

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 14, 2024

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Matthew G. Pouliot of Kennebec County.

Prayer by Reverend Chad Poland of All Souls Congregational Church in Bangor.

REVEREND CHAD POLAND: I invite you into the spirit of prayer. God of all nations, tongues, and races, creator of all that was, that is, that is to come, in awe and wonder, we approach you in prayer. Receive us with grace and respond in wisdom and power to our petitions. May we discern your hand at work in and through our lives, your presence in our midst. We acknowledge before you that throughout history there have been those in positions of leadership. We give thanks that in our own place and time, such positions come not by might nor inheritance, but by the voice of the people. And so, we pray first not just for those gathered here, but for the whole electorate of which we are but a part. Grant to us all discerning minds. Renew in us the commitment to educate ourselves that we might exercise our rights responsibly. Keep us as a people from being tossed to and fro by petty disputes played out in the public sphere. Shield us from carefully constructed rhetoric that seeks to exploit or control. Help us to see past hollow promises to the substance and character of those who come before us. May we lift up those best fit for leadership, and in so doing, preserve our democracy for generations to come. We give thanks for those who answer the call, for those who dare to serve. Leadership is not for the faint of heart, and so I do pray now for all those leaders gathered here, that you would uphold them. Encourage them with each new day that their commitment to the people, to what is good and right and true, would not wane. I pray for their families who support them, who endure their absences and demanding schedules. I pray for their relationships together, for their health as a deliberative body. We are quick to divide ourselves, Oh, God, one party against another, one view against another, but may the focus always be the discussion of ideas, not the disparagement of any. Keep those who lead mindful of whom they serve and of the humanity shared by all. Grant to them patience, a willingness to listen more than they speak, to truly understand perspectives other than their own. Preserve in them a maturity of character that they might conduct themselves always with dignity and grace, intellectual integrity, that they might change their minds when the facts demand it, and a spirit of humility, that through compromise some measure of good might always be accomplished rather than none. We pray for ourselves, for the people of this state, for the leaders in our midst, but we pray as well, dear God, for all near and far who suffer and struggle, for the isolated and alone, for those wrestling with grief and despair, for those living in poverty, who hunger and thirst, for those living in homelessness, with substance use disorder, with mental illness. We pray for those who live in the fear of violence, some in their own homes, some

caught up in the madness of war. Lead us toward a world in which justice abounds, and may peace find a way, oh, Lord. You promise a world set right, trusting in you. May we do our part and run out to meet it. Bless those that lead and those whom they serve. Bless our state and nation, bless our world, and all those in it. To you, oh Holy God, we humbly pray. Amen.

National Anthem Performed by Skowhegan Middle School Band.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Peter A. Lyford of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Medical Provider of the Day, Jodie Hermann, DO of Bowdoinham.

Off Record Remarks

The Following Communication: S.C. 1005

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

March 13, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, please be advised that I appoint the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot, to serve as President Pro Tem to convene the Senate on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1403 L.D. 2189
(C "A" H-776)

In Senate, March 12, 2024, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-776)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-776) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-785)**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Regarding the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund
S.P. 810 L.D. 1981

In Senate, March 12, 2024, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-544) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-557)** thereto.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-544)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act to Transfer the Arch Hangar at the Former Loring Air Force Base to the Loring Air Museum
S.P. 823 L.D. 1998

In Senate, March 12, 2024, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-561)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook moved the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**.

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

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **BAILEY**, and the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **LAFOUNTAIN**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **TIPPING**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#589)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT PRO TEM POULIOT

NAYS: Senators: BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, JACKSON, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, VITELLI

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, LAFOUNTAIN, TIPPING

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **RECEDE** and **CONCUR**, **FAILED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Emerson Morris of Charlotte, who earned the distinction of being named salutatorian of the 2024 graduating class of Washington academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 877

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Dakoda Davis of East Machias, who has earned the distinction of being named valedictorian of the 2024 graduating class of Washington academy. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 878

Sponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

The Joint Orders were **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair will recognize the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator MOORE: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I rise today to recognize two fantastic young people from my district; Dakoda Davis and Emerson Morris. Dakoda was named valedictorian and Emerson salutatorian of Washington Academy of the 2024 graduating class. I want to tell you a little bit about both of them. Emerson Morris is an incredible young woman. She is the president of the National Honor Society and a Co-President of the Student Council. She maintained the distinction of High Honors throughout her time at Washington Academy and received an award for being an outstanding student in pre-calculus. She is a member of the NRECA Youth Leadership Council and a commended National Merit Scholar, where she serves as a Washington County ambassador. Like Dakoda, she participated in the Cohen Leadership Program at the University of Maine, and she was the Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative Maine delegate. On top of her impressive Academy record, Emerson is a four-year member of the varsity soccer team and was awarded the Defensive Player of the Year her junior year. She has been a member of the track and field team for three years. Emerson is planning to pursue a career in nursing. Now, Dakoda Davis is the grandson of our colleague in the other Body, Representative Bucket Davis. He is very well-rounded and an involved student leader at Washington Academy as well. He serves as the Class President, the Student Council Co-President, and has been a member -- a three-year member of the National Honor Society, and has achieved High Honors throughout his time at Washington Academy, where he serves as an ambassador. In September, it was announced that Dakoda is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Dakoda was one of only two Washington County students chosen to participate in the Consider Engineering Program at the University of Maine in Orono. He also attended the university's Cohen Institute High School Leadership Program, honing his leadership skills and passion for civics. Showing an early interest in civics, when he was in middle school, he urged his State Representative Will Tuell to submit legislation to increase youth engagement in hunting. His efforts were so convincing, that the Legislature enacted, and the Governor signed the bill into law, An Act to Establish a Thanksgiving Youth Turkey Hunting Season. On top of his accomplishments in the classroom and the Legislature, Dakoda is a great runner on the cross-country and track teams, and a four-year Raider athlete. Next fall, Dakoda plans to attend the University of Maine at Orono, pursuing an engineering degree. I wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavors. I know they will make Washington County proud.

The Joint Orders were **PASSED**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Dakoda Davis, Emerson Morris, Sharon Davis, and Judson McBrine of Washington Academy. They are the guests today of the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore. Would the guests please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Off Record Remarks

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:
H.P. 1439

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2024 as Social Work Month; and be it further

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

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 988

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 19, 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**.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 1001

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

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

Sincerely,

S/Senator Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Representative Holly Stover
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1002

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

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

Sincerely,

S/Senator Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Representative Holly Stover
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1006

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

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs from its review and evaluation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services with regard to the enforcement of the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale of all liquor and the laws relating to licensing and the collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine and the State Liquor and Lottery Commission under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee has reviewed the report submitted by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, which included information related to the Liquor and Lottery Commission, and finds that the entities are operating within their statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura D. Supica
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 994

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

March 6, 2024

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 have appointed Representative Matthew D. Beck of South Portland to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, 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. 997

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

March 12, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Jonathan Crasnick of Scarborough, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
	Representatives	7	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Lanigan, L. of Sanford, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Walker, M. of Naples
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Crockett, E. of Portland, Rep. Smith, K. of Palermo, Rep. White, B. of Waterville

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the

nomination of Jonathan Crasnick of Scarborough, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#590)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BRAKEY, LAFOUNTAIN, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Jonathan Crasnick** of Scarborough for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 998

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

March 12, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Carolyn Dorsey of Caribou, for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Crockett, E. of Portland, Lanigan, L. of Sanford, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Walker, M. of Naples
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Smith, K. of Palermo, Rep. White, B. of Waterville

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Carolyn Dorsey of Caribou, for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **INNOVATION,**

DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#591)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BRAKEY, LAFOUNTAIN, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Carolyn Dorsey** of Caribou for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 999

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

March 12, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Jeffrey M.

Pangburn of Bangor, for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Curry, C. of Waldo, Guerin, S. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Crockett, E. of Portland, Lanigan, L. of Sanford, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Walker, M. of Naples
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Smith, K. of Palermo, Rep. White, B. of Waterville

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Jeffrey M. Pangburn of Bangor, for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#592)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BRAKEY, LAFOUNTAIN, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Jeffrey M. Pangburn** of Bangor for appointment to the Loring Development Authority was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1000

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

March 12, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has had under consideration the nomination of Lee Umphrey of Bangor, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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

YEAS Senators 2 Curry, C. of Waldo, Guerin, S. of Penobscot

Representatives 8 Roberts, T. of South Berwick, Collamore, A. of Pittsfield, Crockett, E. of Portland, Lanigan, L. of Sanford, LaRochelle, R. of Augusta, Ness, C. of Fryeburg, Sayre, D. of Kennebunk, Walker, M. of Naples

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Rafferty, J. of York, Rep. Smith, K. of Palermo, Rep. White, B. of Waterville

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Lee Umphrey of Bangor, for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#593)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BAILEY, BRAKEY, LAFOUNTAIN, TIPPING

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and

voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Lee Umphrey** of Bangor for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1003

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

March 11, 2024

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 307 An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs

L.D. 878 An Act to Improve Child Welfare

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1004

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

March 11, 2024

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 977 Resolve, to Study the Gasoline Tax Allocations for Nonhighway Recreational Vehicles and Make Recommendations for Changes

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Create the Lincoln Mill Facilities District" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 986 L.D. 2270

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln and Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, President JACKSON of Aroostook, NANGLE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Support Extended Learning Opportunities" H.P. 1355 L.D. 2131

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 268 L.D. 435

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-816)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-816)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-816) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs"
H.P. 1380 L.D. 2156

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-820)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-820)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-820) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Continue Allowing the Department of Corrections to Accept Placement of Certain Defendants Found Incompetent to Stand Trial" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1308 L.D. 2046

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

Signed:

Senators:

HARRINGTON of York
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
ARDELL of Monticello
LAJOIE of Lewiston
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-817)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield
LOOKNER of Portland
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Support an Insured Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices"
H.P. 1119 L.D. 1740

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

Signed:

Senator:

RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
NUTTING of Oakland
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-819)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CYRWAY of Albion
MORRIS of Turner

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-819)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-819)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RENY** of Lincoln, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by
President Pro Tem **MATTHEW G. POULIOT** of Kennebec
County.

Senator **RENY** of Lincoln requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw her motion to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-819) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program"
H.P. 1099 L.D. 1710

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-821)**.

Signed:

Senators:

PIERCE of Cumberland
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

GERE of Kennebunkport
GATTINE of Westbrook
GOLEK of Harpswell
LOOKNER of Portland
RANA of Bangor

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CAMPBELL of Orrington
MORRIS of Turner

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-821)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-821)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-821) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Ensure the Workers' Compensation Board's Allocations Are Properly Funded" S.P. 927 L.D. 2176

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-575)**.

Signed:

Senator:

TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

ROEDER of Bangor
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island
SKOLD of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-576)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act Regarding the General Assistance Program
H.P. 1111 L.D. 1732
(C "A" H-805)

An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program
H.P. 1317 L.D. 2055
(C "A" H-806)

An Act to Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code, the Maine Criminal Code and the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act
H.P. 1381 L.D. 2161

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2025
H.P. 1404 L.D. 2190
(C "A" H-802)

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System
H.P. 186 L.D. 288
(C "A" H-804)

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

An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains
H.P. 527 L.D. 838
(C "A" H-807)

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Pursuant to Public Law

Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients to Improve Facility Fee Transparency and Notification and to Prohibit Facility Fees for Certain Services"
S.P. 987 L.D. 2271

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 410, section 2.
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems"
H.P. 1456 L.D. 2266

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Support International Medical Graduates in Securing Employment"

H.P. 1457 L.D. 2267

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 93, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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

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

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for International Medical Graduates"
H.P. 1458 L.D. 2268

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 93, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

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

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

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Automatically Seal Criminal History Record Information for Class D and Class E Crimes Relating to Marijuana Possession and Cultivation"
H.P. 1459 L.D. 2269

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 103, section 7.

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair will recognize the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Request to speak on the record

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: Permission to speak on the record granted

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you. Again this month is women's history month. And so, today what I would do is share a little bit of information about Eleanor Roosevelt. She was actually born Anna Eleanor Roosevelt on October the 11th in 1884. She was an American political figure, a diplomat, and an activist. She was the first lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945, during her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms in office, making her the longest serving first lady of the United States. Through her travels, public engagement, and advocacy, she largely redefined the role of first lady. Eleanor then served as a United States Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly from 1945 to 1952, and took a leading role in designing of the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1948 she was given a standing ovation by the assembly upon their adoption of the declaration. President Harry S. Truman later called her the First Lady of the World in tribute to her human rights achievements. Eleanor was a member of the prominent and wealthy American Roosevelt and Livingston families and a niece of President Theodore Roosevelt. She had an unhappy childhood, having suffered the deaths of both parents and one her brothers at a young age at 15 — at a young age. At fifteen attended Allenswood Boarding Academy in London and was deeply influenced by its founder and director — and we needed that for Mark Lawrence to pronounce this because it is in French and I am not very good at that. Returned to the U.S., she married her fifth cousin once removed, Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1905. Between 1906 and 1916 she gave birth to six children, one of whom died in infancy. The Roosevelts marriage became complicated after Eleanor discovered her husband's affair with her social secretary Lucy Mercer in 1918. Due to mediation by her mother-in-law Sara, who was a strong financial supporter of the family, the liaison was ended officially. After that both parents started to keep independent agendas and Eleanor joined the Women's Trade Union League and became active in the New York state Democratic Party. Eleanor helped persuade Franklin to stay in politics after he was stricken with paralytic illness thought to be polio at that time in 1921, which cost him the normal use of his legs and she began given speeches and appearing at

campaign events in his place. Following Franklin's election as Governor of New York in 1928 and throughout the remainder of Franklin's public career in government, Eleanor regularly made public appearances on his behalf. And as First Lady, while her husband served as president, she significantly reshaped and redefined the role. Eleanor was, in her time one of the world's most widely admired and powerful women. Nevertheless, in her early years she was a controversial first lady for her outspoken — outspokenness particularly with respect to her promotion of civil rights for African Americans. She was the first presidential spouse to hold regular press conference, write a daily newspaper column, write a monthly magazine column, host a weekly radio show, and speak at a national party convention. On a few occasions, she publically disagreed with her husband's policies. She launched an experimental community at Arthurdale, West Virginia, for the families of unemployed miners, later widely regarded as a failure. She advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace, the civil rights of African Americans and Asian Americans, and the rights of World War II refugees. Following her husband's death in 1945, Eleanor remained active in politics for the remaining 17 years of her life. She pressed the United States to join and support the United Nations and became its first delegate. She served as the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and oversaw the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Later, she chaired the John F. Kennedy administration's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. By the time of her death in 1962, Eleanor was regarded as one of the most esteemed women in the world, The New York Times called her the object of almost universal respect in her obituary. In 1999, she was ranked ninth in the top ten of Gallup's List of Most Widely Admired People of the 20th Century, and she was found to rank as the most admired woman in thirteen different years between 1948 and 1961 in Gallup's annual most admired woman poll. Periodic surveys conducted by the Siena College Research Institute have consistently seen historians assess Eleanor as the greatest American first lady. Now I will say the Roosevelt's did actually have a connection to Maine. They would travel Eastport, Maine, and travel by boat to their summer cottage on Campobello Island in New Brunswick, Canada. Today their summer cottage has been maintained as it was during their summer vacations and is open to the public during the summer months. I would highly encourage you to visit the next time you are Downeast, don't forget your passport. Thank you, Mr. President.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.