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Advance Journal and Calendar

4th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

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

Prayer by Pastor Ari Keller of Small Point Baptist Church in Phippsburg.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Pinny Beebe-Center of Knox County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Medical Provider of the Day, Dr. Marco Cornelio, MD of Kennebunk.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 792

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

January 11, 2024

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. Roeder of Bangor, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 2079 An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 795

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

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

L.D. 2016 An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 793

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

January 09, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 360 An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Zoe Fitzsimmons, of Westbrook, 11 years of age, who spotted a fire in a building in Westbrook and immediately notified an adult, who dialed 911. Her swift reporting of the fire initiated a rapid response. Crews from the nearby Westbrook Fire Department Prides Corner Station Number 3 were on the scene in under 3 minutes from the time of the call and extinguished the fire in minutes. No injuries were reported by residents or firefighters. The Westbrook Fire Department has publicly thanked Zoe and acknowledged her role in keeping the city safe. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

SLS 1329

Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

(4-2) Donald Gallupe, of Bangor, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on February 6, 2024. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1330

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: PERRY of Bangor, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

(4-3) Anita Tarr, of Washburn, who has received the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to the oldest citizen of a municipality. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1331

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-4) the Madison Area Memorial High School Girls Soccer Team, which won the Maine High School 8 Person Girls State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1334

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

(4-5) Kayla Carrier, of Madison, who was named Coach of the Year for 8 Person South Region by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1335

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

(4-6) Raegan Cowan, of Madison, who was named Player of the Year for 8 Person South Region by the Maine Principals Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1336

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-7) Vera Jane (McCollough) Piper, of Kennebunk. For many years, Ms. Piper worked as a research microbiologist in a variety of university and government laboratories throughout the Southeast. She also owned two office and art supply stores in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, which she operated with her best friend of 50 years, Carole Paulett. She taught biology at Shenandoah University to undergraduates in the university's pharmacy and allied health programs. Later in life, she began to draw and experiment with color pencils and watercolors, producing well over 100 pieces, including many detailed botanical drawings. She taught art classes for The Center in Kennebunk and was a featured artist at the Kennebunk Free Library's Speers Gallery in the spring of 2023 at the age of 82. Ms. Piper will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 1332

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

(4-8) Barbara Estina (Sprague) Hinckley, of Belfast. A pianist and accompanist from the age of eleven, Mrs. Hinckley led a life of song and music. Though she worked full time and raised two children, music remained central to her life as it had in her childhood home, as pianist, organist, choir director and soloist while a minister's wife for many years. Possessing a clear, coloratura soprano voice, she studied in her 30s with Metropolitan Opera coach Vincent Hubbard, who retired to Belfast, learning the Bel Canto method, then teaching students herself until the age of 98. She performed as a soloist her whole career and performed with the Worcester Chorus, among other choruses. Mrs. Hinckley will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 1333

Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative: DODGE of Belfast.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-1) Senator INGWERSEN for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Land for Maine's Future Board to Allow for Proxy Designees"

S.P. 866 L.D. 2038

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

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

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care"

S.P. 656 L.D. 1639

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-391) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - June 22, 2023 by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jim Marquis, of Fort Kent
SLS 1307

Tabled - January 9, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Phil Rumery, of South Portland

SLS 1315

Tabled - January 9, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Aaron Rollins, of Madison

SLS 1328

Tabled - January 11, 2024 by Senator **BRAKEY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**
on Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements"

H.P. 1264 L.D. 1967

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-728) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - January 11, 2024 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and
the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE**
AMENDMENT "A" (H-728).)

SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Emergency

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health
Integration and Parity

H.P. 829 L.D. 1304
(C "A" H-220)

Tabled - June 6, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

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L.D. 111 - H.P. 79 (C "A" H-671)	L.D. 1006 - H.P. 642 (C "A" H-358)
L.D. 113 - H.P. 81 (C "A" H-26)	L.D. 1021 - H.P. 657 (C "A" H-74)
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L.D. 143 - H.P. 89 (C "A" H-6)	L.D. 1064 - S.P. 433 (C "A" S-176)
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L.D. 220 - H.P. 141 (C "A" H-224)	L.D. 1161 - H.P. 733 (C "A" H-440)
L.D. 223 - H.P. 144 (C "A" H-253)	L.D. 1162 - H.P. 734 (C "A" H-78)
L.D. 225 - H.P. 146 (C "A" H-118)	L.D. 1177 - H.P. 749 (C "A" H-472)
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L.D. 273 - H.P. 171 (C "A" H-329)	L.D. 1227 - H.P. 775 (C "A" H-437)
L.D. 280 - H.P. 178 (C "A" H-109)	L.D. 1234 - H.P. 782 (C "A" H-454)
L.D. 287 - H.P. 185 (C "A" H-47; H "A" H-64 to C "A" H-47)	L.D. 1236 - H.P. 784 (C "A" H-495)
L.D. 335 - S.P. 156 (C "A" S-101)	L.D. 1258 - H.P. 806 (C "A" H-215)
L.D. 348 - H.P. 222 (C "A" H-449)	L.D. 1263 - H.P. 811 (C "A" H-645)
L.D. 355 - S.P. 162 (C "A" S-47)	L.D. 1276 - S.P. 513 (C "A" S-370)
L.D. 361 - S.P. 168 (C "A" S-254)	L.D. 1285 - S.P. 522 (C "A" S-141)
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L.D. 1792 - S.P. 717 (C "A" S-364)
L.D. 1797 - S.P. 722 (C "A" S-417)
L.D. 1817 - S.P. 732 (C "A" S-192; S "A" S-261 to C "A"
S-192)

L.D. 1837 - H.P. 1169 (C "A" H-486)
L.D. 1857 - H.P. 1187 (C "A" H-539; H "A" H-571 to C
"A" H-539)
L.D. 1858 - H.P. 1188 (C "A" H-405)
L.D. 1863 - H.P. 1193 (C "A" H-621)
L.D. 1935 - H.P. 1243 (C "A" H-375)
L.D. 1942 - S.P. 791 (C "A" S-393)
L.D. 1958 - H.P. 1260 (C "A" H-610)
