

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
March 22, 2022

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

Prayer by Pastor Rick Stoops, First United Pentecostal Church of Augusta.

PASTOR STOOPS: Heavenly Father, we come before You today first of all to pray for these men and women who have families, loved ones, and are sacrificing of their time to serve this great state. I pray that Your blessings will be upon them. As we pray for them often, we pray for them today, that You would touch them and bless them, bless their children, bless their spouses, give them strength and give them good health. Father, we also ask that You would give us wisdom and understanding for our world is in a very turbulent time and we pray for the direction and the strength and the guidance of the Holy Ghost. We ask that You would give us the wisdom that we need and that You would help us in every situation and we give You the praise, we give You the glory, we give You all the honor, for You alone are God. In the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Stacy F. Brenner of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Mert Hickey, of West Gardiner. Mr. Hickey worked as a woodcutter, beginning at 12 years of age, eventually operating ML Hickey & Sons Logging, with 11 skidders, 18 employees and 3 trucks. His contributions to his community were many. He served on the School Board, received the Spirit of America Award and was recently recognized for his 33 years of service as a town

selectman. Mr. Hickey will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 40 years, Julia, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 543

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

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to say a couple of quick comments about Mert Hickey. Mert Hickey is your quintessential Mainer. Lived in West Gardiner, the town that I grew up in. I always considered Mert to be someone to go to for advice. He ended up serving in several roles in the community but, to me, the important part was he was always - he and his brother, Eddie, was considered probably two of the strongest men in the area, I thought in the world at that age, but he certainly was a big, strong man. One night I was in a car accident going from West Gardiner to Hallowell. Car went off the road, crashed. I ended up underneath the vehicle, pinned. Mert Hickey happened to come by shortly after the accident and actually lifted a portion of the 1957 station wagon off the ground enough so they could drag me out from underneath the car and then carried me to, as long as it took, it seemed like a long way, a vehicle to get me to the hospital. So anyways, Mr. President, I - that's something you don't forget and he's always been someone I've admired. I don't want to be too overstating when I say he saved my life. I think he did but the facts are the facts and I just wanted to give my final condolences to his family and my respect to Mert Hickey.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 737

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

March 16, 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 16, 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 16, 2022, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Aroostook Technologies, Inc. for a Parcel of Land in Township 11, Range 4 WELS (S.P. 735) (L.D. 2025) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, BERNARD of Caribou) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

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. 1493

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

February 28, 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 28, 2022, 4 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 28, 2022, as follows:

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Ensure Fairness of Representation in Insurance Disputes" (H.P. 1490) (L.D. 2004) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1489) (L.D. 2003) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1492) (L.D. 2006) (Sponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, GERE of Kennebunkport, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding the Reapportionment of the Knox County Budget Committee Districts" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1491) (L.D. 2005) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

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. 1168

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Stacey D. Neumann, Esq. of Scarborough to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Stacey D. Neumann, Esq. of Scarborough for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1169

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Ellen Jane Schneiter of Readfield to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Ellen Jane Schneiter of Readfield for appointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA §1602, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1170

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Albro F. Cowperthwaite, Jr. of Linneus to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Albro F. Cowperthwaite, Jr. of Linneus for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1171

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of the Honorable Robert S. Duchesne of Old Town to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Robert S. Duchesne of Old Town for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1172

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Kristin Peet of Winterport to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Kristin Peet of Winterport for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1173

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Edward Pineau of Vassalboro to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Edward Pineau of Vassalboro for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1174

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

March 17, 2022

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

RE: Reappointment of Shelby H. Rousseau of Phillips to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Shelby H. Rousseau of Phillips for reappointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you.
Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1179

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

March 18, 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 Patrick S.A. Flood of Saco

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating the Honorable Patrick S.A. Flood of Saco for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate 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. 1180

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

March 18, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Jane L. Gilbert of Augusta to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Jane L. Gilbert of Augusta to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate 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. 1181

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

March 18, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Kate WB Rush of Newport to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Kate WB Rush of Newport to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate 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. 1182

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

March 18, 2022

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

RE: Appointment of Dr. Stephen Shannon of Biddeford to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Dr. Stephen Shannon of Biddeford 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. 1183

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

March 18, 2022

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

Re: Appointment of Ryan Hafener of Hampden as Student
Member to the State Board of Education

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Ryan Hafener of Hampden for appointment to
the State Board of Education as the Student Member.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §40 I, this appointment is
contingent upon confirmation of the Maine State Senate 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. 1185

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

March 18, 2022

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

Pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my
nomination of Timothy L. Doak of Fort Kent for reappointment to
the University of Maine System Board of Trustees at the request
of the nominee.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing
Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1147

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

March 11, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Marine Resources on its review and evaluation of
the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council (ASMFC) pursuant to
the State Government Evaluation Act (GEA), Title 3 Maine
Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee voted to waive the
GEA review of ASMFC.

On April 30, 2021, the committee wrote to the chair of ASMFC,
Patrick Keliher, Commission of Maine Department of Marine
Resources, that the committee intended to conduct a GEA review
of the ASMFC during the 2nd Regular Session of the 130th
Legislature. On May 11, 2021 the committee met and voted, in
accordance with Title 3, Maine Revised Statutes, section 954,
sub-§2, ¶A, to waive the GEA review of the council. In reaching
this decision the committee considered the amount of information
and documentation made available by ASMFC to the general
public and its members, on a continual basis. The committee
also considered its ability to review ASMFC at any time by a vote
pursuant to 3 MRSA §954, sub-§2, ¶C.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Dave Miramant S/Representative Jay McCreight
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1148

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

March 11, 2022

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources on its review and evaluation of the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act (GEA), Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee finds that the department is operating in accordance with its statutory authority.

By letter dated April 30, 2021, the committee notified the Commissioner of Marine Resources, Patrick Keliher, that the committee intended to conduct a GEA review of the Department during the 2nd Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. On May 11, 2021 the committee met with the department and voted, in accordance with Title 3, Maine Revised Statutes, section 954, sub-§2, ¶B, to limit its GEA review to the following two items:

1. Projected funding shortfalls affecting the department's ability to fulfill its mission to: conserve and develop marine and estuarine resources; conduct and sponsor scientific research; promote and develop the Maine coastal fishing industries; advise and cooperate with local, state and federal officials concerning activities in coastal waters; and implement, administer and enforce the laws and regulations necessary for these purposes; and
2. Emerging issues facing the department, including the protection of North Atlantic Right Whales, and the State's Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Dave Miramant S/Representative Jay McCreight
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1144

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on its review and evaluation of the Civil Service Appeals Board under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee unanimously finds that the Civil Service Appeals Board is operating within its statutory authority.

The committee's review did reveal that several members of the board continue to serve beyond their terms because reappointments are overdue and that compensation across boards and commissions is unequal.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Joe Baldacci S/Representative Ann Higgins Matlack
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1145

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House of Representatives

3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on its review and evaluation of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee unanimously finds that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Joe Baldacci S/Representative Ann Higgins Matlack
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1146

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 9, 2022

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on its review and evaluation of the State Claims Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. The committee unanimously finds that the State Claims Commission is operating within its statutory authority.

The committee's review did reveal that several members of the board continue to serve beyond their terms because reappointments are overdue and that compensation across boards and commissions is unequal.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Joe Baldacci S/Representative Ann Higgins Matlack
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Off Record Remarks

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Eric Cioppa, of China, on his retirement as Superintendent of Insurance after 33 years of service with the Bureau of Insurance. Superintendent Cioppa worked to help overhaul the workers' compensation system in the early 1990s, oversaw the implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable

Care Act in Maine and worked on health insurance and consumer financial protections during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He joined the bureau in 1988 as a statistician before being named supervisor of the Workers' Compensation Section. He was named deputy superintendent in 1998 and superintendent in 2011. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 811

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, 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, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, 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, BABIDGE of Kennebunk, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 Joint Order 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 today feeling bitter sweet as we recognize Superintendent Eric Cioppa as he retires after 33 year of state service and a decade of service as our Superintendent. Many of you have not had the pleasure of working as closely with him as I have over the last six years and so I wanted to take this moment to share a few of his accomplishments and impacts that he has quietly had on our state. Eric's career quickly took off after he joined the Bureau in 1998 and he was instrumental in helping to solve Maine's Workers Compensation Insurance crisis and putting that entire system on a sustainable path. In 2011, he was confirmed by the Senate to serve as our Superintendent and in 2017 we reconfirmed him for another 5-year term. His enormous influence extended beyond Maine's borders. He serves the National Association of Insurance Commissioners as it's Secretary Treasurer, it's Vice President, and eventually it's President over the last few years. He just told me that this role actually took him to Abud Abe where he negotiated international capital standards with European and Asian regulators. All of this work was done with an eye toward protecting Maine consumers. Maine's Bureau of Insurance might sound a little sleepy and not like something you really want to hear about but it's absolutely critical and it serves to protect Maine's consumers from being taken advantage of. It investigates complaints, regulates rate filings, and provides consumer assistance. In the complex world of insurance, a dedicated leader is absolutely necessary and for the last decade Eric has served in that role, working tirelessly on behalf of Mainers, speaking out against unfair practices and advocating on behalf of the changes that we've made, in the Legislature, to help ordinary people, and the results of his steady and capable leadership shows. Maine has the lowest auto insurance rates in the entire country. I'm going to say that again because I don't think most of us realize that or would appreciate that. We have the lowest auto insurance rates in the entire country and, although health insurance remains an enormous challenge in part because our Bureau can only regulate about 30% of the health insurance in this state, Eric's early efforts of

providing reinsurance programs that have stabilized the cost of health insurance in Maine have become a national model that was incorporated into the ACA and other states have emulated. On a personal note, serving on the Insurance and Financial Services Committee and then on the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee over the last six years, having Eric's steady leadership and experience guiding our committee has been a huge part of our success. His judgment and experience have led our committee to trust him explicitly as he advises us on what the particular policy - the particular impacts of our policy decisions might be. I credit his expertise as one of the reasons we have so many unanimous reports in HCIFS. As we've transitioned to remote meetings over the couple of years, I have deeply missed his steady presence in our committee room and even his very dry sense of humor. I wish him all the best in his retirement. I've learned that his wife, Kathy, is going to keep him very busy and that they're going to explore Italy over the next few months and I want to extend my thanks to him and that of the entire Senate for his dedicated service to the people of Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I couldn't let this sentiment go by without saying a few words. I also served on the Insurance and Financial Services Committee several years ago when the good Senator Sanborn was a newbie in the Legislature and learning the process and, though I had heard of Eric Cioppa before when I became House Chair of the Committee, I quickly understood that he had tremendous respect from all sides involved in these insurance issues, from both parties, from regulated industries to consumers, he had tremendous respect. The good Senator from Cumberland is absolutely right. His word was extremely well trusted by the Committee. We could trust everything he was telling us and he never tried to tell us too much. He always told us if he needed to get more information. I mentioned to he and his wife when I saw him in the back of the Chamber one of the things that I remember is his is one of the few departments in state government I never heard a complaint about during its operation and that's a credit to his leadership. But a true credit to any leader is the quality of the people they bring around them and Eric Cioppa had an incredible ability to bring talented people into the Bureau of Insurance and one of them I remember, Tom Record, very well. An extremely qualified person. Worked very well in the department and, in fact, my committee just inherited a Legislative aide to OPLA that worked in his office, Lindsey Laxon, who left the Bureau of Insurance to come work for the Legislature. The quality of those people says something about Eric Cioppa's quality of leadership. So, I know everyone has a right to retire. He shouldn't because he's been a tremendous asset to state government and he's going to be sorely missed because I can't think of a more qualified public servant who led to an extremely good reputation for the State of Maine in this area. So, Eric will be missed.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Eric Cioppa and his wife on his retirement as Superintendent of Insurance. His wife is Kathy, as it has been said. They're both from the town of China and will they please rise and accept the greetings of the entire Maine Senate.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Jaycie Christopher, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan Area High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who has been named the Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 806

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: POIRIER of Skowhegan.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

On motion by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE**.

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **GUERIN** of Penobscot, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 736

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm pleased to present this Joint Resolution bringing attention to bleeding disorders in Maine. Approximately 1% of our population is affected by a bleeding disorder such as hemophilia. Despite the health challenges, these citizens lead joyful and full lives. My prayers are with them and their researchers looking to improve their treatments.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 740

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

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

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's 2nd-largest trading partner, and Taiwan is the 8th-largest trading partner of the United States, with United States trade in goods with Taiwan totaling an estimated \$114.1 billion in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States would result in even greater Maine exports to Taiwan and create more jobs for the people of Maine; and

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

WHEREAS, New England exported more than \$1 billion in goods to Taiwan in 2021, of which Maine exported \$25 million in goods, mostly in computer and electronic products, fish and other marine products, machinery and chemicals, making Taiwan Maine's 15th largest export market in the world; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, making its inclusion in international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization imperative for the best interests and safety of the international community. In addition, Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is necessary in the global effort to combat climate change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, support a stronger United States-Taiwan relationship under the Biden administration, including the signing of a bilateral trade agreement, encourage the further exploration of ways to strengthen and promote bilateral exchange between Maine and Taiwan, including the possibility of signing a driver's license reciprocity agreement with Taiwan, and support pursuing a memorandum of understanding promoting further increasing trade and people-to-people exchanges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and agreements, including the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and be it further

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

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

Nunzio Biondello, of Litchfield. Mr. Biondello was in the United States Navy and the Naval Reserves, serving honorably during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. His major awards and decorations include the World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Air Reserve Forces Medal and many other ribbons and citations. He was also a member of the New York Air National Guard and the Maine Air National Guard, where he was assigned to the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor. Mr. Biondello had a long career in civil service as a corrections officer at Riker's Island and as a court officer for the New York Supreme Court before moving to Maine. He will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 742

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representative: GREENWOOD of Wales.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Many of you folks, over the course of the last few years, got to meet Nunzio as he was a frequent guest of ours down here, and a character he was. I got to meet Nunzio in 2013 when I took the uniform off and I was a guest speaker at an American Legion event and someone said 'Nice, impressive medals on your chest there, chief, but you don't have the ones that that gentleman has.' I got to talk to Nunzio and learned that he was at Omaha Beach on D Day as an 18-year old radio man on the landing craft delivering folks there and he went on to serve, got called back for Korea as well as Vietnam. Served in the Coast Guard. Joined the New York Air National Guard in 1984, which is the year I joined the Maniacs. We crossed paths. He retired and I came in because he and his wife wanted to move to East Madison to live and then they moved to Litchfield. But somewhere along the lines we had this bond. Got to hear about growing up in Brooklyn and New York City during the depression. Nunzio was just the light of the room and he will be sadly missed and every day we are losing more and more of our WWII veterans, who are precious jewels to this nation and the history that we have and I think, you know, it's appropriate that we take time to recognize him. So, thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing Jaycie Christopher, of Skowhegan, a senior at Skowhegan Area High School and a player on the girls basketball team, who has been named the Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 806

Tabled - March 22, 2022, by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, March 22, 2022, **READ**.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin.

Senator **FARRIN**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is my pleasure to recognize Jaycie Christopher of the Skowhegan basketball team who was recently named the Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Jaycie has had an impressive basketball career and I know it will continue as she heads to play for the Boston University Terriers. Two years ago, she was selected as the Bangor Daily News All Maine Schoolgirl Basketball First Team, the only sophomore chosen. She is a 1,000 point scorer and holds the school's all time scoring record for both boys and girls. She broke the 29 year school record, so it's fitting that in her senior year she and her teammates would win the 2022 Class A State Championship. In addition, Jaycie and the team of ladies that are here today worked incredibly hard. The Gatorade Award is chosen for a student athlete with academic achievements, exemplary character on and off the basketball court, and outstanding athletic excellence. Again, it's my pleasure to recognize Jaycie and all these outstanding student athletes and it's kind of a trifecta for me today because not only do we get to recognize Jaycie, we have the girls Championship Softball Team as well as the basketball team. So, Skowhegan River Hawks have filled up the Chamber today and I'm very proud to have them all here with us today, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize up in the Gallery coaches, parents, student athletes representing Class A State Basketball Champions and the Class A Girls Baseball Team, the Skowhegan River Hawks, in addition to the 2021 Class A Softball State Champions, 2022 Class A Girls Basketball State Champions and their coaches, athletic directors, and bus driver, and also Jaycie Christopher. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1154

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

March 10, 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 Marguerite Miller Fleming of Portland, 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	2	Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Chipman, B. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Martin, D. of Sinclair, Bryant, M. of Windham, 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		4	Sen. Farrin, B. of Somerset, Rep. Ceбра, R. of Naples, Rep. Martin, T. of Greene, Rep. White, D. of Mars 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 Marguerite Miller Fleming of Portland, for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bill Diamond Senate Chair	S/Danny Martin House Chair
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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 (#597)

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative 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 **Marguerite Miller Fleming** of Portland 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. 1175

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

March 16, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Dr. Alaina B. Adams, Ph.D. of West Roxbury, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, 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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Brennan, M. of Portland, Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

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 Dr. Alaina B. Adams, Ph.D. of West Roxbury, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BREEN**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#598)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 Dr. **Alaina B. Adams**, Ph.D. of West Roxbury for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1176

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

March 16, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of S. Catherine Longley of Bar Harbor, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, 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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	7	Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland, Rep. McCreary, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

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 S. Catherine Longley of Bar Harbor, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#599)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **S. Catherine Longley** of Bar Harbor for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1177

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

March 16, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Roxanna MacGregor of Eastport, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, 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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Brennan, M. of Portland, Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford

NAYS 0

ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred
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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 Roxanna MacGregor of Eastport, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty Senate Chair	S/Michael F. Brennan House Chair
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READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#600)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Roxanna MacGregor** of Eastport for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1178

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

March 16, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of John S. Webb, Esquire of Arundel, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, 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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Brennan, M. of Portland, Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford

NAYS 0

ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred
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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 John S. Webb, Esquire of Arundel, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#601)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **John S. Webb**, Esquire of Arundel for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1136

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

March 7, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Jason A. Bubier of Ellsworth, for appointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth

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 Jason A. Bubier of Ellsworth, for appointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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.

YEAS Senators 2 Rafferty, J. of York,
Woodsome, D. of York

ROLL CALL (#602)

Representatives 8
Crockett, E. of Portland,
Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman,
S. of Livermore Falls,
McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield,
Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury,
S. of Westbrook, Sampson,
H. of Alfred, Stearns, P. of
Guilford

YEAS: Senators: None

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Daughtry, M. of
Cumberland, Rep. Brennan,
M. of Portland, Rep. Millett,
R. of Cape Elizabeth

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Jason A. Bubier** of Ellsworth for appointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf 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 Thomas W. Minch of Lewiston, for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

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

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1137

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

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

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 7, 2022

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.

Dear Mr. President:

ROLL CALL (#603)

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas W. Minch of Lewiston, for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK,
BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON,
CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS,
DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN,
GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, 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: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Thomas W. Minch** of Lewiston for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1138

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

March 7, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Elizabeth A. Seal of Lisbon Falls, for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	8	Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth

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 A. Seal of Lisbon Falls, for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#604)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 A. Seal** of Lisbon Falls for reappointment to the School Board of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1139

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

March 7, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Mark Balfantz of Portland, for appointment to the State Board of Education.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	7	Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

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 Mark Balfantz of Portland, for appointment to the State Board of Education be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#605)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Mark Balfantz** of Portland for appointment to the State Board of Education was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1140

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

March 7, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Kristin K. Bishop of Madison, for appointment to the State Board of Education.

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 Rafferty, J. of York,
Woodsome, D. of York

Representatives 8 Crockett, E. of Portland,
Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman,
S. of Livermore Falls,
McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield,
Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury,
S. of Westbrook, Sampson,
H. of Alfred, Stearns, P. of
Guilford

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Kristin K. Bishop** of Madison for appointment to the State Board of Education was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Daughtry, M. of
Cumberland, Rep. Brennan,
M. of Portland, Rep. Millett,
R. of Cape Elizabeth

The Following Communication: S.C. 1141

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

March 7, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas Earl Keller of Newcastle, for appointment to the State Board of Education.

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	Rafferty, J. of York, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	7	Crockett, E. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Roche, T. of Wells, Salisbury, S. of Westbrook, Stearns, P. of Guilford
NAYS		1	Sampson, H. of Alfred
ABSENT		3	Sen. Daughtry, M. of Cumberland, Rep. Brennan, M. of Portland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Thomas Earl Keller of Newcastle, for appointment to the State Board of Education be 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 Kristin K. Bishop of Madison, for appointment to the State Board of Education be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#606)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL 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 (#607)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Thomas Earl Keller** of Newcastle for appointment to the State Board of Education was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1163

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 11, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Glenn S. Poole of Orrington, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust 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	Vitelli, E. of Sagadahoc
	Representatives	6	Berry, S. of Bowdoinham, Foster, S. of Dexter, Grohoski, N. of Ellsworth, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Wadsworth, N. of Hiram, Zeigler, S. of Montville

NAYS 0

ABSENT	6	Sen. Lawrence, M. of York, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Carlow, N. of Buxton, Rep. Cuddy, S. of Winterport, Rep. Grignon, C. of Athens, Rep. Sachs, M. of Freeport
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Seven 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 Glenn S. Poole of Orrington, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** 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 (#608)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

Representatives 1 Foster, S. of Dexter
 ABSENT 5 Sen. Lawrence, M. of York, Sen. Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Rep. Cuddy, S. of Winterport, Rep. Grignon, C. of Athens, Rep. Sachs, M. of Freeport

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Glenn S. Poole** of Orrington for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Christopher J. Rauscher, JD of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
 Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
 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 **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

The Following Communication: S.C. 1164

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.

**STATE OF MAINE
 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 11, 2022

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 (#609)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Christopher J. Rauscher, JD of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

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	Vitelli, E. of Sagadahoc
	Representatives	6	Berry, S. of Bowdoinham, Carlow, N. of Buxton, Grohoski, N. of Ellsworth, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Wadsworth N. of Hiram, Zeigler, S. of Montville

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Christopher J. Rauscher**, JD of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS Senators 0

The Following Communication: S.C. 1165

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 11, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Joan W. Welsh of Rockport, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust 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	Stewart, T. of Aroostook, Vitelli, E. of Sagadahoc
	Representatives	8	Berry, S. of Bowdoinham, Carlow, N. of Buxton, Cuddy, S. of Winterport, Foster, S. of Dexter, Grohoski, N. of Ellsworth, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Wadsworth, N. of Hiram, Zeigler, S. of Montville
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Lawrence, M. of York, Rep. Grignon, C. of Athens, Rep. Sachs, M. of Freeport

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 Joan W. Welsh of Rockport, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** 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 (#610)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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 **Joan W. Welsh** of Rockport for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1150

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

March 10, 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 William L. Caron, Jr. of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	10	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Ducharme, J. of Madison, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York

Twelve 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 L. Caron, Jr. of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry Senate Chair	S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair
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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 (#611)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative 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 L. Caron, Jr.** of Cape Elizabeth for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1151

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

March 10, 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 Jennifer Hogan of Turner, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Cyrway, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	10	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Ducharme, J. of Madison, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York

Twelve 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 Jennifer Hogan of Turner, for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President 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 (#612)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative 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 **Jennifer Hogan** of Turner for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1152

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

March 10, 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 Kristine Logan of Topsham, 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	Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Ducharme, J. of Madison, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Peabworth, S. of Blue Hill
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Rep. Bernard, S. of Caribou

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 Kristine Logan of Topsham, 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 (#613)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

Representatives 9 Andrews, J. of Paris, Austin, S. of Gray, Bernard, S. of Caribou, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Ducharme, J. of Madison, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Pebworth, S. of Blue Hill

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative 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 **Kristine Logan** of Topsham 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. 1153

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

March 10, 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 Adrian P. Kendall, Esquire of Cumberland, 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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Roberts, T. of South Berwick

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 Adrian P. Kendall, Esquire of Cumberland, 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 (#614)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative 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 **Adrian P. Kendall**, Esquire of Cumberland 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. 1149

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

March 9, 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. O'Neil of Saco, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 586 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill S/Rep. Maggie O'Neil
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1156

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

March 10, 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. Moore of Washington, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1860 An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid
Crises through the Construction of Affordable
Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the
State

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. 1157

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

March 11, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 471 An Act To Require Legislative Approval for
Certain Leases of Public Lands

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill S/Rep. Maggie O'Neil
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1143

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 3 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of Maine National Guard Facilities
- L.D. 50 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless
- L.D. 75 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Replace and Repair Bureau of Forestry Aircraft
- L.D. 169 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Investment in Innovation by Maine Businesses To Produce Nationally and Globally Competitive Products and Services
- L.D. 175 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters
- L.D. 370 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation
- L.D. 687 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Conservation of Land, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation
- L.D. 702 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund
- L.D. 969 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland, Improvements to the Augusta Civic Center and a Competitive Grant Program for Capital Improvements to Public Venues across the State
- L.D. 983 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation

L.D. 1094 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects

L.D. 1526 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen University of Maine System Workforce Education and Innovation

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cathy Breen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Teresa S. Pierce
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1142

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

February 24, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1819 An Act To Define "Discrete Electric Generating Facility"

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1159

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

March 11, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1587 An Act To Remove the Municipal Ordinance Exemption for the Development of Nonessential Transmission Lines

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1135

**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. 1869 An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule

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. 1155

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

March 9, 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. 1938 An Act To Prohibit Discriminatory Practices Related to the 340B Drug Pricing Program
L.D. 2004 An Act To Ensure Fairness of Representation in Insurance Disputes

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. 1161

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

March 16, 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. 1982 An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data and To Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans

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. 1187

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

March 17, 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. 1463 An Act To Make Health Care Coverage More Affordable for Working Families and Small Businesses

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. 1158

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

March 11, 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. 1168 An Act To License Operators of Personnel Hoists

L.D. 1691 An Act To Require Licensing for Certain Mechanical Trades

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1188

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

March 21, 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. 1218 Resolve, To Require the Attorney General To Provide an Update on Maine's Implementation of the Federal Law Called "Savanna's Act"

L.D. 1665 An Act To Amend AN ACT to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Concerning Land Acquisition and Criminal Jurisdiction

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. 1162

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1806 An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ann Matlack
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1167

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

March 17, 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. 308 An Act To Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing and Marketing the Research Expense Tax Credit

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Maureen F. Terry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1186

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

March 21, 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. 80 An Act To Provide Critical Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet and Broadband Infrastructure (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Maureen F. Terry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1160

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL,
INDIGENOUS, AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS**

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of the State of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

Governor Mills, President Jackson, and Speaker Fecteau:

We are pleased to submit the Annual Report on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations (Permanent Commission) to the Governor and the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Title 5, part 31, chapter 63, section 25007, subsection 1-C.

No matter what we look like or where we come from, most Maine people believe everyone deserves the same chance to live life the way it should be. But there have always been those who use fear to divide us based on race, gender, orientation, or where we're from to keep us from working together for a better future for everyone. For far too long, Maine has allowed the institutions and racism that drive disparities to continue. From our hometowns to the State House, to the halls of Congress, we can join together to right these wrongs and make this a place where all Maine families can thrive.

The Permanent Commission is grateful for our mission to examine the racial disparities across Maine, and to work toward improving the status and outcomes for currently and historically disadvantaged racial, Indigenous, and tribal populations. This Annual Report profiles the work and interests of the Permanent Commission toward that end, including a summary of public comments obtained at our annual public forum.

With Gratitude and In Solidarity,

S/Representative Rachel Talbot Ross
Co-Chair

S/Ambassador Maulian Dana, Penobscot Nation
Co-Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1166

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

March 15, 2022

Sen. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
130th Maine Legislature
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: State of the Judiciary Address

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address the 130th Maine Legislature on the challenges faced and successes achieved by the Maine Judicial Branch over the last year and an overview of the progress we hope to make on several critical areas in 2022 and beyond.

I have attached a typed copy of this year's State of Judiciary Address. For your convenience, the link to the recording is <https://vimeo.com/688402133>. We have included the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House for distribution to members of the Legislature.

We look forward to working closely with the Legislature on a variety of issues in the coming years to improve access to justice for the people of Maine.

Very truly yours,

S/Valerie Stanfill
Chief Justice

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1184

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

March 11, 2022

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

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

The Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability is please to submit a copy of the Final Report on the Evaluation of the Research Expense Tax Credit. In accordance with 3 MRSA section 997, subsection 7, we will provide notice to the full Legislature of the availability of the report on our website at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/opega/opega-reports/9149>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

S/Lucia Nixon

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies"

H.P. 1309 L.D. 1758

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Inspection Requirement for Facilities for Children and Adults with a National Accreditation"

H.P. 1312 L.D. 1761

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Support Child Care for Working Families"

H.P. 1316 L.D. 1765

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Align the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act with Federal Law"

H.P. 1320 L.D. 1769

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Requirements for Certification of Micropigmentation Practitioners (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1392 L.D. 1882

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.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Promote Electronic Filing of State Agency and Legislative Committee Publications"

H.P. 1452 L.D. 1947

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Expiration of Disability Plates and Placards and Fees for Recycler Licenses"

H.P. 1313 L.D. 1762

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

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

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

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 Clarify Temporary Mooring Privileges for Moorings on Inland Waters"

H.P. 462 L.D. 626

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-803)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-803)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-803) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirements of the Reorganization Plan for the Formation of Regional School Units"

H.P. 1343 L.D. 1802

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-805)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-805)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-805) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine School Safety Center"

H.P. 1380 L.D. 1870

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-790)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-790)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-790) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1440 L.D. 1931

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-804)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-804)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-804) **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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities"

H.P. 1385 L.D. 1875

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-802)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-802)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-802) **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 Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Assertive Community Treatment Services"

H.P. 1369 L.D. 1848

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-799)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-799)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-799) **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 Bill "An Act To Clarify Inspection Requirements for Hospitals and Certain Nursing Facilities"

H.P. 1370 L.D. 1849

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-794)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-794)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-794) **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, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 33: Family Child Care Provider Licensing Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1374 L.D. 1864

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-783)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-783)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-783) **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 Establish the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund for Victims of Securities Violations"

H.P. 1397 L.D. 1887

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-801)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-801)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-801) **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 Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce" H.P. 1427 L.D. 1920

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-779)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-779)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-779) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Related to Airboats" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1383 L.D. 1873

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-795)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-795)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-795) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families" H.P. 1401 L.D. 1891

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-796)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-796)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-796) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine Tax Laws" H.P. 1308 L.D. 1757

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-787)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-787)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-787) **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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Use an Electronic Lien Titling Program for the Purposes of the Maine Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act" H.P. 1364 L.D. 1843

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-798)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-798)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-798) **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 **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023"

H.P. 1403 L.D. 1892

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-797)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-797)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-797) **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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Update the Setoffs against Lottery Winnings"
H.P. 1393 L.D. 1883

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-800)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-800)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-800) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center, Including the Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services Team" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1333 L.D. 1792

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-777)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
PERRY of Calais

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-777)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-777) **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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1415 L.D. 1909

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-784)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

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

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-784)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-784) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee

H.P. 1351 L.D. 1818

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-782)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

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-782)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-782) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" H.P. 393 L.D. 548

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-785)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth 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

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-785)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#615)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-785) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1356 L.D. 1823

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-780)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth 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

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-780)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#616)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-780) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

H.P. 1430 L.D. 1922

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-786)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
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

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-786)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#617)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-786) **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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Increase Campaign Finance Transparency and Accountability in Municipal Elections" H.P. 1229 L.D. 1658

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-793)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
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-793)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just note that this bill would extend the requirements for filing to the Ethics Commission in Augusta for only the three largest cities in the state and it's not a wholesale change for most municipalities but it is an important step forward in terms of transparency and accountability. It would apply to Bangor, Portland, and Lewiston and the Ethics Commission has the ability to do that for these towns and we will see how it goes, but any time that we can improve accountability and transparency I think we're helping the public at large, regardless of which party we are in. Thank you.

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 (#618)

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

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

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-793) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act Relating to the Valuation of Retail Sales Facilities" H.P. 807 L.D. 1129

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-788)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
STETKIS of Canaan

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-788)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, 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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair, if I may.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **DILL:** What impact does this have on residential properties?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone that may be able to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I was hoping someone else would press their button. This bill seeks to end the practice that's commonly used among large retailers where they assert that the municipal assessment of

the evaluation of their property should not be done in a manner that reflects the sort of modern, contemporary nature of the large buildings they operate but instead pegs their assessment against old, shuttered, closed, out of date retail facilities. This is a common practice across the country. It's a way for entities like Walmart to figure out a way to earn a competitive advantage by contesting small town valuations and making these kinds of arguments. So, the bill before us seeks to try to get a handle on that practice. I think the opponents of the bill are trying to raise some questions and concerns in the eleventh hour about how this may impact affordable housing because they are aware that that's an issue that we are all interested in trying to make some progress on. So, I think, to answer the question from my colleague from Penobscot, Senator Dill, how does this impact residential property, I'm not aware that it does. The language of the bill asserts that assessors have to compare like properties and so a closed down, antiquated retail facility that's not been occupied for 20 years is not a like property when comparing it to a, you know, 60,000 or 70,000 or 80,000 square foot retail facility that was built a few years ago. The current system says you can compare those two and come up with an equivalency and lower a new Walmart's property tax bill. The current bill says that like properties have to be compared. So, in my mind, I'm not sure how we get down this rabbit hole of reaching into residential assessments and making it more difficult for homeowners to contest an assessment or go through the review process. I hope that helps answer the question that was posed. I'm not sure if it does but I gave it my best shot, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Just to build on what my colleague from Androscoggin said, this is about commercial property, not about residential property. We've seen, across the state, where assessors use comparable properties in their assessing but what happens is some of the larger retail stores will challenge that assessment in court and they will use this dark store method of doing that, in some cases even trying to use a property they formerly occupied that they still might own but isn't being used for retail any more, has been shut down for several years, as the comparison and it's costly for the cities and towns. It happened, I believe, in Ellsworth. I believe it's happened in some other places in the state, in the midcoast area, and the towns have to go to court to challenge this and it's very costly for them. So, this basically would codify what the assessors use as their standard in state law and, hopefully prevent those costly law suits. It also would prohibit properties that have deed restrictions that, in some cases, the owners of the property have put a deed restriction in that won't allow it to be used for anything other than retail, so then it sits there. It's a large, vacant retail space that nobody wants to rent, so it sits there for a while because of a deed restriction, and then they try to use that as the comparable value. So, it's really something that would be helpful to the towns. The Maine Municipal Association and the assessors all support this and, hopefully, you'll support it with your vote.

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

Senator **POULIOT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of this Body, what this bill does is attempts to solve a litigation issue through legislation and it would trample a taxpayer's ability to challenge certain assessments. This bill automatically favors a municipality at the expense of the property tax payer's rights. The amendment to L.D. 1129 will impact all improved property in Maine, including residential. Evaluation of real properties is a complex issue that is intricately woven into Maine's Constitution mandate that all taxes be apportioned evenly according to just value. This legislation deviates substantially from judicial precedence because it prohibits an assessor from being able to consider issues like deed restrictions, easements, and encumbrances, potentially including zoning restrictions, when valuing similar property with no such restrictions. The law court has never addressed the constitutionality of disregarding specific components of property in determining valuation. By excluding deed restrictions from valuation for municipal tax purposes only, this amendment may depart from the universal application of tax valuation methodology to all properties as required in the Maine Constitution. The amendment to L.D. 1129 attempts, but does not succeed, to codify judicial precedence from a recent law court case. The limited term 'improved properties' narrows the application of the three methodologies recently clarified by the law court which does not distinguish between improved and unimproved land. This could raise questions as to the Legislature's intent with respect to improved property. A law court did not include economic characteristics in the scope of factors to be considered by an assessor in valuing real property. The addition of economic characteristics calls into question the constitutionality of the proposed amendment language, Mr. President. Assessors should not be receiving special treatment with respect to how certain properties are valued. Our market place participants will not be able to disregard deed restrictions or property encumbrances in valuing the sale or purchase price of the property. Ultimately, this could impact an individual's negotiating power. Mr. President, this is terrible legislation. I hope we all vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in strong support of the pending motion before us. I really see this bill as a bill that really benefits Maine taxpayers. It helps our communities and, most importantly, it's about equity. Our small businesses on Main Street shouldn't be paying more in property taxes than large, national and international corporations and this really sets, you know, the stage to make sure that everyone is, you know, on a level playing field. I don't have to tell everyone sitting in these seats, I'm sure one of the number one issues you hear about are the cost of taxes and what, you know, property tax rates are for Maine residents. Over the last five years \$184 million has been used in reduced property valuations through the sort of dark store theory assessment pushback. So, I just want everyone, you know, when you go to vote think about \$184 million and what that would do to your community. Think about what that impact would be on your local municipality to its schools, to your infrastructure, to your roads, that giant pothole you might have passed on your way up here, what it would do to your parks. That's serious money. It really, really is about equity. You know, Maine taxpayers might be paying more on their homes. They don't have the same

method to be able to take care of pushing back that these stores are being able to us. I also want to draw folk's attention to the report. On page 110 you will see it was also a bipartisan Majority Report. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **MIRAMANT**: Thanks, Mr. President. What sold me was the closing of a loophole. The large retailers have teams of lawyers to find every way to get another dollar out of the community and this was one of them. They have the ability to manipulate the previous property, as they've done in my community, by putting restrictions in the deeds, by making it unavailable for certain uses, and then going and getting a tax reduction on their new property because of it, in some cases the old one. That is something they can manipulate. If you could directly manipulate something to your benefit you would do it in a second and a homeowner can't do that. The homeowner might think 'I'm going to be like a retailer because I'm not going to specify just one.' Once one does it, the others do. The homeowner can say 'Boy, I'm going to get this system. I'm going to make my house selling restrictive and everything.' What impact would that have when they go to buy a new house or on the rest of the houses in the community? There are too many houses, it throws it into a pool that doesn't have the ability to move the numbers but big box stores do because they're unique and if you're just looking for like properties for comparisons, as are assessors are required to do, then they can only go to that other large box and because that retailer knew that on the way out they said 'We'll take care of this,' and they've done it over and over and then when we discover something like this we fix it. Thanks.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#619)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-788) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences"

H.P. 988 L.D. 1337

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-789)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
STETKIS of Canaan

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-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 Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the bill before us, L.D. 1337, which imposes impact fees on vacant properties, is bad. No, let me say it's terrible legislation. For those who don't know what this bill really does, it allows the State to assess a fee on vacant property defined as anything less than a full-time residential property. But here's what it really does, Mr. President. It unfairly penalizes both Maine residents and those outside the state for owning another property that is not their primary residence. Under this scenario snowbirds are unfairly taxed just by leaving the state for six months and a day. If you own a camp, especially one you've invested in to make it a year-round retreat for winter hunting, the fee amounts to an additional property tax for just being a four-season home and not your residence. We're adding yet another tax when inflation is nearly 8% as of February and when a used car and the gas to run it has almost doubled and heating oil is near a shocking all-time high. Let's talk about electricity prices, while we're at it. They've gone up 85%, and even tripled, yes, you heard that right, 300% for some businesses in January and February. Finally, the legislation has an income carve-out for Portland, South Portland, which may end up being discriminatory and even unconstitutional. This session is being broadcast to the public. Are any of us going to say to Maine residents who are paying almost \$5 a gallon for heating oil just to heat that second home that we're now going to impose an additional tax on them for owning it? Look, L.D. 1337 is the wrong legislation and this, by far, is absolutely the wrong time. Instead, now is the time for this Body to stand up for our residents and say no to this legislation. If you vote for L.D. 1337 you're telling Mainers right now you don't care what is happening outside these walls. You don't care....

THE PRESIDENT: Senator Pouliot, you cannot impugn the motives of a sitting Senator.

Senator **POULIOT:** Anyone voting in favor of this bill right now.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby. I just said, Senator Pouliot, not to impugn the motives.

Senator **LIBBY:** In addition to rising to object to impugning the motives of another member, I'm rising to ask if we are debating the motion before us or if the member from Kennebec is describing the original bill? Those are two very different, two very different pieces of legislation.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise that I try to give great deference to the members as far as how they're making their arguments but I am going to stick hard on impugning members in the Chamber, so I will let the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot, continue but please be advised that I want to make sure that...

Senator **POULIOT:** I get it. If I were to vote in favor of this bill I would be telling people that I don't care about their heating bill and their food budget that's been blown by thousands of dollars in a matter of months. That's about as tone deaf as I could get if I were to vote in favor of this bill. It sends a terrible message. Instead, let's not penalize our residents, our property owners, and our snowbirds simply for owning an additional piece of property here in Maine. Let's vote against this camp tax, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to clarify a few things and I think my good friend from Androscoggin hit the nail on the head. What we're talking about, what we should be talking about is the amended version of this bill not the original version of this bill and, just to be clear, this bill as amended, what we're considering before us right now, does not add anything. It doesn't add any fees. It doesn't add any taxes. There's nothing to do with energy. Has nothing to do with gas or the price of oil. This bill is about affordable housing and local control. Simply, it allows cities and towns, if they choose, to charge a small fee for residences that are not occupied by people that live there year-round and use that money for affordable housing. This is about affordable housing and generating revenue for affordable housing. Like the municipality that I live in charges a small fee for registration of apartments and uses that money to pay for inspections and housing safety. This is very similar to that. It's an optional fee that could be assessed by cities and towns if they choose. It doesn't impose anything, it doesn't require anything. So, it's about, again, affordable housing and local control. I just want the record to be clear on that before we vote. Thank you.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#620)

YEAS: Senators: CHIPMAN, LIBBY, SANBORN

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

3 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED**.

The Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possession of Ballots and Voting Machines and Devices"

H.P. 1330 L.D. 1779

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-791)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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

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-791)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

Divided Report

ROLL CALL (#621)

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

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

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-791) **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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities"

H.P. 1420 L.D. 1914

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-792)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
FARRIN of Somerset
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox
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:

Representatives:
COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township

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-792)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-792) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, Directing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Develop Options To Improve Preliminary Injunctions in Judicial Separation and Divorce Actions

S.P. 739 L.D. 2028

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 78, section 1.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Fix Inconsistencies within the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2013" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 689 L.D. 1953

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Caribou Utilities District Charter To Include Broadband Services"
S.P. 686 L.D. 1949

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District"

S.P. 704 L.D. 1967

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

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Build More Sustainable Ambulance Services in Communities"
S.P. 645 L.D. 1859

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-446)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-446) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator RAFFERTY for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education"
S.P. 679 L.D. 1924

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-448)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-448) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Update Certain Water Quality Standards and To Reclassify Certain Waters of the State"

S.P. 690 L.D. 1964

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-447)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-447) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25"
S.P. 706 L.D. 1974

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-440)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-440) **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 Improve the Value of Dental Insurance"

S.P. 417 L.D. 1266

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-438)**.

Report **READ**.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm sorry to interrupt the flow as we go through these unanimous reports today but I need to rise in order to acknowledge and remember Dr. Jonathan Shenkin who was the dentist who brought me this bill. I struggled to figure out what I was going to say on the floor today until last week in my memories on Facebook Dr. Shenkin's own words popped up and so I thought I would just rise and share them with you today. He was sharing a photograph that had shown up in his feed from 11 years earlier and so he wrote this, 'I'm just reminded by this photo of some of the rewards of being involved with organized dentistry. Also a reminder that I was skinner and had more hair. Eleven years ago, I had a mom tell me her dental insurer had an age restriction of 4 years before they could enroll them for dental benefits. It seemed preposterous but much of what happens with dental insurance is these days. Fortunately for Maine kids, Senator Justin Alfond agreed and the bill breezed through committee and onto the Governor's desk. Last year, a similar event occurred. A series of parents had brought their children to my office and they all had treatment wait periods. A barrier to care that has existed for decades. Something clicked that we needed to address this and, thanks to Senator Heather Sanborn and the support of the Maine Dental Association, Maine became the first state to eliminate treatment waiting periods for children in dental insurance plans. This year, again, we have a bill to improve dental benefits in a meaningful way and that bill, ladies and gentlemen, is L.D. 1266. This is a pathway I never thought would be one I would be taking when I first entered dental practice and I'm reminded why it's so important to be involved. Dentists can, and must, make a difference for their patients and their offices and for their communities.' Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we lost Dr. Shenkin before he was able to see this bill pass unanimously in the Senate today but I hope that we will keep him in our memories as we send this bill to the Governor's desk for approval. Thank you.

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-438) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Heating Fuel and Motor Vehicle Fuel Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets"

S.P. 666 L.D. 1896

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-451)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-451) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Commission"

S.P. 167 L.D. 379

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-450)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-450) **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 Improve the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"

S.P. 70 L.D. 798

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-449)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-449) **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 **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements"

S.P. 518 L.D. 1628

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

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
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 To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, 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 Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm actually the sponsor of this bill, L.D. 1628, and what this bill seeks to do is allow for what would effectively be called farm bureau plans to be sold here in Maine. Farm bureau plans are an entity that acts similar to insurance, although it's not actually regulated like insurance, and allows for the private sector to effectively run the market and drive down costs for consumers, and that is a big deal because we know that insurance costs can be a major hindrance on

businesses and, in particular, farmers. When I had spoken with folks, and particularly the Maine Farm Bureau, about this bill there are a number of their members who make the choice to simply go without insurance because they can't afford it on the exchange for themselves and for their families. This bill would allow for that trend to change and the best way that that would happen is by, effectively, allowing these entities, such as Maine's Farm Bureau, like it is in the other states that allow for this type of product to be sold, for their membership to buy into these plans and these plans are specific to what they actually need. They're not overly regulated so they don't include things that are unnecessary. For instance, if you're a male they don't have coverage for a hysterotomy and yet they do allow for the coverage that you do need on a farm or for your family that may live there. The push-back that we got from this in committee, Mr. President, was simply that consumers are not going to be smart enough to figure out what's in these plans and what's not in these plans and, therefore, we shouldn't allow them to be sold. I disagree, fundamentally, with that assertion, Mr. President. I think that Maine's farming community is some of the hardest working and some of the smartest folks in our state. I believe firmly that when they are forced with these tough decisions of whether or not to purchase insurance for their families they're not doing so because they aren't smart enough to figure it out. They're doing so because the current products that are offered are unaffordable and make it untenable for them to buy them. We have an opportunity with this bill, Mr. President, to right that wrong, to change that problem, and to make sure that Maine's farm families can, in fact, access a type of coverage that is not only affordable but fits their needs. I would urge my colleagues here to reject the pending motion so that we can pass this bill and allow for these products to be sold here in Maine like they are in many other states and exemplify the same sort of success that we have seen in other states that do sell these products and I appreciate the time. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, you heard earlier today about how trusted our Superintendent of Insurance is and so I think it would be helpful for the committee to hear his testimony, or a portion of it, in opposition to this bill. I want to start by just setting the stage. The text of this bill defines health insurance as not including this kind of health insurance and, therefore, makes it completely unregulated. Nobody made a straight-faced argument that it wasn't actually health insurance. In fact, they said it's good health insurance, we should be allowed to buy it but the State regulators shouldn't be allowed to regulate it. So, here is what our Superintendent of Insurance said in his testimony against the bill. Again, for context, our Superintendent of Insurance almost never testifies against policy bills. He comes in neither for nor against and just lays out the facts for us. In this occasion he came out strongly in opposition. 'This exemption would allow a non-profit agricultural membership organization to provide coverage in Maine that the Bureau could not regulate. Apart from the written notice required by the bill, there would be no standards governing this coverage. A consumer with a complaint about coverage, for example, would have no recourse through the Bureau. No State regulator, except possibly the Office of the Attorney General, would have financial oversight over one of

these organizations. It would not have to maintain minimum funding or any actuarial review of its health benefit liabilities. Financial oversight of insurers is at the core of the Bureau's mission. Financial oversight allows the Bureau to determine whether an insurer is in hazardous financial condition. It includes, for example, risk-based capital requirements, establishment of an enterprise risk management program, asset and liabilities requirements, and credit for reinsurance standards. Insurers file quarterly and annual financial statements and my staff review them carefully to ensure that insurers participate responsibly in the Maine market. This would be a type of multiple employer welfare arrangements and, unfortunately, there is a long history of multiple employer welfare arrangements failing when they do not have proper regulatory oversight, including at least one large multiple employer welfare association established by a legitimate agricultural cooperative, the Sunkist Growers.' So, that was our Superintendent of Insurance testimony in opposition to the bill and I think, as you heard earlier, he is someone that we can really trust with regards to whether it is important for us to provide these consumer protections. I don't disagree that farmers are incredibly smart and very savvy at purchasing protections for their family but I'm pretty sure that they don't have the ability to assess risk-based capital requirements or establish enterprise risk management programs or assess whether the company that they are purchasing their insurance but not insurance from has met those requirements that keep their family safe in their investment for health insurance. I know that in my six years of chairing or working on this committee and chairing it for the last four years, I wouldn't be able to make that determination for my family. Health insurance is incredibly complex and it's very important that our regulators are there to ensure that we aren't being swindled. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, when we buy health insurance it should be regulated by a regulator and that's why we have a Bureau of Insurance. Thank you for voting for the Ought Not to Pass report.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. Mr. President, the good Senator from Cumberland and I are going to agree to disagree and that's alright. You're looking at somebody who bought health insurance and their family bought health insurance from Farm Bureau for many years, many years, and it was a better policy than we have today, to be honest. But when Obamacare came along it went away. Now we provide health insurance for our employees and our family and Farm Bureau still offers today, through 30 other states, a much better policy than what we're given today and that we're paying more money for. Maybe farmers ain't smart enough to figure out the financial part of it and everything else but I can tell you something I am smart enough to figure out, that I never got screwed by it and it worked and my employees were happier. What I heard today was that people out there are not capable of regulating themselves, we have to regulate them. That really bothered me. You know, when I ran for the House 12 years ago I ran and almost everybody in this room I think at some point in time or other I've heard say, you know, about less government, not more government, not more government. Well I can tell you I, personally, ran on less government and I think the farmers are capable enough to make this decision on their own. I think the Farm Bureau has been around for over 100 years and they

proved themselves. We're buying insurance today. All our automobile insurance, our farm insurance, all of our buildings, everything we've got is coming through Farm Bureau. It really bothers me to hear, personally it bothers me to hear that you don't think that farmer in the state of Maine is capable of making this decision. Well, let me tell you something. Probably today our family would never swap back to Farm Bureau because our family's grown but I know an awful lot of very small farmers in my area that I'm very close friends with, and I'm talking that are running with just their kids and maybe one employee, that have no insurance and buy it if they could buy what they needed through Farm Bureau to have some insurance and I think when you vote against this bill today that you're voting to not let them have insurance. I'm saying that we vote this down and we let the farmers make the decision. There are things in place that will allow this to happen. I think we give them a chance. Have faith. Up and down the state of Maine this would work and we could help the small family farm in the state of Maine, that are going away at record numbers, if we would just let this bill pass. I thank you very much.

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

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, colleagues of the Senate, for a few minutes of your time. I really want to thank the sponsor of this bill, the good Senator from Aroostook, for considering the needs of farmers. Farmers, as you see, come in all different makes and models. So, from my perspective as the daughter of an insurance salesman and the sister of a brother who works for an insurance company, I spent time talking to both of them about this and researching it, listened to testimony, spoke with the good Superintendent, and it just doesn't feel like a direction that I think really serves the people of Maine who can all sign up to be members of the Farm Bureau, regardless of whether or not they're farmers. It's an unregulated product. We spent hours on the HCIFS Committee working through mandates for what sorts of providers should be covered, what sorts of procedures should be covered. This product would not guarantee you could see a midwife. This product would not guarantee you could get your breast cancer treatment covered, your hospice care covered, your mammogram covered, your postpartum care covered. Your preexisting conditions would not be covered. Perhaps they would after six months, but the biggest problem about this product is that the rules can change in the middle of the game and you have no capacity to help consumers when they find themselves in a situation where they can't get out of a bad insurance product. There's no place for customer complaints. As an employer of a farm business with six full time, year-round salaried employees, I would never subject my employees to this kind of health insurance without any regulation, without any capacity for consumer complaints. Thank you.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I don't very often rise to speak again but you know we talk about guarantees. There's no guarantees in life. There's no guarantee that any of us will be here tomorrow, especially me, and some of you probably wonder. But I just don't, I can't grasp this and it's really hard for me because this is about people making their own decisions and

they're going to do their homework. I've been doing my homework. Since 1803, our family has been doing their homework on our farm. We've had to make decisions every year because the Legislature has passed different rules that changes the way we do business every single day and the reason that you got me here today is because you folks changed the rules and were driving us out of business. I came back to revert some of those rules. We're doing it again. Give us a chance. Give these people a chance. If it don't work in two years from now we can change it. Give them a chance. Give them a chance to make their own decision. Give them a chance to make their own guarantees. It just isn't working and I really hope you support this bill and not let it - and make it pass so we can pass Trey's bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I think we're off on the wrong track if we're talking about the individual decision making of individual families or individual businesses with regard to insurance. My good friend from Androscoggin made reference to his property being insured through the Farm Bureau and his automobiles being insured through the Farm Bureau and, ladies and gentlemen, the Farm Bureau complies with Maine insurance regulations with regard to his property insurance and his auto insurance. It's just with regard to health insurance that they don't want to be subject to any oversight and so my question that I'd like to pose through the Chair is to whom would you file a complaint if your coverage was denied, if a medically necessary service was denied coverage and you were left with thousands and thousands of dollars in medical bills with no State regulator to complain to? What would you do, Mr. President? That's my question.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn, has posed a question through the Chair that anyone can answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm happy to answer that question. When you are purchasing a product that has coverage for certain things in it that you think you are going to need for that type of insurance, that's what's going to be covered and so if you then later have some other thing come up, and you don't have insurance coverage for that thing, you're not going to be covered but that doesn't mean that this shouldn't be even considered in the state of Maine whereas if you go the other route and you are over regulated, and I use that word deliberately, not regulated but over regulated, and that's a part of why insurance premiums continue to go up and up and up, because we're forced to buy coverage for things that we're not going to need and that's exactly one of the major problems here. You're forced by the government to purchase products, if you want any coverage at all, that is effectively made it unaffordable. So, these folks, you should ask yourselves, is it better that they have some coverage or no coverage because that's what they have right now. No coverage at all. They are making that choice because people in this building have made it too hard for them to go out and afford coverage on the exchange because we add mandate after mandate, as you heard spoken about earlier. So, what are you going to say to them when they can't afford anything? You had a

chance where they could have had something that would have covered vast majority of what they need. Instead, we're hiding behind fear tactics here about what ifs and end of the world scenarios but the reality is this is going to work for the vast majority of folks. By the way, nobody's saying do away with the exchange. Nobody has said that. If you want coverage for everything, the whole kit and caboodle, you can go buy a plan like that if you can afford it. We're not saying that. We're saying for those that have been priced out of any coverage at all, working families here in Maine, here's an option for you. Let's not take it away from them.

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

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. My good friend from Aroostook County seemed to indicate that health insurers always pay their claims that are subject to their contract, so I just wanted to put information into the record. Maine's Consumer Health Care Division, which as I said earlier today only oversees about 30% of insurance because others are federally regulated, received 3,009 inquiries from consumers and 226 written complaints in 2021 related to health care, and their actions, the Bureau's enforcement actions, as a result of those complaints resulted in the recovery of \$1.1 million to Mainers from their regulated insurance companies not paying claims as agreed. I can only imagine what sorts of unpaid claims might happen if we didn't have our regulators on the watch. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#622)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senator: LAWRENCE

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Promote Home Ownership by Reducing Education Debt"

S.P. 709 L.D. 1978

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-437)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
LaROCHELLE of Augusta
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CURRY** of Waldo 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 PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, you're probably wondering why I'm

rising to speak about a bill about home ownership as a realtor. You'd think that I'd be in strong support of this. I think the intent behind this, probably, or the idea, is a really good one, you know, to help Maine people get into homes, particularly those that have student loan debt. To those of you who don't know, when somebody applies for a home mortgage the lender calculates what's called their debt to income ratio and that's a calculation that gives a percentage of the amount of debt that somebody has relative to their monthly income and in order to get a mortgage, in most cases, people's debt to income ratio has to be 35% or lower, meaning that their debt obligations don't take up more than 35% of their income. Unfortunately, in Maine we have a lot of people who, you know, are far above that percentage. It's part of the reason why I pushed hard in the Legislature, this Body, just today and supported the expansion of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit because there are a number of times where people are applying for loans where their student loan debt is a hindrance. But the reality is we have a supply side issue in this state. We have a supply side issue in this country as it relates to housing. We have more licensed real estate agents in the United States than we do homes available for sale and until this Body gets serious about increasing our inventory there's no amount of money that we could put into it that would help solve this crisis. We've had a number of opportunities in this Body to support things, like getting more electricians onto the job site, that wasn't supported. There was a lot of efforts made to increase a lot of access to trade education, which I think some of us have been supportive of but we need to get a lot more serious about. I suppose I rise to use this as an opportunity to encourage this Body to think constructively and collectively about how we're going to build more inventory. I think a lot of times we put money at things. There's a discussion about putting, perhaps, more money towards, you know, roads and bridges, which would be great, but if we don't have the contractors to build those then it's not going to happen and the same is true for housing in the state of Maine. We, for a number of decades, have told people the only way to be successful is to go and get a four year bachelor degree and the reality is we need a lot more people working in the trades to build this inventory and so, while I'm very much supportive of promoting and increasing home ownership and reducing student loan debt, I can't in good conscience vote for a bill that sends \$10 million more to a fund to help pay for housing when we don't have it available to begin with. So, I really hope that we can utilize the balance of the session to focus on initiatives that will increase our inventory in this state so that when we do have resources for programs like this there are actually homes for people to buy. Augusta saw 22.6% increase in home pricing last year. That's not sustainable and the only way to curb that is to build more inventory. So, Mr. President, I appreciate the time. This Body, thank you and I'll be voting against this motion.

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

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. The future belongs to those who give the next generation a reason to hope. It's a quote that hangs on my wall by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. The social contract with our young people is fraying, it's even breaking. Too many of our young people, who have worked hard to pursue their chosen professions, professions that we desperately need in this state, are saddled with high levels of student debt. This prevents them from purchasing their first

homes and often forces them to leave Maine in search of higher salaries. L.D. 1978 enables Maine Housing to establish a student loan repayment program for eligible first-time home buyers that commit to living in their homes for five years. This program is based off a program in Maryland and they have chosen to authorize it two additional times. I don't disagree with the good Senator who previously spoke in that our housing issue is broad and we need to attack it from all directions. This is one place that we can deal with two major issues, the challenges of the cost to become educated in people's chosen professions and our housing issues, so that we can keep Mainers here to serve and to raise their families. Thank you very much.

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

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the good Senator from Kennebec County implied that we're putting the cart before the horse and really the horse doesn't actually have a house to live in, so that's really why we're debating this bill. But joking aside, affordable housing is a massive issue. We all know what it looks like in our communities. We are in desperate need of increased housing stock but we can't wait for measures to increase that. We have to put everything we have at this issue. There's a whole generation of Mainers that is being robbed of the dream of home ownership simply because they went and, you know, achieved the American dream of looking at some sort of postsecondary degree and have overwhelming student debt. We need to act now. We need to take advantage of what's out there. There are other measures that are moving forward to look at creating more housing stock. There are wonderful organizations devoted to working at what the good Senator talked about, increasing people in the trades. So, what we need to make sure is for those folks who are currently out there looking for a home and straddled with astronomical student debt, that we don't wait. They're looking for a house. They might be trying to decide whether they're going to stay here in Maine or they're going to move somewhere where they can not only find a home but find measures to be able to take on the debt that they're saddled with. So, I urge you to please support this measure. It's worked in other states. It's something that's part of a whole package of bills to really make a difference, especially for young Mainers who have student debt here, and I hope you'll support this motion.

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

Senator **BALDACC:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just rise to also support this bill. I think the answer to affordable housing is not to prevent young people who have student debt from being able to buy a house. That is not the answer to affordable housing. What this bill does is focus on young people who have student debt, who want to stay in Maine, because we know there's a history of population stagnation. We talk all the time about brain drains. This is a bill that will actually help do something for young people with student debt to buy a home. There couldn't be anything more part of the American dream than to buy a home. So, this bill is about protecting the American dream and there are many programs, in terms of affordable housing, but, as I said, the way to affordable housing is not by preventing young people from buying their first home. Thank you.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#623)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACC, 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: Senator: LAWRENCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-437) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require Telecommunications Companies To Divulge Location Information to Law Enforcement When Necessary To Respond to a 9-1-1 Call or Locate a Person in Danger"

S.P. 492 L.D. 1581

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebec
EVANGELOS of Friendship
LIBBY of Auburn
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-443)**.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought To Pass as Amended Report**.)

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you and thank you for catching my mis-statement. I move the Majority Ought Not to Pass motion. I urge my colleagues to support the pending motion and I want to talk a little bit about this because it was kind of a heartbreaking situation. The original legislation sought to correct a serious problem that had come to light in Kansas. A telecommunications company in that state had refused to provide location information from a young woman's phone, information that was needed to search for her after she was abducted. This tragic case, and the efforts of her loving parents to pass the Kelsey Smith Act in states across our country, reminds us all of the importance of warrantless search exceptions in order to obtain information when there is a danger of death or serious injury. The Judiciary Committee appreciated the Senator from Kennebec bringing this bill forward and his work to make sure that public safety officials have the tools they need to respond quickly and avoid tragedy. The committee carefully considered this legislation. We learned that, unlike Kansas, Maine law already gives law enforcement emergency access to local information 'without delay.' That's what our statute currently says. We heard from Major Ross of the Maine Department of Public Safety that existing Maine law allowing search warrant exceptions to get location information from electronic communication services functions well and that a new law was not needed. Similarly, the Maine Sheriff's Association stated that this scenario is not currently a problem in our state. The Maine Chiefs of Police and the Public Utilities Commission also agreed, both, on the importance of timely

release of information in emergency situations but also together recognizing that Maine's existing warrantless search statute allows location information to be obtained without a warrant in an emergency.

I want to highlight one important aspect of our existing law that would be eliminated by this bill, the good faith requirement. Maine warrantless search law allows telecommunication companies to release location information in emergency situations without a warrant so long as the company acts in good faith. In essence, it's an exception to the search warrant ordinarily required by the Maine and U.S. Constitutions. This good faith requirement is necessary to public safety and to protecting constitutional rights. From a public safety perspective, domestic violence survivors, crime victims, and witnesses in serious criminal cases may need to keep their location confidential. In fact, Maine has an address confidentiality protection program for people whose safety is jeopardized if their location information becomes public. The good faith requirement in existing law protects these people. Maine's Attorney General also noted that amended bill does not adequately address the constitutional privacy interest established in U.S. Supreme Court Carpenter case. Requiring a telecommunication company to act in good faith when releasing personal location information is an important element of the warrantless search process and should not be eliminated. I urge my colleagues to support the pending Ought Not to Pass motion and preserve Maine's well-functioning warrantless search statute. Thank you.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, as a law enforcement officer - I am sure that many of you had the advantage of 9-1-1 calling at your home and I have 9-1-1 and many times I've gone to calls where someone called 9-1-1 and was not able to give the information over the phone and we had to go to the call just in case something else happened. This happens many times and sometimes it might be somebody fell, maybe hit their head on a counter. Could be a heart attack. Could be a domestic and somebody forced the person to hang up. There could be many other reasons. So, anyway, this is the same thing. Technology has changed. We've now got cell phones and we also have computers now and all kinds of different things that have happened. Same thing. So, what's happened, and it's been put in place, and you have it here on your thing where it's all written out, I'll explain a little bit more, but Kelsey Smith was a situation that happened and there's been many different phone companies and they can all interpret it a little different and so what - Kelsey Smith, she was kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and murdered. She had a cell phone and law enforcement officers tried to get the information of where the location was, period. Just like 9-1-1, when you hang - if the phone gets hung up, we go to that residence because we know where it is. The dispatchers get the information right over the phone and says where they are located and so we have to go. The law enforcement officers have to go because that's the way it's already been addressed. So, this is not trying to get a warrant. You don't need a warrant to go where there's a victim. You don't try to figure out, you know, what crimes have been broken. You're just trying to find out where the person is to help them and that's what we do in law enforcement. Carpenter versus U.S., that was brought up and that had nothing

to do with what we're talking about here. It was, that was a Supreme Court case where they went and it was about tracking a length of period of time what this phone - what the history of the phone calls were and that sort of thing. That has nothing to do with just pinpointing a location for exigent circumstance. This is just a very emergency situation and, basically, the Kelsey Smith Act codifies the case law concerning exigent circumstances, providing clear guidance to law enforcement and to a wireless provider in circumstances where a person is at risk of death or serious physical harm. There's several situations - there are in 30 states that this has been clarified because sometimes the wording is not accurate and so I had Paul Rucha with the Attorney General's Office, he was actually former Assistant D.A. for the Superior Court here in Kennebec County, good friend of mine because I worked with him on many cases because, you know, being the Assistant Jail Administrator and also some of my patrol situations, I had to work close with him, and he felt that this had to be clarified. He thought it was a good idea. So, he actually is the one that did this clarification and so he took out those words about in good faith because what it does it kind of leaves that skepticism that they say 'well, maybe I can't or I shouldn't do this and give you that information.' It's true. Lately we haven't had the issue of a situation on the phones where we have not been denied here in Maine but there has been some issues with the Computer Crimes Unit. They had a couple of incidences, which was mentioned by Paul Rucha, that there was a couple of instances where they did have difficulty in locating the person because of the way it's worded. So, we have had instances. The National Sheriff's Association, our Sheriff's Association, Maine Municipal Association, and State Police did say that they were for this bill, Mr. President. They did say they were for it. They did say that they haven't experienced it on the phone. That's what they said. But this is preventing a situation like Kelsey Smith. Kelsey Smith is somebody. She's a very important lady. Every one of you are important to me. That's what I do, serve and protect. That's what the law enforcement officers do. That's why I'm here, to serve and protect everyone. So, this is what this does. It's clarifying the verbiage of what is necessary to make it clear that there's no question that the person can give that information to the law enforcement officer who is contacting you because there's a possibility of physical harm and also risk of death to find where that phone is. That's it. There's no investigation of anything. Nothing. It's just for emergencies. So, this clarifies it. I am all for saving lives. There has been lives saved since they've done this in the last 30 states that they've clarified and made a difference. One is an elderly gentleman had a stroke, could not speak but could only dial his wife's number. They used the Kelsey Smith Act to locate this gentleman and get him the medical help he needed. It's been used to prevent suicides, rescued a traveler from Arizona that was swept away in a flooding situation. A teenage girl left a note that she was going to commit suicide and she was found in time. How many times do you hear of teenagers committing suicide these days? Wouldn't you like to save your own child's life or somebody else's child that might be related to you or somebody else that - I mean these are situations that happen quite often. So, why would we not do this? I don't understand that part of it. This has nothing to do with search warrants because these are exigent circumstances only. So, I don't understand the objection to not going with something that's just clarifying it to make it so that that provider has no question when a law enforcement officer requests that to say 'Okay this is where I can give you this location' and

then it leaves them without harm. That's what this is doing. So, I wish that somebody would be fighting for me if that was the situation where I was kidnapped or held hostage or maybe you went off the road somewhere and you're missing. That happened to one of our law enforcement officers and he got killed right here in Sidney. We had a State Trooper who was left on the side of the road on the Interstate. Maybe that would have helped find him. These are the things that I'm talking about. This is serious and for us to just say 'Oh, well maybe there's a violation of law somewhere.' Well, there isn't. It's been done in 30 states. It's helping people and there's not once, not once, has it been argued because there's no search warrant involved with exigent circumstances and it's all in good faith in trying to find that victim. They haven't committed a crime. The victim has not committed a crime. What we're trying to do is save their life. That's what we're doing. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I hope you think about this when you press this light.

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.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report. (Roll Call Ordered)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes" S.P. 624 L.D. 1786

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-444)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** 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 (#624)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-444) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Private Property by Cameras" S.P. 665 L.D. 1895

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
KEIM of Oxford
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-445)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not To Pass** Report.)

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Reporting Requirements for Major Contributors to Ballot Question Campaigns" S.P. 614 L.D. 1754

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-439)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

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 further motion by same Senator, 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 (#625)

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

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

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-439) **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

Seven members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers"

S.P. 444 L.D. 1358

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-441)**.

Signed:

Senator:
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
KINNEY of Knox
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
WOOD of Portland

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-442)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representative:
HARRINGTON of Sanford

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-441) ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-441) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-441)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify the Appeals Process for Decisions Related to the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace

S.P. 655 L.D. 1837
(C "A" S-420)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 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.

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System

S.P. 267 L.D. 680
(C "A" S-418)

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission

H.P. 1347 L.D. 1805
(C "A" H-766)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Constitution
Public Land**

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in Penobscot County

H.P. 1307 L.D. 1756
(C "A" H-767)

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 23 of the Constitution, passage requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate. 34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 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 To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System

H.P. 1349 L.D. 1816
(C "A" H-763)

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

Off Record Remarks

An Act To Ensure Compliance with the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster

S.P. 597 L.D. 1742
(C "A" S-422)

An Act To Amend Certain Definitions in the Statutes Governing the Gambling Control Board

S.P. 598 L.D. 1743

An Act To Extend the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91

S.P. 609 L.D. 1751
(C "A" S-419)

An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Storage Fees and Lienholder Notification

H.P. 1386 L.D. 1876
(C "A" H-765)

An Act To Ensure That Building Codes Allow the Installation and Use of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Products and Equipment That Use Certain Federally Regulated Refrigerants

S.P. 680 L.D. 1940
(C "A" S-421)

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act Regarding Taxation of Energy Storage Facilities and Equipment"

H.P. 1512 L.D. 2030

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

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Outdoor Stadiums To Sell Spirits" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1513 L.D. 2031

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

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

Pursuant to Resolve

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

The **Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 21, section 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Enhance the Prevention of and Response to Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment in the Maine National Guard"

H.P. 1511 L.D. 2029

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1506

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT
PATRICK'S DAY**

WHEREAS, on March 17th, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish-Americans join with men, women and children of all other ethnic origins who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick and the love of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear the green live for a day in the spirit of Saints Patrick, Bridget and Columcille, of whose birth the 1,500th anniversary was celebrated last year; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation, and those of Irish lineage today proudly sing support for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, whose aim is fostering and strengthening the long-standing relationship that exists between the United States of America and Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries, with leadership in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories of the Emerald Isle and the lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy and the life eternal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Concerning Advanced Refrigeration Technology"

H.P. 634 L.D. 866

On motion by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Nunzio Biondello of Litchfield.

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
BOYLE of Gorham
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
HANLEY of Pittston
O'CONNOR of Berwick
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Senator:

BENNETT of Oxford

Representative:

TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **REFER TO COMMITTEE** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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