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23rd Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Senate called to Order by President Pro Tem Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by The Honorable Susan Deschambault of Biddeford.

National Anthems Performed by Melanie Saucier of Quebec.

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication:

S.C. 988

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

March 7, 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 York, Senator Lawrence, to serve as President Pro Tem to convene the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Susie Anderson, of Stockholm, 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 811

(1-2) Elmer Morin, of Limestone, 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 812

(1-3) Cheryl Clark, of Easton, 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 813

(1-4) Mike Greenlaw, of Fort Fairfield, who has received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 814

(1-5) the Naples Lions Club, 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 815

(1-6) Norma Haines, 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;

HLS 816

(1-7) Wesley M. Stacey, of Parsonsfield, 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 817

(1-8) Jean Bishop, of Lagrange, 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 818

(1-9) Lisa Lehne-Gilmore, 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 819

(1-10) Clyde Barker, of Strong, 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 820

(1-11) Anne Helm, 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 821

(1-12) Trishea Story, 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 822

(1-13) Ronald Brann, 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 823

(1-14) Richard Gray, Jr., 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 824

(1-15) Ronald Breton, 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 825

(1-16) Frederick Fischer, 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 826

(1-17) the Fort Kent Community High School Boys Alpine Ski Team, which won the Class B State Championship and received the Maine Principals' Association Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 827

(1-18) Thomas Pinette, 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;

HLS 828

(1-19) James Dumond, of Portage Lake, 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 829

(1-20) Donald Raymond, of Fort Kent, 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 830

(1-21) Cheril Turner, of Allagash, 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 831

(1-22) Susan Gardner, of Allagash, 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 832

(1-23) Charlene Knox Farris, of Searsport, 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 833

(1-24) John Tabor, 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 834

(1-25) Stephanie Clisham, 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 835

(1-26) Charles Bishop, of East Millinocket, 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 836

(1-27) the Maple Grove Grange #148, 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;

HLS 837

(1-28) the Fort Kent Community High School Girls Alpine Ski Team, which won the Class B State Championship and received the Maine Principals' Association Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 838

(1-29) the Greely High School Boys Indoor Track and Field Team, of Cumberland, which won the 2024 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 839

(1-30) the Greely High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, of Cumberland, which won the 2024 Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 840

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-31) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1449

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
MARCH 8, 2024 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; 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 2024 a record 32.8% of the 7,386 seats in the 99 state legislative chambers in the United States are currently held by women, including 43.5% of the seats in the Maine Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Maine is one of 26 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 Second 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, 2024 as International Women’s Day.

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

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-32) Dino Frost, of Pittsfield. Mr. Frost spent 32 years building homes as a carpenter. He then worked at Frost's Mobil Station with his brother for 26 years. Mr. Frost will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 65 years, Erlene, his family and his friends;

HLS 734

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 985

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

March 7, 2024

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

RE: Lands for Maine's Future Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to serve on the Land for Maine's Future Board:

- Catherine Robbins-Halstead of Searsmont for reappointment
- Beth Schiller of Bowdoinham for appointment

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §6204, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 986

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

March 7, 2024

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

RE: Maine Indian Tribal State Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission:

- Robert Checkoway of Freeport for reappointment
- Gordon Kramer of Enfield for appointment
- Lloyd Cuttler of Carrabassett for appointment
- Richard B. Bronson, Jr. of Bangor for appointment

Pursuant to Title 30 MRSA §6212, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 987

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

March 7, 2024

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

RE: Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate James P. Gardner, Jr. of Easton to serve on the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this nomination is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Sincerely

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 990

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

March 11, 2024

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

RE: Reappointment of Sarah LeClaire, Esquire of Woodland to the Commission on
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Sarah LeClaire, Esquire of Woodland for reappointment to the
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 991

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

March 11, 2024

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

RE: Nominations to the Maine Retirement Savings Board

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to the Maine Retirement Savings Board:

- Tina Wilcoxson of Cumberland Center for reappointment
- Nathan Moody for appointment

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §172, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 989

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

February 15, 2024

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st Legislature
3 State House
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as a report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources from its review and evaluation of the Lobster Advisory Council under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee heard a presentation from the Lobster Advisory Council on February 1, 2024, and finds that the Council is operating within its statutory authority; however, we are recommending that, moving forward, the Lobster Advisory Council be removed from the list of agencies regularly scheduled for review under the State Government Evaluation Act. We make this recommendation because many of the requirements of the GEA are not germane to the Lobster Advisory Council's structure or work. The committee has proposed legislation to effectuate this change.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron Reny
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 984

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

January 30, 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 Sen. LaFountain of Kennebec, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 2098 An Act Regarding Multiple Special Designating Plates for Certain Disabled Veterans

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Benjamin Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

ORDERS**Joint Orders**

(4-1) On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 978

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding the establishment of standards governing access to motor vehicle telematics systems as provided in Initiated Bill 2023, chapter 3, An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Fern Desjardins, of St. Agatha, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Dr. Desjardins had a 43-year career in prekindergarten to grade 12 education as an elementary school teacher, principal and Superintendent of Schools for School Administrative District 33. When she was principal of Dr. Levesque Elementary School, the United States Department of Education designated the school a Blue Ribbon School. She has taught graduate level courses for the University of Maine as an adjunct faculty member in outreach programs in Aroostook County, served on the University of Maine at Fort Kent's Board of Visitors, including one year of service as president and two as vice-president, served on Northern Maine Medical Center's Board of Trustees and been an active member of many educational associations and committees. In her retirement, she has worked as a facilitator for school systems and served on various committees and special projects of Maine's Department of Education. She was appointed to the State Board of Education in 2018 and to the National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors in 2019, where she currently serves as secretary/treasurer. She also volunteers for her local church, parish and diocese. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1541

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: ALBERT of Madawaska.

(4-3) Cathie Pelletier, of Allagash, who has been inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame. Ms. Pelletier is the author of twelve novels, including "The Funeral Makers," a New York Times Notable Book, "The Weight of Winter," winner of the New England Book Award, and "Running the Bulls," winner of the Paterson Prize for Fiction. As K.C. McKinnon, she has written two novels, both of which became television films. With theoretical physicist S. James Gates, Jr., she co-authored "Proving Einstein Right," winner of the Brown University Book Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1542

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-4) Denise Acritelli, of Jay, who was named the Veterans of Foreign Wars State of Maine Teacher of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1543

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-5) Brooke LeBlanc, of Carthage, who received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses in recognition of the compassionate care she provides. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1544

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-6) Michael and Lucinda Brakey, of New Gloucester, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 2, 2024. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1545

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester.

(4-7) Parker Sergent, of Augusta, a student at Cony High School and a player on the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1546

Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

(4-8) Jasmine Sinclair, of Westbrook, who placed second in the Maine State Girls Wrestling Championship in the 165-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1547

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

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

(4-9) Jacob Beaulieu, of Limestone, a member of Troop No. 193, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1552

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

Joint Resolutions

(4-10) On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 979

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2024 AS PUREBRED DOG DAY

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, the service of these breeds continues today as they work alongside humans while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earthdogs, police dogs and canine soldiers serving alongside our military men and women; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs also serve as avalanche dogs, trackers, trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters and bird dogs; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are guardians of family, home and hearth, and always they are companions near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, each purebred breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as are that culture's music, art and language; and

WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog; 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 May 1, 2024 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.

(4-11) On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York (Cosponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 980

**JOINT RESOLUTION
TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 12, 2024 AS FRANCO-AMERICAN DAY**

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is named after the Province of Maine in France, and the towns of Paris and Calais owe their names to the capital city of France and the French port city of Calais, respectively; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/3 of the population of Maine is of French and Canadian descent, and Franco-Americans in Maine have contributed much to the beauty and quality of this State; and

WHEREAS, French is the primary language of thousands of Maine citizens and there has been a resurgence in the use of the French language and a heightened appreciation of Franco-American heritage throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, clubs and organizations to promote French culture and language have sprung up throughout the State, including the Franco-American Caucus at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, fluent French-English bilingual people are a cultural and economic resource to the State; and

WHEREAS, cultural tourism can be greatly enhanced by the genuine Franco-American centers throughout the State, and the large Franco-American presence in Maine can further strengthen our relationships with Canada, France and the rest of the francophone world; and

WHEREAS, the first Franco-American Day was celebrated in March 2002 at the State Capitol; 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, proclaim that Tuesday, March 12, 2024 is Franco-American Day, to be celebrated at the State Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Franco-American Day be celebrated to commemorate the rich history of the French people in the State of Maine and the United States of America.

(4-12) On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative: **RISEMAN** of Harrison), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 981

**JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 10, 2024
TO MARCH 16, 2024 AS AMERICORPS WEEK IN MAINE**

WHEREAS, service is a hallmark of the American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Maine, more than 2,700 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers of diverse ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 200 locations in the State of Maine by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans, combatting the opioid epidemic, ensuring citizens can age in their communities, working to end hunger in Maine, supporting new Maine residents, restoring the environment, repairing the effects of adverse childhood experiences and working with communities on building resilience; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of businesses, foundations and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs bring people together across race, age and place to address critical issues facing the country, forge relationships and cultivate mutual respect and help build resilient and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, through their service, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers strengthen the lives of their families and communities and the State of Maine as a whole; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages nonfederal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1.2 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and millions more who have served in AmeriCorps Seniors and their community partners and to encourage more Americans to follow in their footsteps in service; 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, designate March 10, 2024 to March 16, 2024 as AmeriCorps Week in Maine and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-13) the Honorable Patricia Collins, of Caribou. Mrs. Collins served in both state and community roles, becoming the first female mayor of Caribou. She served on the University of Maine System Board of Trustees from 1987 to 1997 and in 1991 became only the second woman to serve as board chair. She was a member of the Caribou School Board, chair of the Maine Committee for Judicial Responsibility and Disability, a member of the Board of Visitors at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, a member of the advisory committee of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, a court-appointed special advocate for children, chair of the Catholic Charities Maine Board of Directors and the Catholic Foundation of Maine Board of Trustees and one of two New England representatives to the National Advisory Council of the Conference of Catholic Bishops. She also was a painter, photographer and cook, writing two cookbooks, "Fifty Years of Cooking 1948-1998" and "Encore 1998-2010." She directed religious education programming at Holy Rosary Church in Caribou for nine years. Among the honors and awards she received were an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the Deborah Morton Award from Westbrook College, the Black Bear Award from the University of Maine General Alumni Association, the Diocesan Miraculous Conception Medal and the Fogler Legacy Award from the University of Maine, which was awarded to the Don and Pat Collins Family. She was elected to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame in 2005. Mrs. Collins will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 1548

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, KEIM of Oxford, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ADAMS of Lebanon, ALBERT of Madawaska, ANDREWS of Paris, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BAGSHAW of Windham, BECK of South Portland, BELL of Yarmouth, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Portland, CYRWAY of Albion, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of East Machias, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Embden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond,

FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GALLETTA of Durham, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, POMERLEAU of Standish, PRINGLE of Windham, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SINCLAIR of Bath, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE of Carmel, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WALKER of Naples, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

(4-14) Brenda Salamonski, of Biddeford. Ms. Salamonski worked at the Nike factory in Saco until it closed. She also operated a daycare out of her home and delivered newspapers. She volunteered nights and weekends with the Thornton Academy Band Boosters while her daughters were in high school. Ms. Salamonski will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

SLS 1549

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

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

(4-15) Steven E. Plowman, of Gorham. Mr. Plowman was a 27-year veteran of the United States Air Force, serving with the Air Refueling Wing at Pease Air Force Base and in France, Spain, Germany and Guam. He earned many awards during his service, including the National Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. In civilian life, he worked for the United States Postal Service and Cabela's and as a teacher in the Westbrook School Department. He was an active member of the Gorham Lions Club, where he was serving as secretary. Mr. Plowman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 34 years, Bonny, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 1550

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

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

(4-16) Paul Donald Barnes, of Biddeford. Mr. Barnes worked with his father in the fishing industry before starting a successful career in transportation, driving for Pottle's, Shaw's, Walmart and Old Dominion, as well as Allegiance Trucks in Saco. In 2001 and 2002, he was a member of America's Road Team, a prestigious organization affiliated the American Trucking Associations promoting safety and professionalism. Mr. Barnes will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

SLS 1551

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

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

(4-17) David Pelletier, of Fort Kent. Mr. Pelletier was the owner of Valley Glass from when he was eighteen years of age to sixty-one years of age, when he retired. He was a member of the Fort Kent Fire Department for thirty-one years, acting as chief for seven of those years. He was also an advanced emergency medical technician for the Madawaska Ambulance Service for twenty-two years. Mr. Pelletier will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of twenty-six years, Linda, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 1553

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains"

H.P. 527 L.D. 838

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-807)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-807)**.

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand the General Assistance Program" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1111 L.D. 1732

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

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

(5-3) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Implementing Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program Unless Mandated by the Federal Government" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1317 L.D. 2055

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-806)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-806)**.

Divided Report

(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes"

H.P. 186 L.D. 288

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

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

HASENFUS of Readfield

LAJOIE of Lewiston

LOOKNER of Portland

MATHIESON of Kittery

MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello

NEWMAN of Belgrade

NUTTING of Oakland

PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations
H.P. 1166 L.D. 1834

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-809)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-809)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-809)**.

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members"

H.P. 1376 L.D. 2152

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-808)**.

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
RISEMAN of Harrison
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-808)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-808)**.

Senate

Pursuant to Public Law

(5-7) Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Regarding the Sale of Pari-mutuel Pools for Simulcast Races"
S.P. 977 L.D. 2260

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**, pursuant to Public Law, chapter 440, section 13.

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-8) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Wireless Communications by Allowing the Public Utilities Commission to Designate Eligible Telecommunications Carriers"

S.P. 932 L.D. 2193

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-562)**.

Divided Report

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Maintain State Police Rural Patrol Services at 2020 Staffing Levels" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 902 L.D. 2109

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-564)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
HARRINGTON of York
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
ARDELL of Monticello
LAJOIE of Lewiston
MATHIESON of Kittery
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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

LOOKNER of Portland
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Divided Report

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Finance Clean Energy and Infrastructure in Maine"

S.P. 638 L.D. 1606

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-570)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

ZEIGLER of Montville
GEIGER of Rockland
KESSLER of South Portland
RUNTE of York
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
DUNPHY of Embden
FOSTER of Dexter
PAUL of Winterport

Divided Report

(5-11) The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill
"An Act to Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish"

S.P. 418 L.D. 1049

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-563)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

BLACK of Franklin

CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington

DILL of Old Town

DRINKWATER of Milford

HEPLER of Woolwich

MASON of Lisbon

THORNE of Carmel

WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham

GOLEK of Harpswell

WOOD of Greene

Divided Report

(5-12) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate"

S.P. 863 L.D. 2035

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-566)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

POIRIER of Skowhegan

Divided Report

(5-13) The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program"

S.P. 808 L.D. 1974

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-568)**.

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
MATLACK of St. George
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LIBBY of Auburn
QUINT of Hodgdon

Divided Report

(5-14) The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Accelerate the Production of Affordable Housing and Strengthen the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit"

S.P. 899 L.D. 2106

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-567)**.

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

PERRY of Bangor
CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
MATLACK of St. George
RANA of Bangor

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
LIBBY of Auburn
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Divided Report

(5-15) The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study"
S.P. 357 L.D. 860

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

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CRAFTS of Newcastle
ALBERT of Madawaska
ANKELES of Brunswick
EATON of Deer Isle
MASON of Lisbon
PARRY of Arundel
WHITE of Guilford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-565)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

O'CONNELL of Brewer
WHITE of Waterville

Divided Report

(5-16) Five Members of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives"

S.P. 444 L.D. 1075

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-569)**

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

CROCKETT of Portland
HASENFUS of Readfield
MATLACK of St. George

Five Members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

LAVIGNE of Berwick
QUINT of Hodgdon
RANA of Bangor
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "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

(6-2) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1398 L.D. 2184

House As Amended

(6-3) Bill "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)

Senate As Amended

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Require the Probate Court to Report Name Changes to the State Bureau of Identification" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 305 L.D. 747
(C "A" S-559)

(6-5) Bill "An Act to Extend and Expand the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund"

S.P. 810 L.D. 1981
(S "A" S-557 to C "A" S-544)

(6-6) Bill "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
(C "A" S-561)

(6-7) Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws"

S.P. 859 L.D. 2031
(C "A" S-558)

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 - Requiring Suggested Committee Amendments to Concept Drafts to Be Filed Before Their Committee Hearings

S.P. 937

Tabled - February 1, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing the Honorable Gerald Davis, of Falmouth.
HLS 760

Tabled - February 28, 2024 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

(In House, **ADOPTED**.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Bowdoin College
Women's Basketball Team, of Brunswick
SLS 1485

Tabled - February 29, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on 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

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-776) (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - March 5, 2024 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence

(In House, 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) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-785).**)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine"

S.P. 969 L.D. 2249

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 100, section 7.

Tabled - March 5, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote"

H.P. 1023 L.D. 1578

Report "A" - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Report "B" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-792) (5 members)

Report "C" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-793) (2 members)

Tabled - March 6, 2024 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, Report "B", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-792)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-792)**.)

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Honorable John L. Martin, of Eagle Lake

SLS 1515

Tabled - March 7, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **PASSAGE**

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 895 L.D. 2102

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-560) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - March 7, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report (Roll Call Ordered)

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.)

2.

Emergency

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options

S.P. 743 L.D. 1827
(C "A" S-521)

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in concurrence

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 25 - S.P. 17 (C "A" S-513)	L.D. 938 - H.P. 585 (C "A" H-181)
L.D. 56 - H.P. 31 (C "A" H-9)	L.D. 949 - H.P. 596 (C "A" H-173; H "A" H-575 to C "A" H-173)
L.D. 70 - H.P. 45 (C "A" H-24)	L.D. 988 - S.P. 407 (C "A" S-62)
L.D. 93 - H.P. 61 (C "A" H-701)	L.D. 993 - H.P. 628 (C "A" H-143)
L.D. 111 - H.P. 79 (C "A" H-671)	L.D. 997 - H.P. 633 (C "A" H-342)
L.D. 113 - H.P. 81 (C "A" H-26)	L.D. 999 - H.P. 635 (C "A" H-481)
L.D. 142 - H.P. 88 (C "A" H-51)	L.D. 1006 - H.P. 642 (C "A" H-358)
L.D. 143 - H.P. 89 (C "A" H-6)	L.D. 1021 - H.P. 657 (C "A" H-74)
L.D. 154 - H.P. 95 (C "A" H-153)	L.D. 1028 - H.P. 664 (C "A" H-269)
L.D. 185 - S.P. 89 (C "A" S-201)	L.D. 1064 - S.P. 433 (C "A" S-176)
L.D. 186 - S.P. 90 (C "A" S-89)	L.D. 1096 - H.P. 691 (C "A" H-313)
L.D. 208 - H.P. 129 (C "A" H-427)	L.D. 1100 - H.P. 695 (C "A" H-448; S "A" S-337 to C "A" H-448)
L.D. 210 - H.P. 131 (C "A" H-10)	L.D. 1107 - H.P. 703 (C "A" H-134)
L.D. 220 - H.P. 141 (C "A" H-224)	L.D. 1128 - S.P. 465 (C "A" S-236)
L.D. 223 - H.P. 144 (C "A" H-253)	L.D. 1139 - S.P. 466 (C "A" S-406)
L.D. 225 - H.P. 146 (C "A" H-118)	L.D. 1161 - H.P. 733 (C "A" H-440)
L.D. 226 - H.P. 147 (C "A" H-673)	L.D. 1162 - H.P. 734 (C "A" H-78)
L.D. 254 - S.P. 120 (C "A" S-537)	L.D. 1177 - H.P. 749 (C "A" H-472)
L.D. 265 - H.P. 170 (C "A" H-23)	L.D. 1178 - H.P. 750 (C "A" H-136)
L.D. 273 - H.P. 171 (C "A" H-329)	L.D. 1190 - S.P. 486 (C "A" S-377)
L.D. 280 - H.P. 178 (C "A" H-109)	L.D. 1227 - H.P. 775 (C "A" H-437)
L.D. 287 - H.P. 185 (C "A" H-47; H "A" H-64 to C "A" H-47)	L.D. 1234 - H.P. 782 (C "A" H-454)
L.D. 335 - S.P. 156 (C "A" S-101)	L.D. 1236 - H.P. 784 (C "A" H-495)
L.D. 348 - H.P. 222 (C "A" H-449)	L.D. 1258 - H.P. 806 (C "A" H-215)
L.D. 355 - S.P. 162 (C "A" S-47)	L.D. 1263 - H.P. 811 (C "A" H-645)
L.D. 361 - S.P. 168 (C "A" S-254)	L.D. 1276 - S.P. 513 (C "A" S-370)
L.D. 426 - H.P. 259 (C "A" H-507)	L.D. 1285 - S.P. 522 (C "A" S-141)
L.D. 445 - S.P. 200 (C "A" S-94)	L.D. 1301 - H.P. 826 (C "A" H-551)
L.D. 447 - S.P. 202 (C "A" S-58)	L.D. 1303 - H.P. 828 (C "A" H-524; S "A" S-334 to C "A" H-524)
L.D. 472 - H.P. 289 (C "A" H-302)	L.D. 1305 - H.P. 830 (C "A" H-457)
L.D. 473 - H.P. 290 (C "A" H-501)	L.D. 1333 - H.P. 847 (C "A" H-325)
L.D. 504 - S.P. 221 (C "A" S-96)	L.D. 1375 - H.P. 889 (C "A" H-308)
L.D. 505 - S.P. 222 (C "A" S-22)	L.D. 1376 - H.P. 890 (C "A" H-178)
L.D. 512 - S.P. 229 (C "A" S-167)	L.D. 1384 - S.P. 549 (C "A" S-402)
L.D. 536 - H.P. 341 (C "A" H-129)	L.D. 1412 - H.P. 908 (C "A" H-560)
L.D. 539 - H.P. 344 (C "A" H-138)	L.D. 1421 - H.P. 917 (C "A" H-756)
L.D. 540 - H.P. 345 (C "A" H-137)	L.D. 1422 - H.P. 918 (C "A" H-239)
L.D. 566 - S.P. 237 (C "A" S-56)	L.D. 1424 - H.P. 920 (C "A" H-769)
L.D. 568 - S.P. 239 (C "A" S-11)	L.D. 1441 - H.P. 937 (C "A" H-175)
L.D. 577 - S.P. 245 (C "A" S-252)	L.D. 1442 - H.P. 938 (C "A" H-662)
L.D. 579 - S.P. 247 (C "A" S-519)	L.D. 1450 - S.P. 568 (C "A" S-289)
L.D. 580 - S.P. 248 (C "A" S-84)	L.D. 1475 - S.P. 595 (C "A" S-401)
L.D. 587 - S.P. 255 (C "A" S-131)	L.D. 1478 - S.P. 598 (C "A" S-122)
L.D. 591 - S.P. 259 (C "A" S-374)	L.D. 1488 - H.P. 943 (C "A" H-583)
L.D. 599 - H.P. 376 (C "A" H-301)	L.D. 1491 - H.P. 946 (C "A" H-351)
L.D. 610 - H.P. 387 (C "A" H-379)	L.D. 1492 - H.P. 947 (C "A" H-587)
L.D. 632 - H.P. 409 (C "A" H-156)	L.D. 1493 - H.P. 948 (C "A" H-646)
L.D. 659 - H.P. 428 (C "A" H-558)	L.D. 1506 - H.P. 961 (C "A" H-209)
L.D. 666 - H.P. 435 (C "A" H-151)	L.D. 1510 - H.P. 965 (C "A" H-413)
L.D. 669 - H.P. 438 (C "A" H-247)	L.D. 1520 - H.P. 975 (C "A" H-330)
L.D. 695 - H.P. 464 (C "A" H-234)	L.D. 1527 - H.P. 982 (C "A" H-268)
L.D. 741 - S.P. 299 (C "A" S-200)	L.D. 1529 - H.P. 984 (C "A" H-569)
L.D. 787 - S.P. 346 (C "A" S-287)	L.D. 1535 - H.P. 990 (C "A" H-600)
L.D. 791 - S.P. 350 (C "A" S-26)	L.D. 1540 - H.P. 992 (C "A" H-579)
L.D. 794 - S.P. 353 (C "A" S-51)	L.D. 1558 - H.P. 1003 (C "A" H-425)
L.D. 816 - H.P. 505 (C "A" H-81)	L.D. 1573 - H.P. 1018 (C "A" H-584)
L.D. 827 - H.P. 516 (C "A" H-322)	L.D. 1584 - H.P. 1029 (C "A" H-649)
L.D. 829 - H.P. 518 (C "A" H-287)	L.D. 1621 - H.P. 1046 (C "A" H-318)
L.D. 840 - H.P. 529 (C "A" H-344)	L.D. 1664 - S.P. 669 (C "A" S-209; H "A" H-535 to C "A" S-209)
L.D. 871 - S.P. 368 (C "A" S-172)	L.D. 1666 - S.P. 671 (C "A" S-363)
L.D. 904 - H.P. 560 (C "A" H-343)	
L.D. 907 - H.P. 563 (C "A" H-496)	
L.D. 936 - H.P. 583 (C "A" H-255)	

L.D. 1668 - H.P. 1066 (C "A" H-361)	L.D. 1857 - H.P. 1187 (C "A" H-539; H "A" H-571 to C "A" H-539)
L.D. 1682 - H.P. 1081 (C "A" H-314)	L.D. 1858 - H.P. 1188 (C "A" H-405)
L.D. 1684 - H.P. 1083 (C "A" H-206)	L.D. 1863 - H.P. 1193 (C "A" H-621)
L.D. 1691 - S.P. 678 (C "A" S-422)	L.D. 1867 - H.P. 1197 (C "A" H-751)
L.D. 1712 - H.P. 1101 (C "A" H-619)	L.D. 1886 - S.P. 759 (C "A" S-517)
L.D. 1714 - H.P. 1103 (C "A" H-620)	L.D. 1903 - H.P. 1218 (C "A" H-778)
L.D. 1718 - H.P. 1107 (C "A" H-450)	L.D. 1935 - H.P. 1243 (C "A" H-375)
L.D. 1720 - S.P. 683 (C "A" S-316)	L.D. 1942 - S.P. 791 (C "A" S-393)
L.D. 1755 - S.P. 701 (C "A" S-315)	L.D. 1958 - H.P. 1260 (C "A" H-610)
L.D. 1760 - S.P. 707 (C "A" S-199)	L.D. 1966 - H.P. 1263 (C "A" H-753)
L.D. 1761 - S.P. 708 (C "A" S-198)	L.D. 1978 - H.P. 1271 (C "A" H-777)
L.D. 1769 - H.P. 1133 (C "A" H-332)	L.D. 2001 - H.P. 1279 (C "A" H-763)
L.D. 1773 - H.P. 1136 (C "A" H-762)	L.D. 2061 - H.P. 1323 (C "A" H-733)
L.D. 1792 - S.P. 717 (C "A" S-364)	L.D. 2084 - S.P. 877 (C "A" S-539)
L.D. 1797 - S.P. 722 (C "A" S-417)	L.D. 2093 - S.P. 886 (C "A" S-516)
L.D. 1817 - S.P. 732 (C "A" S-192; S "A" S-261 to C "A" S-192)	L.D. 2103 - S.P. 896 (C "A" S-527)
L.D. 1837 - H.P. 1169 (C "A" H-486)	L.D. 2141 - H.P. 1365 (C "A" H-773)
	L.D. 2142 - H.P. 1366 (C "A" H-765)

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L.D. 1640 - S.P. 657 (C "A" S-546)