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In Senate Chamber
Wednesday
January 3, 2024

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

Prayer by Reverend Sarah Gillespie of Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice.

REVEREND SARAH GILLESPIE: God of many names, breath within each of us, help us to pause as we begin again, remembering our call to this work. We come to this place in this new year not disregarding our past regrets, mistakes, or choices, but learning from them. Allowing them to turn into wisdom instead of ego, pride, or power. We come to this place with a deep sense of duty to serve all people who call Maine home, and to make our state better. We ask your blessings on this fresh start. Bless our voices, minds, hearts, and hands this morning, and give us the humility to listen more than we speak. Grant us grace as we listen and decide how to keep Mainers safe from unnecessary violence and trauma and loss, and how to give those who have been harmed the time and supports to grieve, to cry, to remember, and survive. Grant us peace as we listen and work through how to make it so that anyone needing help finds it easy and accessible to get it. Grant us compassion as we listen and learn about the needs of the poorest among us and make a way so that all can have the free will to decide where and how they live. Give us openness as we listen and collaborate through being good stewards of the precious resources we have - our money, our time, our energy. God of all, grant us compassion and remind us that we are in this together, that we are most strong when we are most kind to ourselves, to our communities, and to all the people of this great state. Bless us in our work today and all days. May it be so. Amen.

National Anthem Performed by Lewiston High School Chamber Singers.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Margaret R. Rotundo of Androscoggin County.

Medical Provider of the Day, Kristen Mazoki, DO of Wilton.

QUORUM CALL

32 Senators having answered the Roll, the President declared a quorum present.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 23

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that in accordance with Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Subsequently, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 24

ORDERED, that a message be sent to House of Representatives informing that body that in accordance with Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The President appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin (Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo,

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ADAMS of Lebanon, ALBERT of Madawaska, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BAGSHAW of Windham, BELL of Yarmouth, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of East Machias, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Embden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GALLETTA of Durham, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, POMERLEAU of Standish, PRINGLE of Windham, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SINCLAIR of Bath, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE

of Carmel, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WALKER of Naples, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville), the following Joint Resolution: S.P. 910

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF
THE TRAGIC MASS SHOOTING IN LEWISTON ON OCTOBER
25, 2023**

WHEREAS, the senseless mass shooting at Just-In-Time Recreation and Schemengees Bar & Grille in Lewiston, Maine resulted in the tragic deaths of 18 innocent people; and

WHEREAS, a number of people were injured and in critical condition as a result of the attack; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lewiston and the surrounding communities continue to mourn the deceased and to support the injured, family members, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the tragic incident marked the 17th mass shooting in the United States in the month of October 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS, it is the deadliest mass shooting in Maine history; and

WHEREAS, residents across the State continue to feel the emotional and psychological toll of the mass shooting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, wish to reaffirm our sympathies to the victims of this terrible tragedy as well as all of their family and friends and all those across the State and Nation who have been affected by this event.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Request permission to speak.

The **PRESIDENT:** So moved.

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President, and Colleagues of the Senate. First, I'd like to thank the Lewiston High School chorus for its beautiful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner, and I would like to thank the Reverend Sarah Gillespie of Androscoggin Homecare and Hospice in Lewiston for her healing words. Lewiston is a wonderful, diverse, and vibrant community. It's a place I've been proud to call home for more than 45 years. Those of us who live there know what a very special place it is. However, on October 25th, our city transformed overnight. In a matter of minutes, a city normally so full of life and light became a community in mourning as we were forced to grapple with unimaginable heartache and profound grief. Our sense of safety

and security shattered by a horrific act of mass violence. Eighteen Mainers lost their lives that night. Lives unjustly and violently cut short. They were our friends, our neighbors, our loved ones. The eulogies for these good people were full of praise for them and for the things that made them special. They were kind, loving, and courageous. Some were veterans who had served our country. Some were mentors and coaches to young people. Some enjoyed spending time socializing with friends, playing cornhole, or bowling on a team after a long day at work. Many were devoted fans of the Celtics, Red Sox, and Patriots. They were proud parents and grandparents. They were sons and daughters, spouses, and co-workers. They all loved their families and friends deeply, and they were adored and loved deeply by their family and friends in return. It's been three months since the devastating attack in Lewiston. The world may have moved on, but for the people of Lewiston, the surrounding communities, and many in Maine, the healing is just beginning. The pain, the trauma, and the anguish remain for many. We are living the advice of Reverend Sarah Gillespie, who reminded us at the time that we need to stay strong, stay kind, and stick together. Once again, Lewiston is demonstrating what an extremely resilient, strong, and caring community it is. As we have in the past when faced with tragedy, we will emerge stronger than ever. So, today, on the first day of the Second Regular Session, I offer this Joint Resolution on behalf of almost the entire Legislature to honor the memories of the 18 Mainers killed in the Lewiston mass shooting. This Joint Resolution represents our shared grief and compassion for our Maine neighbors, who with broken hearts and lives must now manage the new absences in their lives. It's my hope that this Resolution also represents our commitment to ensure this tragedy is not forgotten, remembering that we truly honor those we have lost by coming together and making a difference in the world. Words we were reminded of after the tragedy by Kevin Bohlin of the deaf community, a community which lost so many of its beloved in the mass shooting. So, let us thank all the first responders, members of law enforcement, and health professionals who responded so bravely and quickly to this devastating attack on our community. Let us give thanks to the heroic efforts of our healthcare providers who cared for the injured, enabling some of those who were shot that night to survive. And let us give thanks for the skilled and dedicated mental health professionals who are helping to heal the invisible wounds that so many carry. Before I close, I want to take a moment to read the names of those lost into the legislative record: Tricia Asselin, Billy Brackett, Peyton Brewer-Ross, Thomas Conrad, Michael Deslauriers, Maxx Hathaway, Bryan McFarlane, Keith Macneir, Ronald Morin, Joshua Seal, Arthur Strout, Bob and Lucy Violette, Stephen Vozzella, Jason Walker, Joe Walker, Bill and Aaron Young. Let us observe a moment of silence, remembering and honoring the lives of the 18 people who were lost that night, and letting their families and friends and the survivors know that they are in our thoughts and hearts always. They and their loved lost ones will never be forgotten. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate observed a moment of silence, remembrance, and prayer for victims of the tragic mass shooting in Lewiston.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

ORDERS

Joint Order

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 912

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill, "An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag," H.P. 54, L.D. 86, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the Senate.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Request permission to pose a question through the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: So moved.

Senator **BENNETT:** I would like to -- to anyone who can respond what the rationale would be to take this measure back from the Governor's desk.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would try and answer that. When we ended last session, the Governor chose to hold this bill. It's on her desk now. From what I understand, because we were late in ending last session, it pushed the time period of this bill going onto the election from 2023 to 2024, and because 2024 is an election year for all of us, the President, Congress people, and all that, the Secretary of State feels that they may need considerably more resources. So, the idea was to recall the bill from the Governor's desk and then put it on the Appropriations Table to look at what the costs were because they feel strongly that they have changed from 2023 to the ballot in 2024. The other thing I would bring up is that we won't be back in three days' time, so that bill -- if the Legislature opened it up today, that bill would be vetoed simply by the fact that we won't be back in time to pull it off the Governor's desk if we don't do it today.

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

Senator **BENNETT:** Mr. President, it occurs to me that referendums are likely to be held on -- particularly on an even-

numbered year. The bill carries a fiscal note for \$172,000, possibly, the usual fiscal note for a referenda that appear. I don't understand what different actions the Appropriations Committee may take on this matter to amend the fiscal note and what would be appropriate to amend the fiscal note if we did send it back to that process. So, on that basis, I don't support this at the present time. Thank you, Mr. President, and I request a division.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would reply that in odd-number years typically there's not as much to go before the citizens. In even-number years, sometimes there can be as much as two ballots. And if it's two ballots, obviously more cost, all that stuff. So, the nuts and bolts of that, obviously, would be decided in Appropriations, which you're obviously having the opportunity to, but again, it comes down to either pull it off, send it to Appropriations so we can get those numbers, or the bill will effectively die because it will be pocket vetoed before we get back in next Tuesday.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say that since this was passed by this and the other body last year, I know that there's been a lot of excitement I've heard from constituents in my district about the opportunity to vote on this measure in the upcoming November election. So, hearing the explanation from the Senate President, I will support the underlying motion as a show of good faith, but I hope that -- I know this was something that did unify the -- well, mostly unified the body last session, and I hope that we do see this through to meet the expectations of our constituents and get this on the ballot in November. Thank you.

At the request of Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford a Division was had. 23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, the Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative TERRY of Gorham, informing the Senate that a quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 868

**MAINE SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

December 11, 2023

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
131st Legislature

Hon. Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
131st Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Madam Speaker:

On December 11, 2023, 20 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 11, 2023, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey a Parcel of Land in the Town of Woodstock (S.P. 861) (L.D. 2033) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Land for Maine's Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees" (S.P. 866) (L.D. 2038) (Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship" (S.P. 849) (L.D. 2021) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Emergency Activities and Structure Elevation Increases in Flood Zones from Permit Requirements Under the Natural Resources Protection Act" (S.P. 858) (L.D. 2030) (Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and the Natural Resources Protection Act" (S.P. 862) (L.D. 2034) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption" (S.P. 864) (L.D. 2036) (Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations" (S.P. 865) (L.D. 2037) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Updates to the Maine Uniform Securities Act" (S.P. 848) (L.D. 2020) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine to Allow for the Addition of a Proxy Designee" (S.P. 867) (L.D. 2039) (Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate" (S.P. 863) (L.D. 2035) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Elections of Collective Bargaining Agents for Certain Public Employees" (S.P. 860) (L.D. 2032) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders" (S.P. 853) (L.D. 2025) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses" (S.P. 854) (L.D. 2026) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (BY REQUEST) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding License Suspensions Carried out by the Commissioner of Marine Resources" (S.P. 857) (L.D. 2029) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws" (S.P. 859) (L.D. 2031) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 850) (L.D. 2022) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws" (S.P. 851) (L.D. 2023) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (S.P. 852) (L.D. 2024) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 855) (L.D. 2027) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset and Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws" (S.P. 856) (L.D. 2028) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

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: S.P. 874

**MAINE SENATE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

December 20, 2023

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
131st Legislature

Hon. Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
131st Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Madam Speaker:

On December 20, 2023, 5 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 20, 2023, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 872) (L.D. 2071) (Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York) (Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, LOOKNER of Portland, NEWMAN of Belgrade, ARDELL of Monticello, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

State and Local Government

Resolve, to Adopt Conceptual Elements of the 2023 Augusta State Facilities Master Plan (S.P. 869) (L.D. 2068) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles" (S.P. 873) (L.D. 2072) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Amend the Ownership Disclosure Requirements for Applicants for Liquor Licenses and Certificates of Approval" (S.P. 870) (L.D. 2069) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act to Implement a Facility-based Monitoring System for Slot Machines" (S.P. 871) (L.D. 2070) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

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: S.C. 661

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

August 10, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 915, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services, effective the date of this letter.

Senator Jill Duson
Senator Joe Baldacci
Senator Marianne Moore
Rob Moran
Allina Diaz

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 662

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

August 10, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 976, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Senator Henry Ingwersen to the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication

Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients, effective the date of this letter.
Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 663

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

August 10, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1029, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint David Greenham to the Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States, effective the date of this letter. Mr. Greenham will be serving as one member representing a statewide organization that promotes arts and culture in the State.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 664

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

August 17, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1722, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities:

Senator Peggy Rotundo
Senator Rick Bennett
Alexandra Carter
Elsie Flemings
Barbara Crowley
Yvonne Jonk

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 665

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

August 29, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1200, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Senator Nangle to the Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families. Senator Nangle will be serving as one Senator serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This appointment is effective October 25, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 666

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

September 6, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 937, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine:

Senator Donna Bailey
Senator Chip Curry
Tim Terranova
Sally Weiss
Sally Sutton
David Ngandu

These appointments are effective the date of this confirmation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 670

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

September 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to appoint Senator Rick Bennett and Senator Mike Tipping to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, representing two members of the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 671

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

September 20, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1264, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education:

Senator Teresa Pierce
Senator Jim Libby
Amy Johnson, PhD
Jeff Godin
Victoria Kornfield
Mara Tieken, PhD

These appointments are effective October 25, 2023. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 675

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

September 18, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1283, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System:

Senator Joe Rafferty
Senator Jim Libby
Rob Callahan
David Keaton
Tom Danilyk

These appointments are effective the date of this confirmation. An additional appointment of a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry will be forthcoming. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 677

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

September 21, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to appoint Jason Shedlock to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations, effective the date of this letter. He will serve as a representative of organized labor with expertise in labor rights and working conditions.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 678

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

September 26, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1701, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State:

Senator Chip Curry
Senator Brad Farrin
Scott Dow
Joseph Kellner
Kevin Howell

These appointments are effective the date of this confirmation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 679

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

September 27, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1597, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission:

Senate President Troy Jackson
Senator Brad Farrin
Don Page
David Donovan
Jan McColm

These appointments are effective October 25, 2023. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 680

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

September 25, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1795, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients:

Senator Donna Bailey
Kate Ende
Kristine Ossenfort
Maureen Hensley-Quinn

These appointments are effective October 25, 2023. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 681

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

September 27, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I have re-appointed the following individuals to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women:

Jill Barkley, seat 9
Jennifer Willey, seat 11
Darylen Cote, seat 12

Additionally, I have appointed Kieta Whitten, seat 10. This is her first term.

These appointments are effective the date of this confirmation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 682

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

September 29, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-C, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the Cannabis Advisory Commission, effective the date of this letter:

John Risler
Arleigh Krauss

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 683

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

September 29, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1283, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed Bobby Burr to the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System. He will be serving as one member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry, effective the date of this communication.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 684

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

September 29, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1799, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to The Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education:

Senator Eloise Vitelli
Senator Jim Libby
Christine Frost Bertinet
Melissa Harding
Chrissie Davis
Sue Powers

These appointments are effective October 25, 2023. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 685

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

September 29, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1701, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed Robert Chase to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State. With this appointment, he will be serving as one member who is employed or a volunteer in the field of emergency medical services representing a community of 10,000 residents or more, effective the date of this confirmation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 692

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

October 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1283, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed Anthony Sirois to the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System. He will be serving as one member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry, effective the date of this communication.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 698

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

October 17, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1622, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed the following individuals to the Criminal Records Review Committee:

Senator Donna Bailey
Senator Eric Brakey
Anna Welch
Jason Parent
Andrea Mancuso
Courtney Gary-Allen
Joseph Jackson

Dan MacLeod

These appointments are effective October 25, 2023. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 712

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

November 1, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 937, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed myself to the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine, replacing Senator Chip Curry of Waldo County effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 713

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

November 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1622, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I have appointed Foster Bates to the Criminal Records Review Committee effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 715

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

December 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1029, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Marcia Minter to the Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States, effective the date of this letter. She will be serving as a representative of a statewide organization that promotes arts and culture in the State.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 727

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

November 16, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Rachel Talbot-Ross to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations, effective the date of this letter. She will serve as a representative of a statewide organization promoting civil rights that has racial justice or racial equity as its primary mission.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 728

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

November 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint James Myall to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations, effective the date of this letter. He will serve as a representative of an economic policy organization or other data-focused organization. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 729

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

AUGUSTA, MAINE

November 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Deb Ibonwa to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations, effective the date of this letter. She will be serving as a representative of an organization with expertise in legal and policy matters related to public benefit programs that assists individuals with low incomes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 730

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

November 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Marcelle Medford to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations, effective the date of this letter. She will be serving as a faculty member of a college or university in this State specializing in the history, the culture or the civil and human rights of historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous and tribal populations. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 731

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

November 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, Chapter 631-A, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint Jason Shedlock to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations, effective the date of this letter. He will serve as a representative of organized labor with expertise in labor rights and working conditions.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 739

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

December 19, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, §272, I am pleased to appoint Julia MacDonald to seat number 3 on the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 743

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

November 27, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under LD 1029, finally passed in the 131st Legislature, I am pleased to appoint Abbe Levin to the Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States, effective the date of this letter. She will be serving as a representative of a statewide organization to promote tourism in the State.

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

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 667

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

September 7, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve, Chapter 98, I have appointed the following to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services:

Representative Margaret Craven of Lewiston as House Chair
Representative Daniel Shagoury of Hallowell
Representative Kathy Javner of Chester
Mr. Carl Toney of Scarborough
Ms. Nancy Cronin of Augusta

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 668

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

September 7, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve, Chapter 92, I have appointed the following to the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System:

Representative Kelly Murphy of Scarborough as House Chair
Representative David Woodsome of North Waterboro
Ms. Julie Kenny of Bath
Mr. James Ford of Brunswick
Mr. Garrett Stewart of Portland
Dr. Terri Cooper of Kennebunk

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 669

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

September 12, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law Chapter 477, I have appointed the following to *The Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education*:

Honorable Travis Hasenfus of Readfield as House Chair
Honorable Amanda Collamore of Pittsfield
Mr. Joe Whitmore of Millinocket
Ms. Jordyn Rossignol of Caribou
Ms. Carla Kelly of Alfred

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 673

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

September 15, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 100, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improve the Health of Maine Communities*, effective immediately:

Honorable Anne Graham of North Yarmouth as House Chair
Honorable John Ducharme of Madison
Ms. Rebecca Boulos of Augusta
Honorable Linda Sanborn of Gorham
Mr. Keith Bisson of Brunswick
Ms. Liz Blackwell-Moore of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 674

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

September 15, 2023

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

The Following Communication: S.C. 672

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

September 15, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 93, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine*, effective immediately:

Honorable Kristi Mathieson of Kittery as House Chair
Honorable Samuel Zager of Portland
Dr. Rekha Goswami of Augusta
Dr. Bruno Salazar-Perea of Auburn
Honorable Richard Evans of Dover-Foxcroft
Ms. Mufala Chitam of Portland

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

3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 93, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State*, effective immediately:

Speaker of the House Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland as House Chair
Honorable Suzanne Salisbury of Westbrook
Honorable Scott Cyrway of Albion
Honorable Mark Blier of Buxton
Ms. Carrie Kipfer of Wiscasset
Mr. Michael Senecal of Farmington

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 676

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

September 22, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Part 4, Chapter 163 2001 through 2006, I have reappointed Sarah Haggerty of Falmouth to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this reappointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 686

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

October 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 99, I am pleased to appoint Beth-Anne Damon of Otisfield to the *Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 687

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

October 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 93, I am pleased to appoint Dr. Imad Durra of Cumberland to the *Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 688

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

October 5, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 93, I am pleased to appoint Dr. James W. Jarvis of Bangor to the *Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 689

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

October 10, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 102, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education*, effective immediately:

Honorable Rebecca Millett of Cape Elizabeth, as House Chair
Honorable Holly Sargent of York
Honorable Heidi Sampson of Alfred

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 690

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

October 10, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 103, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Criminal Records Review Committee*, effective immediately:

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland, as House Chair
Hannah Longley of Hallowell
Michael Kebede of Portland
Amanda Comeau of Portland
Jill Ward of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 691

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

October 13, 2023

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 103, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Criminal Records Review Committee*, effective immediately:

Honorable David Boyer of Poland
Melissa Martin of Augusta
Pedro Vazquez of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 693

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

October 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 631, §25002, I am pleased to reappoint the following to the *Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations*, effective immediately:

Bruce King of Brunswick
Amanda Comeau of Portland

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 694

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

October 17, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 103, I am pleased to appoint Tim Moore of Portland to the *Criminal Records Review Committee*, October 25, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 695

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

October 17, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 100, I am pleased to appoint Barbara Leonard of Winslow to the *Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improve the Health of Maine Communities*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 696

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

October 18, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 1, MRSA, Ch. 13, Subchapter 1, §411.2-K, I am pleased to appoint Tim Moore of Portland to the *Right to Know Advisory Committee*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 697

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

October 19, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 99, I am pleased to appoint Michael Hildreth of Indian Island to the *Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 701

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

October 24, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I rescind the appointment of Representative Walter Riseman of Harrison from the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans' and Legal Affairs, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 702

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

October 24, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I rescind the appointment of Representative Lynne Williams of Bar Harbor from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, effective immediately.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I appoint Representative Lynne Williams of Bar Harbor to the

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans' and Legal Affairs,
effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 703

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

October 24, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I appoint
Representative Lydia Crafts of Newcastle as House Chair of the
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, replacing
Representative Lynne Williams of Bar Harbor, effective
immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 704

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

October 25, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 95, I am
pleased to appoint the following to the *Gagetown Harmful
Chemical Study Commission*, effective immediately:

Hon. Ronald Russell of Verona Island as House Chair
Hon. Mark Babin of Fort Fairfield
Dana Michaud of Mapleton

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 705

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

October 30, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am
pleased to reappoint the Honorable John Martin of Eagle Lake to
the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, effective
immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 706

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

October 31, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve Chapter 97, I am pleased to appoint the Honorable Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the *Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 707

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

November 1, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 95, I am pleased to appoint Jim Gehring of Bridgewater to the *Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 708

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

AUGUSTA, MAINE

November 1, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 410, I am pleased to appoint Representative Poppy Arford of Brunswick to the *Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 709

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

November 2, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 477, I am pleased to appoint Heather Manchester of Norway to the *Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 710

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

November 3, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 95, I am pleased to appoint Karen St. Peter of Caribou to the *Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 711

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

November 3, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve, Chapter 107, I am pleased to appoint Jim McClymer of Glenburn to the *Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 714

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

November 3, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve, Chapter 107, I am pleased to appoint Indya Smith of Presque Isle to the *Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 716

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

November 7, 2023

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Senate Secretary
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have appointed Representative John "Jack" E. Ducharme III of Madison as the Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs replacing Republican Lead Representative Sawin H. Millett Jr. of Waterford, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 720

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

November 13, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I rescind the appointment of Representative Rebecca Millett of Cape Elizabeth from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 721

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

November 13, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I appoint Representative Holly Eaton of Deer Isle to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 722

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

November 14, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve, Chapter 97, I have appointed Sitara N. Sheikh of Farmingdale to the *Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients*, effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 723

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

November 13, 2023

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am appointing Representative David Sinclair of Bath to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 724

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

November 15, 2023

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing Representative Daniel Shagoury of Hallowell to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, effective immediately. Rep. Shagoury will fill in for Representative Mana Abdi of Lewiston during her absence. This appointment will expire at the end of the day on November 16, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 725

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

November 15, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves Chapter 126, I am pleased to appoint Julie Gray of Castine to the *Maine Semiquicentennial Commission*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 726

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

November 15, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 410, I am pleased to appoint Jeff Austin of Augusta to the *Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 732

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

AUGUSTA, MAINE

November 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 410, I am pleased to appoint Jess Maurer of Brunswick to the *Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 733

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

November 16, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following House members to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, effective immediately:

Honorable Raegan LaRochelle of Augusta
Honorable Mark John Blier of Buxton

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:
S.C. 734

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

November 17, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the Honorable Daniel Sayre of Kennebunk to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 735

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

November 20, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves Chapter 94, I have appoint Representative Daniel Ankeles of Brunswick to the *Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 736

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

November 20, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves Chapter 126, I am pleased to appoint Robin Talbot to the *Maine Semiquicentennial Commission*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 738

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

December 4, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolve, Chapter 102, I am pleased to appoint David Sorich of Blue Hill to the *Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 740

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

November 30, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves, Chapter 102, I am pleased to appoint Michael Cato of Brunswick to the *Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education*, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 741

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

November 28, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 410, I am pleased to appoint Mark Souders of Waterville to the *Task Force*

to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 742

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

November 29, 2023

The Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am temporarily appointing myself, Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, effective immediately. This appointment will expire at the end of the day on November 29, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 763

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

December 20, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Diane L. Dunn of Rome (USA-R) as the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Diane L. Dunn (USA-R) of Rome for appointment as the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Pursuant to Title 37-B, MRSA §3, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine 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. 766

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 2, 2024

Honorable Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

The following is a summary of the results of the November 7, 2023 Referendum Election, which were submitted to the Governor on November 27, 2023.

Question 1: Citizen's Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor	260,670
Number of Votes Opposed	137,478

Question 2: Citizen's Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor	348,781
Number of Votes Opposed	55,226

Question 3: Citizen's Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor	122,961
Number of Votes Opposed	283,401

Question 4: Citizen's Initiative

Number of Votes in Favor	341,574
Number of Votes Opposed	63,208

Question 5: Constitutional Amendment

Number of Votes in Favor	227,602
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Number of Votes Opposed 166,876

Question 6: Constitutional Amendment

Number of Votes in Favor 289,818

Number of Votes Opposed 107,466

Question 7: Constitutional Amendment

Number of Votes in Favor 122,646

Number of Votes Opposed 269,699

Question 8: Constitutional Amendment

Number of Votes in Favor 184,063

Number of Votes Opposed 211,120

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 762

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 11, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

131st Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Franklin County Commissioners on August 22, 2023:

Thomas Dubois of Salem Township

The County asks that this nomination be considered to fill the four-year term that ends on August 20, 2027, which is scheduled to be filled by Franklin County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA 683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Suzanne Gresser

Executive Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 744

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

August 15, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House

131st Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

88 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

54 Unanimous Reports

20 Ought Not To Pass

2 Ought To Pass

31 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Referred to Another Committee

11 Divided Reports

13 Carried Over

9 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Henry Ingwersen

Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 745

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

August 15, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House

131st Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

34 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

9	Unanimous Reports
4	Ought Not To Pass
4	Ought To Pass As Amended
1	Referred to Another Committee

2 Divided Reports

23 Carried Over

Sincerely,

S/Margaret Rotundo
Senate Chair

S/Melanie Sachs
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 746

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

124 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

45	Unanimous Reports
17	Ought Not To Pass
1	Ought To Pass
25	Ought To Pass As Amended
2	Referred to Another Committee

57 Divided Reports

3 Leave to Withdraw

16	Carried Over
2	Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Pinny Beebe-Center
Senate Chair

S/Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 747

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

195 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

83	Unanimous Reports
48	Ought Not To Pass
2	Ought To Pass
33	Ought To Pass As Amended

80 Divided Reports

2	Leave to Withdraw
12	Carried Over
17	Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Joseph Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 749

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

106 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

42 Unanimous Reports
16 Ought Not To Pass
4 Ought To Pass
21 Ought To Pass As Amended
1 Referred to Another Committee

38 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw
19 Carried Over
5 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/St Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 748

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

84 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

47 Unanimous Reports
25 Ought Not To Pass
6 Ought To Pass
16 Ought To Pass As Amended

18 Divided Reports

5 Leave to Withdraw
11 Carried Over
1 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 751

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

256 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

166 Unanimous Reports
67 Ought Not To Pass
19 Ought To Pass
76 Ought To Pass As Amended
4 Referred to Another Committee

41 Divided Reports

16 Leave to Withdraw
33 Carried Over

Sincerely,

S/Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Michele Meyer
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 750

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

136 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

69 Unanimous Reports
34 Ought Not To Pass
4 Ought To Pass
31 Ought To Pass As Amended

39 Divided Reports

4 Leave to Withdraw
20 Carried Over
4 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 752

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Housing during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

58 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

22 Unanimous Reports
12 Ought Not To Pass
1 Ought To Pass
9 Ought To Pass As Amended

8 Divided Reports

6 Leave to Withdraw
22 Carried Over

Sincerely,

S/Teresa Pierce
Senate Chair

S/Traci Gere
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 754

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the

131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 71 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers
- 45 Unanimous Reports
23 Ought Not To Pass
3 Ought To Pass
18 Ought To Pass As Amended
1 Referred to Another Committee
- 16 Divided Reports
- 8 Carried Over
2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/David LaFountain
Senate Chair

S/H. Scott Landry, Jr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 753

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 92 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers
- 38 Unanimous Reports
15 Ought Not To Pass
4 Ought To Pass
19 Ought To Pass As Amended
- 14 Divided Reports
17 Carried Over
23 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Glenn "Chip" Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 755

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

203 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

- 52 Unanimous Reports
33 Ought Not To Pass
2 Ought To Pass
15 Ought To Pass As Amended
2 Referred to Another Committee
- 101 Divided Reports
- 4 Leave to Withdraw
26 Carried Over
19 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Anne M. Carney
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 756

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

129 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

41 Unanimous Reports
19 Ought Not To Pass
7 Ought To Pass
13 Ought To Pass As Amended
2 Referred to Another Committee

51 Divided Reports

3 Leave to Withdraw
17 Carried Over
17 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy J. Roeder
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 757

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

26 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

14 Unanimous Reports
7 Ought Not To Pass
7 Ought To Pass As Amended

2 Divided Reports

3 Leave to Withdraw
5 Carried Over

Sincerely,

S/Cameron Reny
Senate Chair

S/Allison Hepler
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 758

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

116 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

50 Unanimous Reports
23 Ought Not To Pass
8 Ought To Pass
18 Ought To Pass As Amended
1 Referred to Another Committee

43 Divided Reports

- 1 Leave to Withdraw
- 16 Carried Over
- 6 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Holly B. Stover
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 759

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

149 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

- 63 Unanimous Reports
 - 45 Ought Not To Pass
 - 2 Ought To Pass
 - 15 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee

44 Divided Reports

- 1 Leave to Withdraw
- 38 Carried Over
- 2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Joseph C. Perry, Sr.
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 760

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

137 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

- 95 Unanimous Reports
 - 51 Ought Not To Pass
 - 12 Ought To Pass
 - 32 Ought To Pass As Amended

19 Divided Reports

- 6 Leave to Withdraw
- 14 Carried Over
- 2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Benjamin M. Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Lynne A. Williams
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 761

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

August 15, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

145 Total Numbers of Bills and Papers

60 Unanimous Reports
27 Ought Not To Pass
3 Ought To Pass
30 Ought To Pass As Amended

49 Divided Reports

7 Leave to Withdraw
24 Carried Over
2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Sincerely,

S/Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Laura D. Supica
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 718

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

November 08, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 1830 An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler
Senate Chair House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 660

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**

June 28, 2023

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council for the 131st Legislature;

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of the State of Maine

I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Reports for the periods January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, and July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA
State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 699

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

August 29, 2023

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

In accordance with Title 37-B M.R.S. § 154, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Biennial Report regarding planned expenditures from the Capital Repair, Maintenance, Construction, and Acquisition Account from within the Military Bureau.

The Report outlines the location, nature and total cost of each project or land acquisition for which we plan to spend less than \$500,000 due to federal grant matching funds. If the list

changes or additional funds become available, we'll update the report. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or Deputy Commissioner Scott Young at scott.a.young@maine.gov or 207-430-5997.

Respectfully,

S/Major General Douglas A. Farnham
Commissioner and Adjutant General

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 700

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

October 5, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to Section 3.30, MRSA, Section A-5, it is my pleasure to transmit a copy of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Filing of Certification with an accompanying Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council's Tribal Resolution number 08-16-2023-04 to you.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

Enclosure

**CHIEF EDWARD PETER PAUL
MI'KMAQ NATION**

August 16, 2023

Office of the Secretary
Shenna Bellows
148 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0148

RE: Aroostook Band of Micmacs Filing of Certification

Dear Secretary Bellows:

Pursuant to Sec.3.30 MRSA c. 603, Section A-5. Contingent effective date., of the recently enacted Legislation entitled the "Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act, the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council hereby certifies that it has agreed to the provisions of Part A. of said Act.

Accordingly, please find the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council's Tribal Resolution. 08-16-2023-04, so stating.

If you should have any questions, then please feel free to contact Mr. Craig Sanborn, Esq. at (207) 764- 1972 ext. 603

Respectfully,

S/Edward Peter Paul, Tribal Chief
The Mi'kmaq Nation

**THE MICMAC TRIBAL COUNCIL
THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MI'KMAQ NATION
Formerly: AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS**

**RESOLUTION # 08-16-2023-04
(The Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act)**

WHEREAS, the Mi'kmaq Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 102-171, and eligible to participate in federal, state, and local contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS the Mi'kmaq Nation has an elected governing body formerly known as the Aroostook Micmac Council and now under the name Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council and which is empowered to act on behalf of the members of the Mi'kmaq Nation; and

WHEREAS the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council previously refused to certify An Act to Implement the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Sec. A-1. PL1989 L.D. 272, as presented to and adopted by the One Hundred and Fourteenth Maine State Legislature for passage in 1989; and

WHEREAS the Mi'kmaq Nation, on February 17th, 2016 resolved and directed the Tribal Chief, the Honorable Chief Edward Peter Paul to reenter negotiations with the State of Maine to determine other terms and provisions of said proposed Act that it and the People of the Great Mi'kmaq Nation can consent to; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Chief Edward Peter Paul did successfully enter into negotiations with the State of Maine and together built "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nation," also known as "The Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act;" and

WHEREAS The State of Maine One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature repealed Sec. A-1. PL1989, c148, §3, the former L.D. 272, and enacted in its place, the Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act," at Sec.3,30 MRSA c.603, L.D. 1620, which the Governor of Maine, Janet Mills, signed into law on June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS The Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act also requires the written certification and consent by the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council that the Mi'kmaq Nation has agreed to said Act; and

WHEREAS under tribal law, The Mi'kmaq Nation held a duly called and publicly held tribal council meeting where the People of

the Mi'kmaq Nation debated the issue of consenting to the terms of The Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the People and Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council after debate and consideration hereby consent and accept the terms of The Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act, and direct the Honorable Chief, Edward Peter Paul; Tribal Secretary, Christina Donnelly; and Tribal Clerk, Teresita Hamel, to deliver this duly executed Tribal Council Resolution to Maine Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, and the Revisor of Statutes.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Tribal Council of the Mi'kmaq Nation consisting of nine (9) members inclusive of the Tribal Chief, of which 9 were present, do hereby certify that on this 16th day of August 2023, this resolution was duly adopted by a majority vote.

S/Edward Peter-Paul
Tribal Chief

S/Richard Silliboy
Vice Chief

S/Naomi Paul
Tribal Treasurer

S/Christina Donnelly
Tribal Secretary

Initiated By:

S/Craig T. Sanborn, Esq
Tribal Attorney

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 717

MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AUGUSTA, MAINE

September 11, 2023

The Honorable Janet Mills, Governor
The Honorable Troy Jackson, President of the Maine Senate
The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives
State House,
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Mills, President Jackson, and Speaker Talbot Ross:

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff of the Maine Human Rights Commission ("Commission"), we are pleased to present you with our agency's Fiscal Year 2023 {"FY 2023"} Annual Report.

After two very long years in which COVID-19 seemed to dominate our collective lives, in FY 2023 the State of Maine and its government began to emerge from pandemic mode. Some operational changes the Commission adopted during the pandemic appear likely to endure (much Commission complaint-filing and pleading now is done electronically, and our agency investigations and mediations are conducted mostly remotely), while some continue to evolve (public hearings and outreach events returning to in-person or hybrid formats), so the new "normal" for Commission matters continues to evolve. With so much change in the air, the Commission continued in FY 2023 to uphold our statutory charge to enforce Maine's anti-discrimination laws. A few highlights are as follows:

- The Commission received 683 new complaints in FY 2023, up from the prior year's 614.
- Of new complaints filed, 57% were based on employment, 21% were based on housing, 16% were based on public accommodations, and 2% were based on education.¹
- Investigators wrote reports after completed investigations in approximately 166 cases during FY 2023.
- Commissioners found"
- The Commission closed 654 cases in FY 2023.
- At the end of FY 2023, 789 cases remained pending, a slight increase in pending cases from the prior year.

The Commission continues to work to eliminate unlawful discrimination for all citizens of and visitors to Maine. We hope this report is of assistance, as our agency seeks to work closely with the Executive and Legislative branches as we jointly assure the citizens of Maine the protections afforded by the Maine Human Rights Act.

Sincerely,

S/Jefferson Ashby
Acting Commission Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 719

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE 94 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332

November 8, 2023

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President
Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Finance Authority of Maine's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report as required by M.R.S.A. § 974.

Please let me know if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

S/Carlos R. Mello
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 737

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

November 14, 2023

The Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to Public Law 369, Part B, Section B-3, MRSA §6209-A, sub-§6, it is my pleasure to transmit to you Resolution number 10242023 approving L.D. 1620 "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations".

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

Enclosure

**PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE
JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL
MOTAHKOMIKUK AND SIPAYIK**

To Approve L.D. 1620, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations"

Resolution No. 10.24.2023

WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Joint Tribal Council ("JTC") is the governing body of the Passamaquoddy Tribe ("Tribe"); and

WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Joint Tribal Council is comprised of officials elected to engage in activities to promote the general welfare of the Tribe and its enrolled members; and

WHEREAS the Maine Legislature recently approved and the Maine Governor recently signed L.D. 1620, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations"; and

WHEREAS L.D. 1620 contains language, which would ensure that all the federally recognized Wabanaki Nations, including the Passamaquoddy Tribe exercises the same level of criminal jurisdiction over their citizens and the citizens of other federally recognized Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, provisions of L.D. 1620 related to the Passamaquoddy Tribe will not take effect unless the Secretary of the State of Maine (the "Secretary") receives written certification that the Tribe has agreed to the provisions of L.D. 1620 within 60 days of when the First Special Session of the 131th Maine State Legislature adjourned;

WHEREAS, the JTC has determined that is in the best interest of the Tribe to ensure that L.D. 1620 goes into effect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Tribal Council hereby approves, ratifies, and accepts An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Joint Tribal Council authorizes the Chiefs to take such actions as are necessary to ensure that the Tribe L.D. 1620 becomes effective.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 764

**STATE OF MAINE
CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN**

December 28, 2023

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

Re: 2023 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman

Dear Secretary Grant,

Enclosed please find 45 copies of the 2023 Annual Report of the Child Welfare Ombudsman to be distributed to members of the Maine Senate and staff. The Child Welfare Ombudsman is required to report to the Maine Legislature each year pursuant to 22 MRSA § 4087-A.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

S/Christine Alberi
Child Welfare Ombudsman

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 765

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 2, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Grant:
Please find enclosed certified copies of the Governor's proclamations and the official tabulation displaying the results from the November 7, 2023 Referendum Election.

A tabulation showing the results with municipal and county totals is posted on the Secretary of State's web site here:

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/results/results23.html>

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

Enclosures

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 886 L.D. 2093

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, STOVER of Boothbay.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers

S.P. 887 L.D. 2094

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CURRY of Waldo, FARRIN of Somerset, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Maintain State Police Rural Patrol Services at 2020 Staffing Levels" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 902 L.D. 2109

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Schools to Provide Instruction Regarding Prevention of the Illegal Use of Fentanyl and Other Drugs and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12 and to Establish Drug Poisoning Awareness Week"
S.P. 882 L.D. 2089

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, DUNPHY of Emden.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Regarding Department of Education Reliance on Criminal Background Checks Required by the Department of Health and Human Services"
S.P. 900 L.D. 2107

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy"
S.P. 885 L.D. 2092

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter and
Senators: CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook,
STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: CAMPBELL of
Orrington, DODGE of Belfast, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor,
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **TABLED** until Later in
Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science
and Mathematics Using the School Funding Formula Criteria"
S.P. 914 L.D. 2118

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: **RAFFERTY** of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **TABLED** until Later in
Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of
Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern
Maine Renewable Energy Development Program"
S.P. 880 L.D. 2087

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, NANGLE
of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Make Changes to Certain Laws Governing
Renewable Energy Projects"
S.P. 892 L.D. 2099

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District"
S.P. 897 L.D. 2104

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset
and Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CRAFTS
of Newcastle, HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Businesses' and Consumers' Use of
Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food,
Beverages and Nonfood Items"
S.P. 884 L.D. 2091

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec,
VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: OSHER of Orono,
RUSSELL of Verona Island.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health
Services Providers and Housing Assistance Providers"
(EMERGENCY)
S.P. 875 L.D. 2082

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin,
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARLOW of
Buxton, MATLACK of St. George, SALISBURY of Westbrook,
SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Resolve, to Establish the Stakeholder Group to Ensure Timely
Access to Medication Management Across the State
(EMERGENCY)
S.P. 876 L.D. 2083

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York,
MOORE of Washington, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin,

Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, OSHER of Orono, STOVER of Boothbay.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs"
S.P. 888 L.D. 2095

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: MEYER of Eliot.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Staffing Crisis in the Child Protective Services System (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 890 L.D. 2097

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: FAY of Raymond, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MILLETT of Waterford, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 893 L.D. 2100

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 898 L.D. 2105

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Nonopioid, Nonnarcotic Medication for Acute Pain Relief"
S.P. 889 L.D. 2096

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay and Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensing of Payroll Processors"
S.P. 903 L.D. 2110

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Replace the Money Transmitters Act"
S.P. 905 L.D. 2112

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by a Federal Shutdown" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 906 L.D. 2113

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: PERRY of Calais.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Improve Patient Access to and Savings from Generic Drugs and Biosimilars"
S.P. 907 L.D. 2114

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CYRWAY of Albion, DODGE of Belfast, PRINGLE of Windham, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Requiring Health Care Providers to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt"
S.P. 908 L.D. 2115

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BAILEY of York, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes"
S.P. 877 L.D. 2084

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RIELLY of Westbrook.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 878 L.D. 2085

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms"
S.P. 879 L.D. 2086

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities"
S.P. 883 L.D. 2090

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan and Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.
Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence by Amending the Law Regarding Proximity Restrictions in Final Protection from Abuse Orders"
S.P. 896 L.D. 2103

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CARNEY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: SARGENT of York, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.
Bill "An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 894 L.D. 2101

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CARNEY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BELL of Yarmouth, LANDRY of Farmington.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 895 L.D. 2102

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Accelerate the Production of Affordable Housing and Strengthen the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit"
S.P. 899 L.D. 2106

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MILLETT of Waterford, PERRY of Bangor.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Timeline for Property Tax Abatement Based on Hardship or Poverty"
S.P. 904 L.D. 2111

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Multiple Special Designating Plates for Certain Disabled Veterans"
S.P. 891 L.D. 2098

Presented by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, KEIM of Oxford, NANGLE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, O'CONNELL of Brewer, WHITE of Waterville.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Require Flame-retardant Seats on New School Buses"
S.P. 909 L.D. 2116

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Change the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in Certain Municipalities"
S.P. 881 L.D. 2088

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: SUPICA of Bangor.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Charitable Organization Gaming Laws"
S.P. 901 L.D. 2108

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing"
S.P. 913 L.D. 2117

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 911

**JOINT RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE LEGISLATURE'S SUPPORT FOR
A RESEARCH PROJECT TO ANALYZE THE USE OF
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES IN ADULT DRUG
TREATMENT COURT
IN PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 6**

WHEREAS, numerous studies and experiences have shown that restorative justice is a valuable tool in addressing substance use disorder and other mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections has entered into contracts totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars with restorative justice organizations to address juvenile offenses, many of which involve substance use; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Martin of the Wiscasset District Court has employed restorative justice practices in the Region 6 Adult Drug Treatment Court, which serves Knox County, Waldo County, Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County; and

WHEREAS, the success of Judge Martin's use of restorative justice practices has drawn the interest of 2 restorative justice professors at the Vermont Law and Graduate School, who with other practitioners have begun planning a research project to create a statewide model for Maine from Judge Martin's protocols; and

WHEREAS, funding for the 3-year research project has already been obtained; and

WHEREAS, this research project may show that restorative justice offers bright hope for the State's overcrowded courts, jails and prisons; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to strongly express our support for the research project being planned by Marc Wennberg and Robert Sand of the Vermont Law and Graduate School, and we look forward to the findings they will present to the joint standing committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters upon completion of the project.

READ and **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 846

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and **PASSED**.

Ordered sent down for concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 11:15 in the morning.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **MOORE** of Washington 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
