



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

4th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Senate called to Order by President Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Pastor Nic Benner of Granite Hill Church in Hallowell.

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

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Mason Hall, of Pownal, 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;

HLS 8

(1-2) Ronald Daigle, of New Canada, who was the head coach of the Fort Kent Elementary School and Fort Kent Community High School wrestling teams for 37 years. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 9

(1-3) Paul Bernier, of Frenchville, who has been named the 2025 Citizen of the Year by the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce for his volunteerism, dedication and contributions to the people and businesses of the greater Fort Kent area. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 10

(1-4) Ansel Goode, of Freeport, a member of Troop No. 45, 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;

HLS 11

(1-5) Thomas Bennett, of Auburn, Director of Prince Memorial Library in North Yarmouth, on his retirement after 26 years of service. At the library, Mr. Bennett established public access to a digital library catalog and instituted public internet access, including six public computer stations in addition to the three dedicated catalog stations. Over the years, he campaigned for an increased library budget, more than tripling the overall budget. He oversaw the changeover to four different library software systems, including the most recent change to the statewide Minerva system. He introduced passport acceptance services to the library, and he played a key role in moving the Cumberland Historical Society building to the library's campus in 2020. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 12

(1-6) Scott Lewia, of Sanford, coach of the Wells High School wrestling team, on his 300th dual meet win. Mr. Lewia's team recently won its 7th State Championship during the 2023-2024 wrestling season. He has coached dozens of individual state champions and 100-win wrestlers as well as coaching teams to dual state championship victories. Many wrestlers from Wells have gone on to compete at All States and New Englands with his guidance. In 2014, he was inducted in the Maine Amateur Wrestling Alliance Hall of Fame. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 15

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

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-7) Ed Doudera, of Camden. While a student at Boston University and Suffolk University School of Law, Mr. Doudera worked at Tufts-New England Medical Center in the research administration department. He later became Executive Director of the American Society of Law & Medicine, a fledgling nonprofit devoted to bridging the gap between lawyers and health care providers. Mr. Doudera helped edit the society's two journals, planned and held several conferences and co-edited a series of six books resulting from the conferences. Leaving the society in 1985, he and his wife-to-be Vicki bought a Victorian house on Elm Street in Camden. They renovated the house and in June 1986 opened it as the Blackberry Inn, which they operated for over 10 years. Mr. Doudera also started a law practice and served for many years as the pro bono attorney for Midcoast Habitat for Humanity, helping families attain affordable housing and enabling the organization to grow. He helped many other nonprofit boards and organizations, including the Pitcher Pond Association, which he served as Treasurer; the Saltwater Classroom, which he also served as Treasurer; and the Knox Clinic, which he served as Vice President. Mr. Doudera will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 38 years, the Honorable Vicki Doudera, his family and friends and his community;

HLS 7

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

(1-8) Thomas Lambert, of Burlington. Mr. Lambert will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 13

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

(1-9) Hubert R. Billings, of Deer Isle. Mr. Billings served during the Korean War and was in the 1st Armored Division of the United States Army. He served for eight years, during which time he was a sharpshooter, drove heavy machinery and worked in the base administrative offices. He went on to work for many years with Barter Lumber Company cutting wood and driving a bus and an oil truck. In 1965, he became a United States Postal Service mail carrier, a job he held until 1996. Mr. Billings served as a Selectman for the Town of Deer Isle. He later became the town's Code Enforcement Officer, a position he held for 30 years. He was a member of the Masons, the American Legion and the Grange. He helped start and drove the original Memorial Ambulance vehicle and helped found and served the Island Medical Center. He also helped facilitate bringing a bank to Deer Isle Village, initiated the Island Nursing Home and served as its Treasurer and was a longtime Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society board member and volunteer. Mr. Billings will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 14

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

(1-10) Kittridge A. Johnson, of Winter Harbor. Mr. Johnson was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served as a mechanic. He started lobstering when he was eight years of age and fished until August 2024. He also sold cars and served on the board of Regional School Unit 24. He raced in the Winter Harbor lobster boat races every August and won many trophies. Mr. Johnson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 16

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

(1-11) Lisa A. Boutilier, of Rumford. Ms. Boutilier will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

HLS 17

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 114

**MAINE SENATE
132nd LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

January 16, 2025

Hon. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 16, 2025, 7 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 16, 2025, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 111) (L.D. 245) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds" (S.P. 108) (L.D. 242) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Cumberland and Representative: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers" (S.P. 107) (L.D. 241) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Allow Retail Pharmacies to Operate Remote Dispensing Sites in Rural Areas" (S.P. 105) (L.D. 239) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, SALISBURY of Westbrook, ARFORD of Brunswick)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Create Consistency in Retirement Service Benefits Deferral Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (S.P. 106) (L.D. 240) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Increase the Percentage of Funds Provided to Municipalities Through State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (S.P. 103) (L.D. 237) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Transportation

Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing (S.P. 109) (L.D. 243) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 25

**THE STATE OF MAINE
132nd LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 13, 2025

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

Dear Governor Mills:

On behalf of the 132nd Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the Budget Address. At your direction, we will call for a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the House Chamber.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elizabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 27

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

January 14, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Heather Sanborn, Esq. of Portland, for appointment as the Public Advocate.

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	1	Lawrence, M. of York
	Representatives	6	Sachs, M. of Freeport, Geiger, V. of Rockland, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Runte, W. of York, Warren, S. of Scarborough, Webb, K. of Durham
NAYS	Senators	2	Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	3	Foster, S. of Dexter, McIntyre, M. of Lowell, Paul, R. of Winterport
ABSENT		1	Rep. Wadsworth, N. of Hiram

Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Heather Sanborn, Esq. of Portland, for appointment as the Public Advocate be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Melanie Sachs
House Chair



(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 28

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

January 15, 2025

Hon. Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Daughtry,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature. This Annual Report contains statistical information for financial institutions doing business in Maine.

If you or your office have any questions regarding the information contained in this Annual Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Annual Report will also be available in electronic format on the Bureau of Financial Institutions' website at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions/.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Superintendent

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Indigent Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities"

S.P. 110 L.D. 244

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Protect Emergency Medical Services Persons' Right to Work in Multiple Health Care Settings"

S.P. 104 L.D. 238

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CYRWAY of Kennebec, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Establish the Option of Sentencing Alternatives for Primary Caregivers"

S.P. 112 L.D. 246

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CARNEY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, LEE of Auburn, SATO of Gorham.

(3-4) Bill "An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State"

S.P. 113 L.D. 247

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Rename the Administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner the Director of Medical Examiner Operations"

S.P. 115 L.D. 248

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees"

S.P. 116 L.D. 249

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-7) Bill "An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains"

S.P. 117 L.D. 250

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility"

S.P. 118 L.D. 251

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"

S.P. 120 L.D. 254

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 119

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Amanda Lee, of Wilton, who has been named Member of the Year by the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 23

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

(4-3) Otis Federal Credit Union, of Jay, which has been named Business of the Year by the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 24

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-4) The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center of Livermore, which has been named Organization of the Year by the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 25

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-5) Helen Donahue, of Easton, who is celebrating her 90th birthday on February 9, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 26

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-6) Ivan and Katherine Smith, of Lincoln, who are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 31

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

Joint Resolutions

(4-7) On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative **ABDI** of Lewiston and Senators: **DUSON** of Cumberland, **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Representatives: **DEBRITO** of Waterville, **DHALAC** of South Portland, **MACIAS** of Topsham, **RANA** of Bangor, **SATO** of Gorham, **YUSUF** of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 121

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

WHEREAS, January 20, 2025 marks the national and state holiday in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorating his birth on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister who advocated the furtherance of civil and human rights for all Americans through nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, this man of great moral conviction and spirit showed this country a dream of "an oasis of freedom and justice"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King, a model of an American patriot, provided the nation with one of the most prophetic and influential voices in our history; and

WHEREAS, for his tireless work to ensure equality and justice through nonviolence, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, a high and honorable distinction, in 1964; and

WHEREAS, his eloquence, his perseverance and his faith moved mountains and brought about systemic legal and social changes; and

WHEREAS, the life of Dr. King, which ended so tragically on April 4, 1968, is a shining example to Americans and citizens of the world of uncompromising dedication to the highest ideals of freedom, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was the first African American to be honored with a memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. with the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in West Potomac Park in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in Maine, the Honorable Gerald E. Talbot of Portland submitted legislation in 1975 to create a day commemorating Dr. King prior to the federal legislation creating the holiday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary life and works of this teacher, reformer and humanitarian, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pause in our deliberations to recognize and commemorate the occasion of his birth.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-8) Gregory M. Williams, of West Enfield, a Master Electrician. Mr. Williams retired from Great Northern Paper after spending most of his working life in the mills. While living in Howland, he was a member of the Howland Fire Department, served as fire chief for 2 years and was a member of both the planning board and the timber harvesting committee. Mr. Williams will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 27

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

(4-9) Mark Reginald Theriault, of Howland. After graduating from Penobscot Valley High School in 1974, Mr. Theriault worked a year in the woods with his father as a lumberjack. He then began work at Diamond International lumber mill in Passadumkeag. There he worked as a boiler operator until 2001. He also worked at PK Floats in Lincoln. Mr. Theriault will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 28

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

(4-10) Gloria Hope Jandreau, of Lincoln. A talented cook and baker and who also enjoyed crocheting, Mrs. Jandreau crocheted many lap blankets for residents of Maine Veterans' Homes. Mrs. Jandreau will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 29

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

(4-11) Christine Lyons Arnold, of Lincoln. Mrs. Arnold raised her children at home and had many different jobs in the community. Among them, she worked as a clerk at The North End Market, at Rexall's and at Bailey's Drug Store. Later, she owned the well-known Dot's Fabric Shop in Lincoln. Always willing to help others, she volunteered at turkey pie suppers and Vacation Bible School, and she cooked for bake sales and events in school classrooms. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Lincoln. Mrs. Arnold will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 30

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process

H.P. 117 L.D. 184

Tabled - January 14, 2025 by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.)
