legitimate inquiry and debate that should be the hallmark of our medical and scientific community has been stifled, completely shut out with a label of misinformation. As the New York Times recently exposed, the CDC has been hiding data on vaccine booster efficacy for the last many months. In short, when they published rates of hospitalizations among fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated the CDC refused to split these numbers out by age group but left each in the aggregate. Apparently, however, instead of those values actually encompassing all age groups, CDC chose to exclude data from middle age groups, which artificially inflated the disparity between vaccinated and unvaccinated. The deception was performed not in the interest of public health but out of concern that the data would be misinterpreted. This decision shows decision making not based on real science but on political science with concern that transparency would true numbers would weaken public support for CDC policy. In contrast, data taken from places with disciplined collection and reporting, like Iceland, Israel, and the United Kingdom, shows that there is no benefit of vaccination in preventing infection or transmission. This is why nearly every nation in Europe has ended their vaccine passports. If vaccination does not stop outbreaks there is zero justification for mandating it. Is there any reason to believe that vaccine works differently here in Maine than it does in other parts of the world? Every action we have taken to combat COVID has been rushed, based on limited knowledge, for reasons that we all understand, but that doesn't mean we should ignore the implications that come of hasty decision making. The Food and Drug Administration granted licensure to the Pfizer vaccine in just 108 days, after processing hundreds of thousands of pages submitted by the company. When citizens filed suit for release of the Pfizer data, FDA argued in court for the delay of its full release for 75 years, well beyond the expected lifetime of any adult alive today. Thankfully a federal judge ordered the FDA to release the entire Pfizer data file and we have recently started to see some of the listed vaccine side effects, but not because of government transparency but only through court order. Wondering why our government is working so hard to hide vaccine data from the public only increases distrust of the general public that we are forcing here in our state to take the vaccine in order to participate in essential life activities. The small amounts of data that we are able to glean, even from Maine's own CDC, should give scientific and policy making authorities a bright signal that the COVID-19 vaccine has limited public health benefit and it does carry real risks of at least some quantity. Any mandate of the COVID-19 vaccine at this time is not only wrong but reckless to the credibility of government and public health policy. While our limited view of U.S. data has shown that vaccination can reduce the risk of hospitalization and death attributed to COVID-19, especially for the elderly and those with comorbidity, the overall positive impact is much less than CDC had claimed. This

has much to do with how the data is counted, as well as how it is reported. We can all agree that scientific understanding around how the COVID-19 vaccines work and interact with the virus has changed immensely in just a year. This is the exact reason why we need an explicit ban on mandates.

When state and federal mandates were first considered and implemented, which some corporations and universities followed, the reason was to stop or slow the spread and to put COVID-19 behind us. This belief backed up the brutal ends justify the mean mentality which led to hundreds of dedicated Maine healthcare workers to lose their careers and for some unaccounted number of students who have lost their educational opportunities, their ability to pursue their dreams here in their home state of Maine. Can any of us look at the data today and say that this reasoning still stands? There is information put on your desks with recent Maine CDC data.

Pro-mandate advocates say being fired from one's job for refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine is a fair consequence when it is, in fact, coercion. Does a healthcare hero really have a choice when they must choose between feeding their family or taking the vaccine? Does a student really have a choice when the only options are to take the vaccine or forego your dreams and your career path, such as Julie Anderson of Limington who testified that she lost her job of nine years as a registered nurse because of her strongly held religious beliefs. Somerset Living Center in Bingham closed due to staffing shortages with quote saying that at this facility there simply aren't enough employees willing to be vaccinated. Sara Alexander of Etna testified before the committee that the mandates have caused her severely disabled daughter to miss out on necessary services and early on, when there was a mandate on dentists, the community dental in Rumford, a practice that focuses on MaineCare recipients, lost their only dentist and has not yet been able to replace him. Rural Maine struggles to get dental care and now many of my constituents have been months without needed services.

As data provided by Maine CDC shows, the mandates, and even our vaccination rate, have not slowed the spread of the virus but the mandates have detrimentally effected Maine's healthcare workforce and strained the standard of care. The policy caused the Governor to bring in National Guard personnel and caused Maine's healthcare facilities to hire travel nurses at multiple times the normal rate of pay, raising costs across the healthcare system. Obviously, we had a healthcare shortage prior to the mandate and this has exasperated it.

Pushing back against mandates is not a fringe issue of just a few vaccine hesitant folks. Just last week the United States Senate passed a resolution to block the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services by a vote of 49-44, with Senator Collins in support saying the Biden Administrations' mandate would exasperate staffing shortages, particularly for rural healthcare providers and impose burdensome costs at healthcare facilities, exactly what we're seeing here in Maine. Half of the U.S. states fought the mandate in court while just 16 states, including our own, have a mandate on healthcare workers. While we can debate the public health policy of when it is appropriate for the state to save people from themselves, these questions ignore the potential risk of vaccination which, of course, does exist. Adverse reactions have been documented, not only from this vaccine but from other mandated vaccines, those which have undergone full-scale, long term safety and efficacy studies spanning usually 5 to 7 years. People deserve these studies if they want them in order to make an informed vaccine decision.

People like Michael Blackmore of Brunswick who away from his 20-year career with United Ambulance in Lewiston, or Ronanna Bowman of Hope who lost her job as a social worker at a nursing and skilled rehab facility, or my constituent, Beverly Shaw, who's going to be forced into a nursing home because her long-term helper was not willing to get vaccinated. Beverly found that she could not find anyone else to provide in-home services for her and now has to look for a nursing home. These are a few examples of Maine people who are being impacted, either through employment or through loss of services, at a time when they're desperately needed.

The mentality of public health mandates flies in the face of long-standing tradition of medical ethics. Some who are pressured to take these vaccines for fear of losing their livelihood may not be fully informed of the fact that should they experience an adverse reaction they cannot recoup damages from the vaccine makers. It's not a popular topic but it must be said, COVID-19 vaccine producers hold near zero liability for their products. Even a reasonable alternative to the vaccines, such as recognizing immunity gained from previous infection, is still refused acknowledgement by Maine DHHS, despite a veritable mountain of evidence to support it.

The recent story of Emil Westerlund, a UMaine hockey player, is a perfect example of the absurd philosophy of COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Westerlund, a Division 1 athlete who was fully vaccinated and also had recently recovered from COVID, was pushed off the hockey team because he refused to take the booster. This loss of opportunity that was his because of 20 years of pouring his energy into playing his chosen sport was completely wrong and unnecessary. Westerlund poses no threat to his peers or the general public. In fact, the NCAA does not require the booster and considers athletes who have had COVID within the past 90 days to be fully vaccinated. We don't even know how many academic careers this unscientific policy has derailed. While the University of Maine allows for unvaccinated students to take in-person classes if they test weekly, the Community College students may not take any in-person classes without a vaccine and a booster. How does this serve public health? Private schools can do what they want and nearly all in Maine are requiring a booster for enrollment but state funded institutions, like community colleges, should be given the broadest accommodations possible. Public higher education should be a safe haven from discrimination and segregation of all stripes.

Dr. Marty Makary of Johns Hopkins recently reported that children are ten times as likely to die of suicide than coronavirus. That's because the risk of COVID to children is statistically zero. Yet, in press conferences, Dr. Shah and the Mills Administration have consistently left the door open to a public school COVID-19 vaccine mandate, and this is another reason why L.D. 867 is needed right now. Every other mandated vaccine for children produces lifetime sterilizing immunity, meaning that it prevents nearly all transmission and infection. Every other mandated vaccine for children and healthcare workers went through 5 to 7 years of safety trials to determine the highest level of confidence that its benefits outweigh its risks.

Thankfully, politicians are relaxing restrictions, I do appreciate being unmasked today, as the truth and political pressure cannot be denied but far too many people are still living under draconian mandates, dismantling their lives and negatively impacting the overall wellbeing of Maine's economy, future, and healthcare system. Mainers deserve to be released from COVID-

19 mandates until full, long-term safety and efficacy data can be ascertained. Of course, we have an interest in promoting public health but the state must first protect basic constitutional rights, chief among them the right to be safe and secure in one's own body. Without the principle of medical freedom and bodily autonomy, our other dearly held constitutional rights are surely lost. How can we defend our free expression of ideas if we so readily give up our own freedom to choose medical treatment? Data simply does not support a broad workforce mandate for COVID-19 vaccines, whether it be in healthcare, education, or otherwise. I urge the Senate to put the fundamental rights of Maine people first and vote to pass L.D. 867 today. Thank you, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand before you in opposition of the motion on the floor and will be brief. While I chose to take the vaccine, I strongly feel this should be an independent decision between a person and their doctor, not a mandate, to keep their jobs. Serving on the Health and Human Services Committee, we listened or read hundreds of testimonies, as Senator Keim mentioned, with the vast majority in favor of passing this bill. We heard hundreds of stories from citizens sharing what happened to them as a result of taking the vaccine. Many are left with major health issues. One particular alarming testimony was that of Michael Rioux, a resident of Old Orchard Beach and a registered nurse for over 4-1/2 years. He testified having witnessed numerous vaccine adverse events while working as a float nurse before he was terminated for not receiving the vaccination due to the mandate imposed on the healthcare workers. He described a healthy 50-year old patient with no comorbidities, an avid golfer, who was hospitalized and nearly died from a severe pulmonary embolism, a blood clot of the lungs, after he received his second shot. He can no longer play 18 holes and is now on several life-long medications. Another patient he mentioned in his testimony was in his early 60's and was hospitalized with COVID-19, pneumonia, heart failure, and partial lower extremity paralysis after receiving the shot. Other reactions he observed were bell's palsy, strokes, bronchitis, myocarditis, and, ironically, many COVID diagnosis' days after the shot, and many breakthroughs weeks, and even months, later.

The CDC and drug manufacturers state you can still get and spread COVID-19, along with the adverse risks. This is not a settled science, so why not investigate and perform additional safety studies and double-blind placebos, which has not been done, before we mandate this experimental drug? Everyone should have the right to receive fully informed information concerning any medical procedures from their physicians not the media or the CDC or the drug manufacturers who look to benefit financially from any mandates such as the one associated with the COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you for allowing me to speak, Mr. President.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I don't expect to change very many minds on the bill before us but I felt the need to rise because I think it's important to correct the record with regard to misinformation about safety and efficacy data. So, I turn your attention to the handout on your desks that was referenced by my good friend earlier and I will just note that the handout asks why weren't the vast majority of hospitalizations in the last wave made up of unvaccinated patients. Men and women of the Senate, let me explain this to you. Over 80% of Mainers over 12 years old are fully vaccinated. That means that only 20% of the state, a little less than that, accounts for more than half of the hospitalizations. That means that this vaccine is keeping people out of the hospital. Only 20% of the state, more half of the hospitalizations. The math is clear. The chart is misleading and the question in figure 3 can be answered quite easily by explaining what's called a base rate fallacy in statistics. Figure 3 does not advance the argument that these vaccines are ineffective. In fact, it does exactly the opposite. Figure 4 is the same way. Figure 4, if you look at the dark black line on your sheet, the dark black line shows that adults in Iceland, who were fully vaccinated and had a booster, had nearly half the risk of contracting the virus over a 14 day period as folks who had been vaccinated without a booster or not vaccinated at all. My good friend from Oxford also made reference to the 'audacious goal of keeping people in the dark.' She assigns that as the goal of our CDC in hiding medical information about the vaccine but, in fact, figure 5 shows us that the United States is incredibly transparent when it comes to vaccine adverse reaction reporting. In fact, we have a database that shows you everything. Completely unverified, completely anecdotal, and completely a matter of correlation and not causation. But we show it all and we allow that vaccine information about what happens and the correlation at time of death, we allow all of that to be out there and for researchers to try to find actual causation. Instead of this misinformation or misuse of the data, mis-presentation of the data that's provided on this particular handout, what, in fact, the evidence shows us is that the COVID-19 vaccine is incredibly effective at reducing the risk of death and so the U.S. CDC and the Maine CDC have the audacious goal not of hiding information but of saving lives and our public health and vaccine scientists and epidemiologist have been incredibly successful at this over the last two years. The risk of long COVID symptoms for those folks who had two shots of vaccine is equal to that of uninfected people, people who have never experienced COVID before. So, there's a study here that shows that if you got the vaccine you have zero risk of long COVID, undetectable risk of long COVID. That's a win. If you have had the vaccine you're risk of dying from COVID goes from 7.4 per 100,000 to .1 per 100,000. That is an exceptional, exceptional life saving measure. While I may not convince anyone with this information here today on the floor of the Senate, I felt that it was incredibly important for me to rise and say please get your information from trusted scientific sources that are presenting the data around safety and efficacy and not anecdotes, misrepresented, and misunderstood graphs and charts or fear because we need to trust the science and the scientists in the United States, which are the best in the world and have created this incredible set of vaccines for us to use to get out of this mess so that we can stand here today, unmasked, and that is

because of vaccines. I urge everyone who can hear me today to go out and get their vaccines and get their booster and I hope that we will vote Ought Not to Pass on this bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I share a lot of the frustration with Senator Keim in terms of how well insulated pharma is from any liability. I think the system we have set up now was made in order to get people vaccines because the drug companies were going to stop making them based on the number of times they were sued. So, I share that. I share the pain of watching colleagues, friends, lose jobs because of they wouldn't get vaccinated. That was hard and it's effected my decision every day in terms of respecting the loss that they went through. I also agree that the data is not complete. We'll learn a lot in the years to come, as we look back and try to sort out what we were doing, but in the terms of process improvement we were on a burning platform and people have made decisions based on the best information they had. I've never questioned anybody's decisions about how they make those decisions or why. Well, that's not true. I have questioned but just not on the record. So, we had the difficult circumstance of finding ourselves in a crisis that this point has cost almost 900,000 lives and, to reinforce the data that Senator Sanborn was referring to, at the time the committee voted on the bill the 77% of the people in the state who were vaccinated were accounting for 20% of those on respirators. The 23% who were not vaccinated were accounting for 80% of those on ventilators. So, there was a clear protection from death and being on ventilators and being hospitalized from the vaccine. So, the other thing, point I'd like to make, is that this has not been a pandemic, this has been several pandemics, and the initial COVID was different from the Delta COVID which is very different from the Omicron Delta, Omicron COVID, and that has made decision making harder and I'm frustrated too that the vaccine isn't more efficient than it is but it's still really good at what ultimately it was supposed to do, which was to try to keep our hospitals from getting crushed. So, based on that, based on that information, and based on the information we had to operate with, the committee voted in support of an Ought Not to Pass and that is where I stand, although recognizing that it's a difficult decision and as evidenced that we are responsive to the data that's out there. Pfizer has withdrawn an application for an early childhood vaccine because they could not prove that it would make a difference. That's the transparency. Less than ideal but it was enough for the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass and I will be voting to support that vote. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues of the Senate, some of that information is true to the extent that we have information. Part of the VAERS, the vaccine adverse effect reporting system, is that it was established when immunity was given to drug companies from anything they do, anything they do, with a vaccine. They're immune from the results. That's how they can rush something out so quickly because they can say it looks okay. They don't know. That's just five years at minimum, but it's a good start. The other part of the VAERS is that because it made it voluntary, not required, voluntary, then it's only when

people really get frustrated that they try to report and then they put another barrier into those people. They made a board that has to review a claim before it will be put on theirs and that board is not like 'Oh, really, you felt this way. You think this happened?' No, no. You've got to document it. You've got to prepare a case, just like going to court, and if they accept it then it can go on theirs. So, there's an estimate, I've been saying 10%, a lot of people think it's much less, that anything on theirs is about 10% of the cases because of how hard it is to get on and that it takes some effort to try to even get it on. So, it's so underreports what's going on and if it was supposed to be the compensation for unlimited exemption from liability then it should have been mandatory. That's just starting there.

The other thing that we've noticed in many government agencies of oversight is that people work in the industry, and get to the top of that industry, they become the people who get picked to be in the FDA or the Environmental Protection Agency. They are people who generally support ideas that the administration supports and that's why they are appointed to them. So, that starts to filter in and, depending on what their views are, is how we start to see things. So, in this case, and we can show a revolving door between the FDA, the CDC, and the industry, the pharmaceutical industry and chemical industries, that show that they start to infiltrate with an idea. I'm not saying that they are evil people because of this. I'm saying they pick up this idea. They're surrounded by people who agree with them and so when something happens, like when COVID came along, the WHO already had some policies for what would happen in a pandemic and these weren't them. They just ignored them. The first most repressive place to shut things down, everybody followed suit. The next thing to happen was that, because the general agreement in government was that whatever they said is the way, that white coat syndrome. If somebody in a white coat tells you something then you believe it. You don't even try to get information and that's the next step. People just went 'Oh, yah, yah.' Vaccinations have been doing this and they've saved from all these diseases. Nobody looks more closely, which I hadn't, until we started talking about vaccinations eight years ago here and started to find that a lot of what is reported as solutions to problems, the vaccines came out later because it used to be that they were required to test them for their immunity from liability. They were required to do something and that testing took time and by the time it came you'll see that there's a curve and it falls because people get infected and healthier people get through it and build immunity because there's no better immunity, Fauci used to say that. Again, I don't want to assign motive but at some point it became 'Oh, no, natural immunity from getting the disease doesn't mean anything.' Even other countries and systems recognize that immunity from having had COVID. So, that comes down to where does this bill fit? Having a five-year period to test and prove the lack of harm to pregnant women and others? Having something that says that you have to prove that your substance is not going to do harm? Having a profession that didn't say 'Wait a minute, we can't do anything until there's a vaccine and that it will do everything. It'll stop the spread. It will stop you from getting it, giving it. What will get us out of this pandemic.' That's never been the case. Getting and getting over whatever particular disease, virus, it was - has been what's gotten us out of all previous infections. So, that's following the science, going back and looking at data.

What a minute. Let's add another piece. Let's pretend that if you say something that isn't in line with the general message

being put out, that there's nothing that whole allopathic profession can do, although there were things, that there's only the vaccine when it comes, so we can't do anything. Oh, wait a minute. The vaccine doesn't do what we said it would do but, still, if you say 'Well, I don't think this is quite right,' antivaxxer. Shut off their Facebook. Shut off their Twitter. Shut off the world. You know, shut off their job, their profession, that masks and gowns and work without clean masks forever. That was on the front lines of this profession. What? You're not going to follow a rule? You're so horrible. You can't have a job. You can't get unemployment for not having a job. You can rot in a hole and die. You can lose your house. We'll kick you as we walk by. Did anybody get bullied today for wearing a mask? I didn't see that but, boy, I was in the halls of the State House and someone came up and tried to bully me, even when the policy in the Senate wasn't that you had to wear a cloth mask, that you could wear a plastic one, and I was going to wear a plastic one. I got bullied over it in the halls here but I don't think anybody got bullied today about wearing one and I hope not. I apologize if someone did. So, the problems with this are that we don't have information to make good choices. We have enough to know that the dental profession was exempt from having vaccines required and they liked that fine because they had already gone through AIDS and figured out how to do their profession without spreading disease. So, that was certainly something that the regular health profession could do but they chose not to. They chose to take a stance and then bully-fi anyone who didn't agree with them and, because most people don't ask a lot of questions and can't get any other information because of this whole process, they're just like 'Well, yah. I grew up. It worked. I got vaccinated. I know it solved all these problems. You must be crazy not to get it.' So, that's just - I'm just tired of that. My daughter was pregnant and she moved to a new state, picked up a new practice. Didn't know anybody, didn't have any recommendations. The doctor said, 'Don't get the vaccine while you're pregnant.' So, she didn't and she's not against getting vaccinated and she's had the baby and she hasn't talked to me about whether she is going to or not. That's her business but there's a bunch of good MDs who did the same thing they've done their whole profession. They saw something happen. They're multi-qualified, board certified in their profession. They went out and did the same thing. They put out an article. Wait a minute. We're seeing this response interferes to what's going on. We're seeing this. We should take a little closer look. Antivaxxer. Shut them up, quick them up. Researchers in virology, who have been doing it for 20 or 30 years, did the same thing. Published papers on their research about it, like they had every time, like they won awards for. The minute it said 'We're not sure about modifying RNA without testing, antivaxxer. Oh my gosh. Put them in that hole, bury them. So, that's where they are. Well, it's starting to turn the corner and it will take a while because of how successfully the information was repressed and I see it coming out in little bits and I can see my colleague having such feeling about this because we only get one side of the information. As it comes out, we'll have a real debate. We'll make real decisions. I'll probably have my eyes open to some things that I thought were the other way and I think many of my colleagues and family members and community members will say 'Oh, okay' because they didn't need to look at this closely but my wife did in her practice and I did because of dealing with bills here. I needed to look closely and I couldn't have the luxury of just saying 'Oh, the CDC said this, seems different than what a lot of good, smart people are saying

but I'll just ignore them because the CDC said it.' I guess I've made my point, especially since, as someone else pointed out, we're not going to change votes today but, boy, are we going to reflect back on this one and, hopefully, make up policies to be followed that can't have just one side or the other just taken off and destroying livelihoods and shutting down counties and doing a lot of things that were no help to anything, just a lot of harm was caused. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues of the Senate, I rise in opposition to L.D. 867 and I do recognize that I'm probably standing in the way of lunch but I want to speak specifically with regard to what I see as the value and importance of vaccine requirements for healthcare providers. Mr. President, as you know, I'm a nurse midwife and in my practice in any hospital I've always been required to have mandatory vaccines and I see the inclusion of the COVID-19 vaccine as no different. When I dropped my mother off at Maine Medical Center for surgery this past summer I trusted that she would be kept safe, safe from nosocomial infections, which are infections acquired while in admittance to a hospital. In my years of practice, we worried about hospital acquired infections, including MRSA and C. Dif and now the list includes COVID-19. Mainers deserve to know that when their loved ones are admitted to the hospital every precaution is made to minimize the chances of nosocomial infections being transmitted to them. In public testimony, Northern Lights shared that there was only a 3% loss of staff across their system as a result of the mandate being realized in the state for healthcare providers. A 3% loss in the largest employment sector in our state is a small loss for patient and worker safety. Vaccine mandates are not what's causing staffing challenges in hospitals. It's the moral injury of being undercompensated and overworked during a pandemic that's filled halls with COVID positive patients and the ensuing behavioral health challenges with which our state struggles. Banning the ability to mandate vaccines is not the answer to public health in congregate settings like schools, institutions, and healthcare facilities. Maine people, whether they work or receive services within a congregate care setting, deserve to know every effort is being made to keep them safe. Banning the ability to add vaccines to the list of mandated vaccines when the overwhelming science supports their efficacy and their use is nothing I can support. Mr. President, I stand for public health and safety with an Ought Not to Pass vote. Thank you.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you. Forgive me for rising a second time but, in brief, I would say in some of the information on your desk, one of the most easily understood is probably the facility outbreaks. Just the timeline of when we mandated and then how the outbreaks happened. It was the New York Times that reported that the CDC held back and excluded that data and it was their word to say they did that to protect from misinformation or misinterpretation of the information, not mine. But we can't really argue statistics totally on the floor and be effective in doing so but it is very easy to see, I think, even in these discussions why we should allow people the freedom to choose. This is not

settled. We're still in the midst of learning more. There is definitely efficacy that is shown for people, as I stated in my speech, that are older and comorbidities, but for the rest of the population there's still a lot of concern and there's a lot that's unknown and, being that that is the case, we should give them their freedom to choose and to make an informed choice, which they cannot do at this point because the information is not fully known. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#594)

YEAS: Senators: BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, LIBBY, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:
BLIER of Buxton
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-773)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-773) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine"

H.P. 1329 L.D. 1778

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-773)**.

Signed:

Senators:
SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:
TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program"

S.P. 644 L.D. 1828

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-428)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-428) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Limit the Decibel Level of Fireworks Near Working Farms"
S.P. 430 L.D. 1348

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-423)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-423) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Repeal the St. Francis Water District Charter and Direct the Town of St. Francis To Assume, Maintain and Operate the Property of the District"
S.P. 641 L.D. 1814

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-433)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-433) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants"
S.P. 603 L.D. 1747

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-432)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-432) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Align Postpartum MaineCare Coverage with Federal Law"
S.P. 617 L.D. 1781

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-429)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-429) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code To Be Consistent with Model Laws from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners"
S.P. 642 L.D. 1815

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-425)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-425) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"
S.P. 682 L.D. 1941

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-430)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-430) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Authorizing the Maine National Guard To Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

S.P. 602 L.D. 1852

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-431)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-431) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Improve Student Access to Postsecondary School Transcripts and Diplomas"

S.P. 656 L.D. 1838

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-426)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-426) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of a Student Athlete's Name, Image, Likeness or Autograph"

S.P. 663 L.D. 1893

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-427)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#595)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-427) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 601 L.D. 1746

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-424)**.

Signed:

Senators:
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#596)

YEAS: Senators: BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, LAWRENCE

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-424) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Contributing to Candidates and Political Action Committees"

S.P. 619 L.D. 1782

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

Signed:

Senator:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
WOOD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed

S.P. 611 L.D. 1752
(C "A" S-417)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster in the Month of September

H.P. 1310 L.D. 1759

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Modify Exemptions for Certain Storm Water Discharges to Class AA and SA Waters

H.P. 1342 L.D. 1801

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide for the 2022 and 2023 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

S.P. 638 L.D. 1811
(C "A" S-408)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Correct the Year of the Expiration of the Terms of 2 County Commissioners in Sagadahoc County

S.P. 649 L.D. 1832

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management To Provide an Exemption for Mountain Bike Trails
S.P. 653 L.D. 1835

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend Maine's Financial Institution Merger Statutes and Modernize Certain Sections of Title 9-B
S.P. 654 L.D. 1836
(C "A" S-413)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19

S.P. 610 L.D. 1855
(C "A" S-416)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

H.P. 1363 L.D. 1842

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 34: Child Care Provider (Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Providers) Background Check Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services

H.P. 1375 L.D. 1865

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission

S.P. 392 L.D. 1206

An Act Regarding the Sale and Use of Consumer Fireworks
H.P. 963 L.D. 1307
(C "A" H-757)

An Act To Allow the Private Sale of Certain State Surplus Property to State Employees

H.P. 1319 L.D. 1768
(C "A" H-761)

An Act Clarifying the Rights to Legal Representation and To Communicate with Others for Individuals Subject to Guardianship
H.P. 1325 L.D. 1774
(C "A" H-762)

An Act To Support Statewide Economic Recovery through Strategic Investments

H.P. 1334 L.D. 1793
(C "A" H-760)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Small Enterprise Growth Program

H.P. 1341 L.D. 1800
(C "A" H-759)

An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws

S.P. 636 L.D. 1809
(C "A" S-415)

An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-interns

S.P. 637 L.D. 1810
(C "A" S-409)

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

S.P. 646 L.D. 1829
(C "A" S-411)

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

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gambling Control Board

S.P. 600 L.D. 1745
(C "A" S-410)

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

An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program

H.P. 1345 L.D. 1803
(C "A" H-756)

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

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services

H.P. 795 L.D. 1080
(C "A" H-758)

Resolve, To Rename Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War

S.P. 626 L.D. 1788
(C "A" S-412)

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Unity the Alton "Mac" McCormick Memorial Bridge

S.P. 657 L.D. 1839

Resolve, To Rename 3 Bridges in Brownville and Brownville Junction

S.P. 672 L.D. 1912

Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps

H.P. 1429 L.D. 1921

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1494

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING ACCESS TO JUSTICE DAY**

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 27th anniversary of Maine's Justice Action Group, a judge-led coalition of leaders from Maine's legal community who are passionate about helping all Maine people have access to civil justice; and

WHEREAS, the coalition members include representatives of the state and federal judiciary, the Legislature, nonprofit civil legal aid providers, the University of Maine School of Law, the Maine Justice Foundation, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Trial Lawyers Association, private practice attorneys and others; and

WHEREAS, key initiator Judge Frank Coffin described the Justice Action Group as a catalyst, something introduced in small quantities that produces great change, and the Justice Action Group has been an advocate for equal access to justice since its beginnings; and

WHEREAS, equal access to justice is a bedrock principle of a free, constitutional society, but no system of laws and constitutional protections can be effective if only those who can afford private advocates have access to justice; and

WHEREAS, because justice for all is achievable only through the vigilance and action of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government, it is important to provide for access to justice in all branches of State Government; and

WHEREAS, providing equal access to justice has tangible, widespread benefits for Maine's families, children, schools, communities, businesses, charities and government; and

WHEREAS, legal issues profoundly affect basic human needs such as safety from violence and exploitation, security and stability for children and the families in which they are nurtured, health, shelter and food security; and

WHEREAS, the need for increased support for civil legal aid and pro bono representation for low-income and vulnerable Maine people remains acute; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to declare March 1, 2022 as Access to Justice Day to acknowledge and express our appreciation and strong support for

Maine's civil legal aid providers and private practice attorneys who provide pro bono services for those otherwise unable to afford legal representation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Justice Action Group.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1495

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 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 Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2022 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; and Saint Joseph's College, Social Work program.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Allow Custom Slaughterhouses To Produce Cuts of Meat To Be Sold Commercially in the State"

S.P. 201 L.D. 493

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-435)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-435) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Authorize Additional Construction and Installations Related to a Telecommunications Tower on Bald Mountain in the Town of Rangeley

S.P. 712 L.D. 1981

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-434)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-434) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Public Law
Secretary of State**

The **Secretary of State**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 337, section 4 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Secretary of State Regarding Notarial Acts"

H.P. 1503 L.D. 2023

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

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

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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