



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

16th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

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

Prayer by Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc County.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthew A. Harrington of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Reduce the Burden of Asset Recovery on Family Caregivers"
H.P. 715 L.D. 1130

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

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

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Create a Seasonal Gas Tax Exemption and Rate"
H.P. 688 L.D. 1093

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

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-3) Aaron Hutchins, of East Millinocket, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach at Schenck High School, who has been named the Northern Maine Class D Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 15

(1-4) Chilloa Young, of Phippsburg, who is retiring after 25 years of coordinating the Fishermen's Forum, a nonprofit organization founded in 1976 dedicated to offering fishermen, clambers, lobstermen, aquaculturalists and other related seafood industry participants an opportunity to meet on neutral ground with fisheries managers, state representatives, members of Congress and Senators. Ms. Young first served on the Forum's Board before she took over as the coordinator in 1998. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 75

(1-5) Stephen Fields, of Corinth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 140

(1-6) Lorna Nichols, of Buckfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 142

(1-7) Adam Garland, of Oxford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 143

(1-8) Gail Belyea, of Peru, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 144

(1-9) Lianne Bedard, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 145

(1-10) Bethany Murphy, of Dixfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 146

(1-11) Raquel Welch, of Mexico, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 147

(1-12) Wendy Shopee, of Jonesboro, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 148

(1-13) Pam Swift, of Palermo, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 149

(1-14) Theresa Haskell, of Windsor, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 150

(1-15) Samantha Peaslee, of Somerville, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 151

(1-16) Bob and Liz Harriman, of Windsor, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 152

(1-17) Becky Hapgood, of China, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 153

(1-18) Ronald Richards, of Corinna, to whom the Town of Corinna has dedicated its Town Report in recognition of his service to the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 155

(1-19) Edward Pentaleri, of Alna, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 156

(1-20) Phil Russell, of Whitefield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 157

(1-21) Paula Roberts, of Jefferson, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 158

(1-22) Barbara Tilley, of Prospect, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 159

(1-23) Mac Smith, of Stockton Springs, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 160

(1-24) Gloria Aurelio, of Winterport, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 161

(1-25) Evelyn Adams, of Frankfort, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 162

(1-26) the late Kenneth Locke, of Hermon, a posthumous recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service;

HLS 163

(1-27) Stephen Foshay, of Madison, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 165

(1-28) the Hermon High School Girls Soccer Team, which won the 2022 Class B North Championship. Members of the team include Isabella Bowden, Isabella Byram, Allison Cameron, Ashley Cote, Allyson Coxson, Hope Curry, Megan Dorr, Abby Dubois, Olivia Foley, Brooke Gallop, Samantha Grover, Jaylin Hills, Saige Lang, Lydia Muth, Lyndsee Reed, Michaela Saulter, Erin Selleck, Madison Stewart, Natalie Tardie, Avery Thibault-Myatt and Elliana Williams and coach MJ Ball. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 166

(1-29) the Hermon High School Cheerleading Team, which won the 2022 Class B North Championship. Members of the team include Mackenzie Butler, Eden Clark, Noelle Cyr, Megan Dorr, Samara Harris, Danielle Holland, Nevaeh Kenney, Saige Lang, Lyndsee Reed, Abigail Sinclair, Madison Stewart, Ashlynn Stitham, Julia Szewc and Hailey Welch and coach Kristie Reed. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 167

(1-30) the Hermon High School Football Team, which won the 2022 Class C North Championship. Members of the team include Anthony Addressi, Gavin Applebee, James Brocato, Gavin Coombs, Bruce Coulter, Benjamin Curtis, Evan Decker, Caleb Doughty, Jaykob Dow, Connor Emery, Gavin Facella, Chasen Flanders, Porter Flanders, Atley Glidden, Gary Glidden, Colvin Hamm, Ashton Harriman, Kobe Hills, Max Hopkins, Xavier Jelks, Hunter Kenna, Damon Kimball, Dillon Kimball, John Kokoska, Justin Largay, Gavin Lemos, Benjamin Lord, Zachary Lovley, Dominic Martin, Mason Morin, Carter Moses, Jacob Murzyn, Brayden Newman, Kayden Patten, Dylan Phair, Michael Rene, Richard Romesburg, Colby Scripture, Alec Smith, Nathan Sullivan and Rylee Vaillancourt and coach Kyle Gallant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 168

(1-31) Mary Sweeney Underwood, of Gray, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 169

(1-32) the Hall-Dale Middle School Girls Basketball Team, of Farmingdale, which won the Capital Area League Championship after a perfect 15-0 season. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 171

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Joint Resolutions

(1-33) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 699

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2023 AS INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been celebrated since 1911; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have contributed greatly to the State's, the country's and the world's history; and

WHEREAS, those Maine women include Frances Perkins, the first woman appointed to the United States Cabinet; Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate; Olympia Snowe, the first woman to serve in both chambers at both the state and federal levels; Edna St. Vincent Millay, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet; Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby, the first registered Maine guide; Samantha Smith, an international peace advocate; Gail Laughlin, the first woman in Maine to practice law; Dorothea Dix, a nurse and advocate for the mentally ill; Frannie Peabody, an HIV/AIDS activist; Judith Isaacson, a Holocaust survivor and educator; Mary Low, one of the first American women to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree; Elizabeth Russell, a groundbreaking geneticist; Florence Whitehouse, a suffragist, activist and novelist; Rena Newell, currently serving as Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe; Rachel Talbot Ross, the first African American woman to serve as Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives; Valerie Stanfill, currently serving as Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court; and Janet T. Mills, the first woman in Maine to serve as Attorney General of Maine and the first woman to serve as Governor of Maine; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for American Women and Politics, in 2023 a record 32.7% of the 7,386 seats in the 99 state legislative chambers in the United States are currently held by women, including 44.1% of the seats in the Maine Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Maine is one of 16 states with a woman serving as a presiding officer of its Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Maine women throughout our history, the ongoing march toward gender equality, both in Maine and around the world, and the designation of March 8, 2023 as International Women's Day.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-34) George Linwood Lougee, of Detroit. Mr. Lougee was a veteran of the National Guard. After a career in radiology, he retired to Newport, where he served two terms on the board of Regional School Unit 19. He was Chairman for the Advisory Board of Seabasticook Valley Credit Union and served on the Board of Directors of the Seabasticook Area Chamber of Commerce. He was an active member of the Corinna American Legion and also a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, which he actively participated in building. Mr. Lougee will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 154

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

(1-35) Harland E. Storey, Sr., of Cumberland. Mr. Storey was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked as a truck driver throughout his career. A dedicated public servant, he served as a member and the last chairman of the Cumberland Board of Selectmen. He was instrumental in the drive to establish a Town Council/Town Manager form of government to better meet the needs of the growing community, and the change was approved by the voters in 1972. He was then elected to the first Town Council and held elective office for a combined total of over 30 years. He was the last surviving member of the Board of Selectmen and the first Town Council. Mr. Storey will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 64 years, Carol, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 164

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 177

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

March 9, 2023

The Honorable Darek 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 have appointed Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 178

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

March 9, 2023

The Honorable Darek 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 Shelley Rudnicki of Fairfield as the Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans' and Legal Affairs replacing Republican Lead Representative John Andrews of Paris, 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

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 152

**THE STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2023

Chief Edward Peter Paul
Arroostook Band of Micmacs

Chief Clarissa Sabattis
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

Chief William J. Nicholas, Jr.
Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkmikuk

Chief Rena Newell
Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik

Chief Kirk Francis
Penobscot Indian Nation

Dear Chiefs:

It is our pleasure to invite you to visit the Legislature on Thursday, March 16, to attend a Joint Convention to be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:45 a.m. for the purposes of reporting on the State of the Tribes in Maine.

We look forward to hearing from you and understand that each of you will address the Joint Convention for 10 minutes or less.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your acceptance of this invitation.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

cc: Darek M. Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 153

**THE STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor, State of Maine
#1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Mills:

We are pleased to invite you to a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 16th for the State of the Tribes Address in the House Chamber, at 10:45 am.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

Cc: Darek M. Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Rob Hunt, Clerk of the House

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 186

**CHIEF WILLIAM J. NICHOLAS SR.
PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE AT MOTAHKMIKUK**

March 1, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Thank you for the invitation to address the Legislature on the State of the Tribes on Thursday, March 16, 2023. I look forward to attending and speaking at the Joint Convention.

Sincerely,

S/Chief William J. Nicholas Sr.
Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 187

**CHIEF RENA NEWELL
PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE AT SIPAYIK**

March 1, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Thank you for the invitation to address the Legislature on the State of the Tribes on Thursday, March 16, 2023. I look forward to attending and speaking at the Joint Convention.

Sincerely,

S/Chief Rena Newell

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 188

**CHIEF EDWARD PETER PAUL
AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS**

March 1, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Thank you for the invitation to address the Legislature on the State of the Tribes on Thursday, March 16, 2023. I look forward to attending and speaking at the Joint Convention.

Sincerely,

S/Edward Peter Paul
Tribal Chief

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 189

**CHIEF CLARISSA E. SABATTIS
HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS**

March 1, 2023

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

On behalf of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, I would like to thank you for the invitation to address the Legislature on the State of the Tribes on Thursday, March 16, 2023. I feel that this is just another step forward to a stronger relationship between the Wabanaki Tribes and the State of Maine. I appreciate the request and the effort that it has taken to plan for this address. I look forward to attending and speaking at the Joint Convention.

Woliwon,

S/Chief Clarissa E. Sabattis

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 190

**CHIEF KIRK E. FRANCIS
PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION**

March 1, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Thank you for the invitation to address the Legislature on the State of the Tribes on Thursday, March 16, 2023. I look forward to attending and speaking at the Joint Convention. Thank you both for the opportunity to discuss the issues our Tribal Nations face and how we can better position both our governments to work together to resolve them and build on the successes we have had.

Sincerely,

S/Kirk E. Francis, Chief
Penobscot Nation

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 195

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

March 13, 2023

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

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Thank you for inviting me to the State of the Tribes address before a Joint Session of the 131st Maine Legislature. Regretfully, I am unable to attend the address.

I care for the health, welfare, opportunity, prosperity, and future of the Wabanaki people, just as I care for every person in Maine. We have different histories, but today we call this beautiful place we know as Maine our home. I look forward to the ongoing discussions between my Administration, the Wabanaki people, and the State Legislature, and to continuing our work together to make real progress on behalf of the Wabanaki people and all people of Maine.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 193

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

March 9, 2023

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 Taxation has had under consideration the nomination of Douglas Kelley Young, Esquire of Portland, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

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	Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Chipman, B. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Perry, J. of Bangor, Carmichael, M. of Greenbush, Crockett, E. of Portland, Lavigne, T. of Berwick, Libby, L. of Auburn, Matlack, A. of St. George, Quint, T. of Hodgdon, Rana, A. of Bangor
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Rep. Hasenfus, T. of Readfield, Rep. Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield

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 Douglas Kelley Young, Esquire of Portland, for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Joe Perry
House Chair



(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 184

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

March 9, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Spkr. Talbot Ross of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 520 An Act to Retain Home and Community-based Workers by
Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement for Certain Essential
Support Workers

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 183

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

March 9, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

LD. 836 An Act to Codify Forfeiture by Wrongdoing as an Exception to the Rule
Against Hearsay

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 185

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

March 9, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 851 An Act to Clarify That Maine Holds Title to Its
Intertidal Lands

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 179

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

March 8, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 562	An Act to Ensure Maine Residents Have Priority Access to State Park Campsites
L.D. 634	An Act to Allow Open Burning in the Snow Without a Permit
L.D. 644	An Act to Include Cats in the Laws Governing Animal Trespass

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 180

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

March 8, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 368 An Act Regarding Circumstances Under Which an Automobile Insurer
May Decline to Renew a Policy

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 181

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

March 9, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 578 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
Concerning the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 182

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

March 8, 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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 635 An Act to Allow a Retired Law Enforcement Officer to Serve as a School Resource Officer Without Affecting That Officer's Retirement Benefits (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 194

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

March 10, 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 561 An Act to Require a Military Service Member's Agent with Power of Attorney to Be Legally Responsible for Paying Bills During the Member's Deployment

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Resolve, Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Document, Disclose and Publish All Best Management Practices Regarding the Use of Noise Devices to Control Birds at Orchards (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 477 L.D. 1150

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

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund"

S.P. 481 L.D. 1185

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro and Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, PLUECKER of Warren, WHITE of Waterville, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Amend the Burden of Proof for Defendants Who Cannot Pay Criminal Restitution"

S.P. 485 L.D. 1189

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy"

S.P. 466 L.D. 1139

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, RUSSELL of Verona Island.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students"

S.P. 471 L.D. 1144

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, O'NEIL of Saco.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates for Students Enrolled in Public Institutions of Learning"

S.P. 475 L.D. 1148

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, NESS of Fryeburg.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Protect Inpatient Psychiatric Services in Northern Maine by Preserving the Current Reimbursement Rate"

S.P. 483 L.D. 1187

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Establish a Public Health Response to Substance Use"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1188

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Implement Work Requirements Under the MaineCare Program"

S.P. 490 L.D. 1194

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, JAVNER of Chester.

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

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing to One Year"

S.P. 470 L.D. 1143

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals to Prescribe Methadone"

S.P. 473 L.D. 1146

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: BOYER of Poland.

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Decrease Barriers for Preventive Health Services by Allowing Pharmacy Technicians to Administer Vaccines"

S.P. 478 L.D. 1151

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, WHITE of Waterville, ZAGER of Portland.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Make Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage Available to Public Employees"

S.P. 479 L.D. 1152

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, PLUECKER of Warren, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

(3-14) Bill "An Act Regarding Transparency of Medical Billing"

S.P. 487 L.D. 1191

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representative: PERRY of Calais.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-15) Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application

S.P. 482 L.D. 1186

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-16) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Strengthen the Due Process Rights of Persons Accused by Requiring Notification of Those Rights

S.P. 476 L.D. 1149

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and Senators: BAILEY of York, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HASENFUS of Readfield, MOONEN of Portland, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

(3-17) Bill "An Act Regarding the Composition of the Judiciary"

S.P. 488 L.D. 1192

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Ensure a Fair Workweek by Requiring Notice of Work Schedules"

S.P. 486 L.D. 1190

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senator: INGWERSEN of York,
Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, SKOLD of Portland.

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Allow Residents of Low-income Housing to Keep Pets"

S.P. 489 L.D. 1193

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Representatives: HASENFUS of
Readfield, RANA of Bangor, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Create the Southern Maine Coastal Waters Commission"

S.P. 472 L.D. 1145

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH
of Old Orchard Beach, O'NEIL of Saco.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff"

S.P. 491 L.D. 1195

Presented by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative **LYMAN** of Livermore Falls and Senator: **KEIM** of Oxford, Representatives: **MILLETT** of Waterford, **MORRIS** of Turner.

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

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Income Tax"

S.P. 474 L.D. 1147

Presented by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative **UNDERWOOD** of Presque Isle and Senators: **MOORE** of Washington, **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, Representatives: **HYMES** of Waldo, **LIBBY** of Auburn, **MORRIS** of Turner, **NESS** of Fryeburg, **POMERLEAU** of Standish, **RUDNICKI** of Fairfield.

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Prescribed Home Medical Supplies from Sales Tax"

S.P. 480 L.D. 1184

Presented by President **JACKSON** of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative **PERRY** of Bangor and Senators: **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **LIBBY** of Cumberland.

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

(3-24) Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Allow All-terrain Vehicle Traffic on a Section of Trail in the City of Caribou

S.P. 467 L.D. 1140

Presented by President **JACKSON** of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative **THERIAULT** of Fort Kent and Senators: **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **FARRIN** of Somerset, **STEWART** of Aroostook, Representatives: **ALBERT** of Madawaska, **BABIN** of Fort Fairfield, **GUERRETTE** of Caribou.

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations"
S.P. 468 L.D. 1141

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, TIPPING of Penobscot.

(3-26) Bill "An Act to Eliminate Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers"

S.P. 469 L.D. 1142

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Edgar Post, of Spruce Head, who is celebrating his 102nd birthday on March 14, 2023.
We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 224

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative: MATLACK of St. George.

(4-2) Adam Ayan, of Westbrook, who was nominated for Best Engineered Recording, Non Classical for his work on Father John Misty's "Chloe and the Next 20th Century" at the 65th annual GRAMMY Awards. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 225

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

(4-3) Julia Black, of Scarborough, who won the 2023 Southwestern Maine Activities Association Championship in the Senior 400 Meters Event. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 226

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-4) Ryan Vigue, Brendan Amann, Evan Wardrop and Ethan Shulz, of Scarborough, students at Scarborough High School, who won the 400 Freestyle Relay Event at the Class A Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 227

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-5) Evan Wardrop, of Scarborough, a student at Scarborough High School, who won the 100 Backstroke Event at the Class A Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 228

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-6) Stephen Ranger, Ryan Vigue, Owen Kasper and Ethan Shulz, of Scarborough, students at Scarborough High School, who won the 200 Freestyle Relay Event at the Class A Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 229

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-7) Ethan Shulz, of Scarborough, a student at Scarborough High School, who won the 100 Freestyle and 200 Freestyle Events at the Class A Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 230

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-8) Evan Wardrop, Owen Kasper, Brendan Amann and Stephen Ranger, of Scarborough, students at Scarborough High School, who won the 200 Medley Relay Event at the Class A Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 231

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-9) the Scarborough High School Red Rover Robotics Team, which won the State Tournament Championship at the Vex Robotics Competition and will go on to compete at the National Vex Robotics Championship in Dallas, Texas. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 232

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-10) the Scarborough High School Zero Brain Cells Robotics Team, which won the State Tournament Championship and the Excellence Award at the Vex Robotics Competition and will go on to compete at the National Vex Robotics Championship in Dallas, Texas. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 233

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-11) Luke Burns, of Gorham, who won the Class A State Wrestling Championship in the 182-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 234

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

(4-12) Brynn Lavigueur, of Brewer, a student at Brewer High School, who won the 100 Yard Backstroke and 50 Yard Freestyle Events at the Class B State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 238

Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERRY of Bangor.

(4-13) the Brewer High School Girls Indoor Track Team, which won the Class A North Good Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 239

Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERRY of Bangor.

(4-14) the Dexter Regional High School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Class C North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 240

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: FOSTER of Dexter.

(4-15) the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband Team, of Lovell, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 241

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: NESS of Fryeburg.

(4-16) Bruce Farnham, of Weld, on his retirement after 35 years of service from managing Mount Blue State Park. At over 8,200 acres, the park is the State's second largest, drawing well over 60,000 people each year, and is the centerpiece of Franklin County. Under his tenure, 3,200 acres were added as a result of massive federal, state and private fund-raising efforts. He was a founding member of the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance, which became a part of a multiyear effort to protect nearly 30,000 acres in the Tumbledown Mountain and Mount Blue State Park region. He also served as a key member of the Tumbledown-Mount Blue Region Management Committee and the Natural Resources Committee of the Office of Tourism. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 242

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-17) Melford Pelletier, of Wallagrass, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 243

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-18) Friends of the Nequasset Cemetery, of Woolwich, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 244

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich.

(4-19) James Marston, of Auburn, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 245

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

(4-20) Craig Russell, of Eddington, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 246

Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.

(4-21) Curtis Slininger, of Hampden, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 247

Sponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: HAGGAN of Hampden.

(4-22) Laurie Berube Giles, of Plymouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 248

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth.

(4-23) Donn Woodard, of Detroit, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 249

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: CRAY of Palmyra.

(4-24) Janet White, of New Portland, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 250

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

(4-25) Mary Cobb, of Baldwin, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 251

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WALKER of Naples.

(4-26) Community Resource Center of Naples, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 252

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WALKER of Naples.

(4-27) Bruce and Marion Bryant, of Newfield, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 253

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANIGAN of Sanford.

(4-28) Sebago Warming Hut, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 254

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: WALKER of Naples.

(4-29) Roger Allaire, of Shapleigh, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 255

Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: LANIGAN of Sanford.

(4-30) Craig Hill, of Mount Chase, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 256

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(4-31) Dale Hanscom, of Mattawamkeag, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 257

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-32) Varney H. Brackett, of Weston, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 258

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-33) Dwight Coperthwaite, of Littleton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 259

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

(4-34) Adopt-a-Block of Aroostook, of Houlton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 260

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-35) the Teachers, Students and Staff of the Stratton School, of Stratton, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 261

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-36) the Stratton School Garden Team, of Stratton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 262

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-37) the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband Team, of Stoneham, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 263

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

(4-38) Judith Grover Tent #17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, of Woodstock, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 264

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: ANDREWS of Paris.

(4-39) the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband Team, of Stow, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 265

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

(4-40) Lisa Arsenault, of Mexico, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 266

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-41) East Range II School, of Topsfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 267

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon.

(4-42) Jack Patrick White, of Palmyra, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 268

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: CRAY of Palmyra.

(4-43) Warren Shaw, Jr., of Etna, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 269

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth.

(4-44) Robert C. Browne, Jr., of Vassalboro, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 270

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

(4-45) James Lane, of China, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 271

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: SMITH of Palermo.

(4-46) Donna Sawyer, of Cambridge, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 272

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-47) the Honorable Mabel Desmond, of Mapleton. Mrs. Desmond had a decades-long career as a teacher at several schools, including as a faculty member at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She served as a four-term state representative, from 1994 to 2002, representing the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, Ashland, Washburn, Wade, Woodland and New Sweden, and chaired the Maine Education Research Institute Task Force from 1998 to 2002. Her support of Governor Angus King's Maine Learning Initiative, better known as the Laptop Project, helped lead to every seventh-grade and eighth-grade student in Maine having their own laptop to use during their school years. She served on the Maine State Board of Education from 2007 to 2010. She was an active and leading member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international organization promoting personal and professional growth for women educators and excellence in education. She served as secretary, treasurer and president for the University of Maine at Presque Isle Alumni Association, was a member of the Maine Education Association and the National Education Association and served as county president of the Aroostook Retired Educator's Association. She received the University of Maine at Presque Isle Alumni Service Award, the State Leader in Education Award and the Legislator of the Year Award, as well as the Maine Education Association - Retired County Leadership Award. Mrs. Desmond will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 223

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

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

(4-48) Helen Jean Kilby, of Edmunds Township. Mrs. Kilby was employed for over 30 years at the Superintendent of Schools Office for School Union 104 and AOS 77. She also worked at her parents' store, C and M Fuels, and Training and Development Corporation in Bangor. She was an active member of the Holy Trinity Chapel in Dennysville. Mrs. Kilby will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of nearly 50 years, Ronald, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 235

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of East Machias.

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

(4-49) Juanita Frances Davis, of East Machias. A nurse, Mrs. Davis had a career in health care that spanned many decades. She worked as a social worker, in home health care and in hospitals and nursing homes. She also served as a foster grandparent at Elm Street School for 25 years, helping children in all areas, and was a leader of the Cub Scouts for 22 years. Mrs. Davis will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 236

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

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

(4-50) Robert Patterson, of Perry. Mr. Patterson was a veteran of the United States Navy. He had many jobs throughout his working life, including at the New Friendly Restaurant, and he enjoyed serving his community, including with the Perry Volunteer Fire Department and Perry Rec Committee. He also umpired many baseball and Little League games, coached the Perry Elementary School soccer team and drove graduating classes on class trips and sports teams to their games. More recently, he served as Perry's Town Warden. Mr. Patterson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 32 years, Jennifer, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 237

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Calais.

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

(4-51) Peter McAfee Leslie, of Waterford. Mr. Leslie had a career in international investment banking. He initially worked for seven years in Brazil for Citibank before joining a New York investment bank, for which he traveled in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East. In 1972, he co-founded Leslie, Weinert and Company, Inc., a firm specializing in Latin American investment banking with clients that included governments, corporations, financial institutions and the United Nations. In 1986, he retired to Maine and devoted himself to public service. He was appointed to national commissions to improve the financing of postsecondary education and to improve the effectiveness of the United Nations. Locally, he supported the arts, cultural endeavors and community organizations and served on the Cape Elizabeth school board, the Maine Audubon Society, the Maine Health Care Finance Commission and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was appointed to the State of Maine Committee to Study the Retirement System in 1987 and in 1993 to the State of Maine Committee to Study the Retirement System, which he served as vice-chair. He was appointed a Trustee of the Maine State Retirement System in September 1995 and was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees in 2005. He served as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2016 and retired from the board in 2017. Mr. Leslie will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 58 years, Kathleen, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 273

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared"
H.P. 55 L.D. 87

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Pursuant to Resolve

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 678 L.D. 1083

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 177, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Ought to Pass

(5-3) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 183 L.D. 285

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

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-4) Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 24 L.D. 32

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Simplify an Assessment Notice Requirement Under Department of Labor Laws"

H.P. 18 L.D. 14

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects"

H.P. 107 L.D. 166

Senate

(6-3) Bill "An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities"

S.P. 23 L.D. 31

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 41 L.D. 49

(6-5) Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

S.P. 152 L.D. 331

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan"

S.P. 169 L.D. 362

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities

H.P. 137 L.D. 216

(7-2) An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations

H.P. 155 L.D. 234

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

Tabled - January 17, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford
SLS 107

Tabled - February 9, 2023 by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Chocolats Passion, of
Portland

SLS 152

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Carter Butterfield, of Phillips

SLS 157

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team

SLS 171

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**
