



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature  
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Advance Journal and Calendar

*State of the Judiciary*

**8th Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

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

Prayer by Pastor Justin Thacker of Praise Assembly of God in Rumford.

National Anthem Performed by Hannah Thacker of East Andover.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Bruce A. Bickford of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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**Matthea E. L. Daughtry**  
*President of the Senate*

**Darek M. Grant**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 14

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 10:45 this morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of welcoming the Honorable Valerie Stanfill, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and members of the Judiciary, and request the Chief Justice make such communication as she is pleased to make.

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**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine by Exempting Sales of Cannabis for Medical Use"

H.P. 363 L.D. 544

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

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**Joint Orders**

(1-2) The following Joint Order:

H.P. 367

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 310, subsection 2, last paragraph to read:

Except for Leave to Withdraw, the committee shall vote on all recommendations to be included in reports on a bill during a work session on that bill. When the committee recommendation is not unanimous, a minority report or reports are required. Minority committee reports, except as provided in subsection 4, paragraph A, must be voted on at the same work session as the majority report on that bill. A committee vote to report a bill out favorably must be taken based on written language before the committee at that time or on a motion describing the content of the report. After a committee vote, no substantive change may be made in the committee report unless motions to reconsider and to amend the report are approved at a committee work session. All reports on any legislative document must be submitted to the Legislature at the same time.

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 310, subsection 4, paragraph A to read:

A. If any member is absent from the committee at the time of the vote, that member's vote may be registered with the clerk up until noon on the 2nd business day following the vote. A member may register a vote only on a report that was made when the vote was taken by the committee. A member may not register a vote with the clerk creating an additional report other than Ought Not to Pass.

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

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An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-3) Lauren Jakub, of Chelsea, who was named American Miss National Mrs. at the American Miss National Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 284

**MAINE SENATE  
132<sup>nd</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

February 19, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
132nd Legislature

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

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 19, 2025, 42 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 February 19, 2025, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program" (S.P. 277) (L.D. 593) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, BLIER of Buxton, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DUCHARME of Madison, BUNKER of Farmington, DILL of Old Town)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Coastal Climate Resiliency" (S.P. 239) (L.D. 560) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, GROHOSKI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, COPELAND of Saco, ARCHER of Saco)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act to Support Informed Community Self-determination in Emergency Medical Services Planning" (S.P. 266) (L.D. 583) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child" (S.P. 276) (L.D. 592) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools" (S.P. 258) (L.D. 577) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Require Cardiac Emergency Response Plans and Athletic Emergency Action Plans for Schools and School-sponsored Athletic Events" (S.P. 270) (L.D. 587) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Representatives: MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act to Modify the Process for Standard-offer Contracts with the Public Utilities Commission" (S.P. 248) (L.D. 568) (Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: WARREN of Scarborough, PAUL of Winterport)

Bill "An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates" (S.P. 268) (L.D. 585) (Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MALON of Biddeford, RUNTE of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure (S.P. 280) (L.D. 596) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport)

Bill "An Act Concerning Energy, Utilities and Technology" (S.P. 281) (L.D. 597) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers" (S.P. 240) (L.D. 561) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators: MOORE of Washington, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: SHAGOURY of Hallowell, MCCABE of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes When the Transport is at the Request of the Chief Medical Examiner" (S.P. 241) (L.D. 562) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators: MOORE of Washington, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: LEMELIN of Chelsea, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for a Waiver from the Federal Government for the Medicaid Limitation on Payment to a Facility with More than 16 Inpatient Beds for Psychiatric Treatment (S.P. 242) (L.D. 563) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 275) (L.D. 591) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Consumer Protections by Prohibiting the Report of Medical Debt on Consumer Reports" (S.P. 237) (L.D. 558) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, RENY of Lincoln, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Prohibiting Fees Charged for Receiving Paper Statements from Financial Institutions and Credit Card Issuers" (S.P. 261) (L.D. 580) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, INGWERSEN of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (S.P. 265) (L.D. 582) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative FLYNN of Albion and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BAILEY of York, INGWERSEN of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, MATHIESON of Kittery, ARFORD of Brunswick, HYMES of Waldo)

**Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program" (S.P. 264) (L.D. 581) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, SARGENT of York, BRENNAN of Portland)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders" (S.P. 269) (L.D. 586) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Update Privacy Protections for Maine Consumers" (S.P. 279) (L.D. 595) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act to Improve Conditions for Maine Workers and Retirees" (S.P. 252) (L.D. 571) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Workers' Compensation Laws" (S.P. 253) (L.D. 572) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Improve Penalty Collection for Labor Protection Violations" (S.P. 254) (L.D. 573) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Workers in the State" (S.P. 255) (L.D. 574) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program by Removing the Requirement That Leave Must Be Scheduled to Prevent Undue Hardship on the Employer" (S.P. 256) (L.D. 575) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers" (S.P. 257) (L.D. 576) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Improve Occupational Regulation" (S.P. 259) (L.D. 578) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement" (S.P. 260) (L.D. 579) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec, Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford)

Bill "An Act to Enact the Agricultural Employees Concerted Activity Protection Act" (S.P. 272) (L.D. 588) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws" (S.P. 273) (L.D. 589) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, TIPPING of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport)

Bill "An Act to Require Minimum Pay for Reporting to Work" (S.P. 282) (L.D. 598) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, ROEDER of Bangor, BECK of South Portland, MACIAS of Topsham)

Bill "An Act to Codify the Federal Salary Threshold for Overtime Pay" (S.P. 283) (L.D. 599) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, ROEDER of Bangor, BECK of South Portland, SATO of Gorham, MACIAS of Topsham)

### **State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government" (S.P. 243) (L.D. 564) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May as Dark Sky Week" (S.P. 247) (L.D. 567) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, COPELAND of Saco, SALISBURY of Westbrook, POMERLEAU of Standish)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process" (S.P. 274) (L.D. 590) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies (S.P. 278) (L.D. 594) (Sponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn and Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, DRINKWATER of Milford, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, FREDERICKS of Sanford, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, HENDERSON of Rumford, CHAPMAN of Auburn, CARUSO of Caratunk)

### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Stabilization for Older Maine Residents" (S.P. 238) (L.D. 559) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, DOUDERA of Camden)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Homestead' Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws" (S.P. 244) (L.D. 565) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: MATLACK of St. George)



Bill "An Act to Provide an Additional Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Based on Income" (S.P. 250) (L.D. 570) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Modernize the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and Amend the Law Governing Inspection Fees" (S.P. 246) (L.D. 566) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, DUCHARME of Madison, ANKELES of Brunswick)

Resolve, to Rename the Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 249) (L.D. 569) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative: LANIGAN of Sanford)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature" (S.P. 267) (L.D. 584) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: RUDNICKI of Fairfield, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FREDERICKS of Sanford, BOYER of Poland)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.P. 318

**MAINE SENATE  
132<sup>nd</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

February 20, 2025

Hon. Matthea Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
132nd Legislature

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

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 20, 2025, 29 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 February 20, 2025, as follows:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide Funding for Affordable and Low-income Housing Programs" (S.P. 307) (L.D. 690) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Further Investment in Maine-based Businesses" (S.P. 308) (L.D. 691) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative SARGENT of York and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, Representative: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act Providing Appropriations and Allocations for State Government Operations" (S.P. 316) (L.D. 699) (Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act to Increase the Funding to the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund" (S.P. 294) (L.D. 679) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Farmington and Senators: RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low-income and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units" (S.P. 286) (L.D. 673) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges" (S.P. 295) (L.D. 680) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton and Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

Bill "An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State" (S.P. 296) (L.D. 681) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: STOVER of Boothbay, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, BISHOP of Bucksport)

Bill "An Act to Increase Support for Statewide Emergency Broadcast Messaging" (S.P. 309) (L.D. 692) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, DUSON of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representative: BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Bolster the Maine Teacher Residency Program" (S.P. 313) (L.D. 696) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students" (S.P. 317) (L.D. 700) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senators: MOORE of Washington, DUSON of Cumberland, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, Representative: DILL of Old Town)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act to Require Petitions for Interstate Transmission Lines to Include Provisions for Conservation Funding" (S.P. 311) (L.D. 694) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, KUHN of Falmouth)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Support the Northern New England Poison Center" (S.P. 306) (L.D. 689) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: ZAGER of Portland, CRAFTS of Newcastle)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers by Increasing Transparency and Accountability in the Pharmaceutical Industry" (S.P. 288) (L.D. 675) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing" (S.P. 314) (L.D. 697) (Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, BAILEY of York, INGWERSEN of York, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

**Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 293) (L.D. 678) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine" (S.P. 315) (L.D. 698) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor, Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, CURRY of Waldo, TIPPING of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MEYER of Eliot, GERE of Kennebunkport)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of 'Machine Gun' and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device" (S.P. 292) (L.D. 677) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, DUSON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, DOUDERA of Camden, SACHS of Freeport, BECK of South Portland)

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions" (S.P. 297) (L.D. 682) (Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, CARLOW of Buxton, QUINT of Hodgdon, PAUL of Winterport, HAGGAN of Hampden)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Department of the Secretary of State Law Enforcement Officers to Initiate a Libel Proceeding Regarding Catalytic Converters" (S.P. 305) (L.D. 688) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act to Assert State Ownership over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles and Submerged Lands and Marine Resources up to 24 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast and to Direct the Attorney General to Study That Ownership" (S.P. 304) (L.D. 687) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CYRWAY of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington, Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Create a History Education and Learning Mobile Unit Within the Maine State Archives" (S.P. 287) (L.D. 674) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Support the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions" (S.P. 310) (L.D. 693) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, BAILEY of York, Representative: KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine" (S.P. 312) (L.D. 695) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland)

**Transportation**

Resolve, to Rename the Salmon Falls Bridge Between Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 285) (L.D. 672) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton and Senator: INGWERSEN of York, Representative: CARLOW of Buxton)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council" (S.P. 289) (L.D. 676) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, POMERLEAU of Standish, COOPER of Windham, TERRY of Gorham)

Resolve, to Rename the Mill Pond Bridge the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 302) (L.D. 685) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WALKER of Naples)

Resolve, to Rename the Kezar Falls Bridge Between Porter and Parsonsfield the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 303) (L.D. 686) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro and Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses" (S.P. 299) (L.D. 683) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liquor and Lottery Operations" (S.P. 300) (L.D. 684) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

H.P. 332

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 6, 2025

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

Honorable Matthea Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On February 6, 2025, 26 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 6, 2025, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convey and Release the State's Interest in Certain Real Property Located in the Town of Richmond (H.P. 320) (L.D. 491) (Sponsored by Representative CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities (H.P. 327) (L.D. 498) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, WHITE of Guilford)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Secure Prosperity for Maine Families and Businesses" (H.P. 312) (L.D. 483) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services" (H.P. 306) (L.D. 477) (Sponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAY of Palmyra, FREDETTE of Newport, PARRY of Arundel, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Department of Public Safety" (H.P. 313) (L.D. 484) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Justice" (H.P. 314) (L.D. 485) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Duty of an Individual Exercising Self-defense to Safely Retreat or Abstain from Performing Certain Acts upon Demand" (H.P. 315) (L.D. 486) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARUSO of Caratunk, EDER of Waterboro, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, WHITE of Guilford)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Time Frame for Issuing a Silver Alert and to Require Silver Alerts for All Persons Missing from Certain Inpatient Facilities" (H.P. 325) (L.D. 496) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SUPICA of Bangor)

### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Expand Educational Opportunities and Broaden Educational Services for Students Enrolled in Equivalent Instruction Programs" (H.P. 311) (L.D. 482) (Sponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, HASENFUS of Readfield, MATHIESON of Kittery, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act to Fairly Fund School Administrative Units for Economically Disadvantaged Students" (H.P. 330) (L.D. 501) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco, Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, TUELL of East Machias)

### **Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default" (H.P. 310) (L.D. 481) (Sponsored by Representative BECK of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland, OLSEN of Raymond, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: HARRINGTON of York)

### **Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's Recycling Efforts Under the Beverage Container Redemption Program" (H.P. 308) (L.D. 479) (Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn)

Bill "An Act to Protect Coastal Property by Allowing Property Owners to Protect Their Existing Dwellings" (H.P. 317) (L.D. 488) (Sponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Windham, JACKSON of Oxford, WADSWORTH of Hiram)



Bill "An Act to Require Rules Designed to Reduce Climate Change to Include Estimates of the Reduction in Adverse Climate Effects and of the Cost to Consumers" (H.P. 324) (L.D. 495) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHARME of Madison, FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, SMITH of Palermo, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Department of Environmental Protection" (H.P. 326) (L.D. 497) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering" (H.P. 328) (L.D. 499) (Sponsored by Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico) (Cosponsored by Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MASON of Lisbon, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

Bill "An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers" (H.P. 331) (L.D. 502) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BLIER of Buxton, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, HARRINGTON of York)

### **Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act to Support Healthy Weight by Providing MaineCare Coverage for Certain Weight Loss Medications" (H.P. 309) (L.D. 480) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, EATON of Deer Isle, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SALISBURY of Westbrook, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells" (H.P. 322) (L.D. 493) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RANA of Bangor, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: INGWERSEN of York, TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing" (H.P. 329) (L.D. 500) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, FLYNN of Albion, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, RANA of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington)

### **Judiciary**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights (H.P. 321) (L.D. 492) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIFFIN of Levant, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon, THORNE of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

**Marine Resources**

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Vessel Breakdown License Exception for Commercial Halibut Fishing License Holders" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 318) (L.D. 489) (Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: RENY of Lincoln)

**State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules" (H.P. 319) (L.D. 490) (Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Reduce Maximum Speeds on Roads Close to Residences" (H.P. 307) (L.D. 478) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford)

Resolve, Directing the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to Apply for Federal Funding for the Purpose of Identifying the Rail Corridor Connecting Portland to Orono as an Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 316) (L.D. 487) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, DUCHARME of Madison, FREDETTE of Newport, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HICKMAN of Kennebec)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws" (H.P. 323) (L.D. 494) (Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, GUERRETTE of Caribou) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

H.P. 339

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 7, 2025

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

Honorable Matthea Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On February 7, 2025, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 7, 2025, as follows:

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act to Reverse Recent Changes Made to the Law Governing Net Energy Billing and Distributed Generation" (H.P. 333) (L.D. 515) (Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, STROUT of Harrington, THORNE of Carmel, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

**Health and Human Services**

Resolve, Increasing Access to Maternal and Child Health Care (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 336) (L.D. 518) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act to Remove the Requirement That Individual and Small Group Health Plans Be Offered Through a Pooled Market and to Eliminate the Provision of Law Establishing a Pooled Market for Those Plans" (H.P. 337) (L.D. 519) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CIMINO of Bridgton, FLYNN of Albion, FOLEY of Wells, OLSEN of Raymond, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Modifying the Provisions of Law Governing Clear Choice Design Health Plans" (H.P. 338) (L.D. 520) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CIMINO of Bridgton, FLYNN of Albion, FOLEY of Wells, OLSEN of Raymond, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Protect the First Amendment Rights of Individuals in the State" (H.P. 335) (L.D. 517) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

**Transportation**

Resolve, to Name the Bridge Between Milford and Old Town the Alton L. Drinkwater Memorial Bridge (H.P. 334) (L.D. 516) (Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 104

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

February 12, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Chapter 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission*, effective immediately:

Honorable Rick Bennett of Oxford County as a member of the Senate;  
Honorable Stacey Guerin of Penobscot County as a member of the Senate;  
Honorable Mike Tipping of Penobscot County as a member of the Senate; and  
Honorable Mark Lawrence of York County as a member of the Senate and as a member who is fluent in the French language.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 105

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

February 12, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA, Title 3, §231, I am pleased to appoint the following to the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, effective immediately.

These four members of the Maine State Senate are the members who I have appointed to the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission:

Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford County  
Senator Stacey Guerin of Penobscot County  
Senator Mike Tipping of Penobscot County  
Senator Mark Lawrence of York County

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 99

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

February 10, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Chapter 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission*, effective immediately:

Honorable Anne Perry of Calais as a member who is a citizen of this State;  
Honorable Joyce Maker of Calais as a member who is a citizen of this State;  
Honorable Christopher Kessler of South Portland as a member of the House of Representatives;  
Honorable Daniel Sayre of Kennebunk as a member of the House of Representatives;  
Honorable Mark Blier of Buxton as a member of the House of Representatives; and  
Honorable Lucien Daigle of Fort Kent as a member of the House of Representatives and as a member who is fluent in the French language.

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 101

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

February 10, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under M.R.S.A. Title 3, §231, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the *New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission*, effective immediately.

These four members of the House of Representatives are the members who I have appointed to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission:

Representative Christopher Kessler of South Portland  
Representative Daniel Sayre of Kennebunk  
Representative Mark Blier of Buxton  
Representative Lucien Daigle of Fort Kent

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 107

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

February 19, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 5, §125.2-G, I am pleased to reappoint Representative William Pluecker of Warren to the Board of Agriculture, effective immediately.

Representative Pluecker will continue to serve on this board as the member of the House of Representatives who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 109

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

February 24, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I rescind the appointment of Representative Randall Hall of Wilton from the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

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(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 106

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

February 19, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Nominations to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to serve on the Finance Authority of Maine:

- Michael J. Foley, Jr. of Cape Elizabeth as a new appointment
- Simon Ferland of Bangor as a new appointment
- William C. Tracy as a reappointment

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 108

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

February 19, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Reappointment of Edward S. David of Farmington to the Maine Human Rights  
Commission

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate Edward S. David of Farmington for reappointment to the Maine  
Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5 MRSA §4561, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine  
Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 70

**STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

January 24, 2025

Hon. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-003

Hon. Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

RE: State of the Judiciary

Greetings,

Thank you for your invitation of January 23, 2025. Please be advised that I am pleased to accept your invitation and will be in attendance to address the Joint Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature on February 25, 2025 at 11am concerning the State of the Judiciary.

Very truly yours,

S/Valerie Stanfill  
Chief Justice

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(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 103

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

February 10, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
132nd Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 43      An Act to Further Protect Victims from Contact Prohibited by Probation  
Conditions

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn  
House Chair

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(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 102

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

February 7, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House  
132nd Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 190      An Act to Exempt Certain Numismatic Transactions from State Sales Tax

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Resolve, to Update Flood Mapping in the Sandy River Watershed to Federal Emergency Management Agency Standards

S.P. 291 L.D. 758

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senators: MARTIN of Oxford, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, BUNKER of Farmington, CARUSO of Caratunk, FROST of Belgrade, POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROLLINS of Augusta.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 320 L.D. 761

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, MATHIESON of Kittery, QUINT of Hodgdon, TUELL of East Machias.

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

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(3-3) Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites"

S.P. 321 L.D. 762

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, GUERIN of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George.

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

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(3-4) Bill "An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs"

S.P. 329 L.D. 771

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

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(3-5) Resolve, to Study and Oversee Water in the State of Maine

S.P. 290 L.D. 757

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-6) Bill "An Act to Ban the Sale, Use and Possession of Single-use Electronic Cigarettes and to Review Extended Producer Responsibility Options for All Batteries"

S.P. 262 L.D. 754

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths by Allowing Municipalities to Approve the Establishment of Overdose Prevention Centers"

S.P. 263 L.D. 755

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, RANA of Bangor, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Increase Patient Safety in Long-term Care Facilities"

S.P. 298 L.D. 759

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Improve Long-term Care by Providing Funding for Nursing Facilities"

S.P. 322 L.D. 763

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensing of Certain Types of Establishments and Professions by the Department of Health and Human Services"

S.P. 325 L.D. 767

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities"

S.P. 326 L.D. 768

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-12) Bill "An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities"

S.P. 327 L.D. 769

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Child Protection"

S.P. 328 L.D. 770

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Assist Nursing Facilities in the Management of Facility Beds"

S.P. 330 L.D. 772

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

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(3-15) Bill "An Act Establishing the Maine Common Interest Ownership Act"  
S.P. 301 L.D. 760

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

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

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(3-16) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders"  
S.P. 245 L.D. 752

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Support an Aroostook Adult Treatment and Recovery Court"  
S.P. 251 L.D. 753

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello and Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook,  
Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent,  
GUERRETTE of Caribou, QUINT of Hodgdon, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

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(3-18) Bill "An Act Creating and Sustaining Jobs Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses by Providing Tax Deductions for Certain Qualified Business Activities"

S.P. 271 L.D. 756

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, HEPLER of Woolwich, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

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(3-19) Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Enhanced Driver's Licenses and Enhanced Nondriver Identification Cards in Maine"

S.P. 331 L.D. 773

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

(4-1) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 323

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

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Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Reece Lister, of Caribou, a Cadet 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, who received the prestigious Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award from the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. This award recognizes the recipient's sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 102

Sponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-3) Ian Lister, of Caribou, a Cadet 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, who received the prestigious Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award from the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. This award recognizes the recipient's sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 103

Sponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-4) Gloria Dionne, of Caribou, a Cadet 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, who received the prestigious Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award from the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. This award recognizes the recipient's sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 104

Sponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-5) Abigail Jo Mierzwa, of Caribou, a Cadet 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, who received the prestigious Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award from the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. This award recognizes the recipient's sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 105

Sponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-6) the Lewiston High School Cheering Team, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's 13th championship overall and third in four years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 106

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MCCABE of Lewiston.

(4-7) Ernest Merritt III, of Saco, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 107

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-8) Aging in Buxton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 108

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton.

(4-9) Call Force and Fire Police, of Old Orchard Beach, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 109

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

(4-10) Dan O'Connell, of Bangor, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 110

Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

(4-11) John Vigue, of Thomaston, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 111

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative: MATLACK of St. George.

(4-12) Joel and Sybil Wentworth, of Union, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 112

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren.

(4-13) Linda Greenlaw, of Rockport, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 113

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative: DOUDERA of Camden.

(4-14) Andy Buckman, of Berwick, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 114

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: LAVIGNE of Berwick.

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

SLS 115

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport.

(4-16) the Rotary Club of Gardiner, which is celebrating its 100th year of "Service Above Self" on March 2, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 117

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: MONTELL of Gardiner.

(4-17) Wyatt Benoit, of Saco, a senior boys basketball player at Thornton Academy, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 118

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

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

SLS 119

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-19) Harbor View Eye, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 Santo "Sam" DiPietro Community Impact Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 121

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.



(4-20) Brickell Brands, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 Sustainable Business of the Year Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 122

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-21) Coastal Care Solutions, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 Small Business of the Year Award, for businesses of 25 or fewer employees, from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 123

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-22) Red's Dairy Freeze, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 Heart of South Portland Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 124

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-23) the Soucy Family at Port Harbor Marine, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 Business Leaders of the Year Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 125

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-24) Broadway Bowl, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 New Business of the Year Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 126

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-25) Nate Garrett, a Gyotaku artist, of South Portland, who has received the 2024 Maker Business of the Year Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 127

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-26) FORK Food Lab, of South Portland, which has received the 2024 Business of the Year Award from the City of South Portland's Economic Development Committee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 128

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

(4-27) Jack Quinn, of Litchfield, who won the 2024 Class B State Golf Championship and the 2024 New England Interscholastic Golf Championship and was named the Varsity Maine/Portland Press Herald 2024 Boys' Golfer of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 129

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: GREENWOOD of Wales.

(4-28) Ian Gould, of Pittston, coach of the Gardiner Area High School golf team, who was named the Varsity Maine/Portland Press Herald 2024 Golf Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 130

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: LEMELIN of Chelsea.

(4-29) Ellie Austin, of Howland, a senior on the Penobscot Valley High School girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 131

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-30) Scott and Karen Dombrowski, of Kennebunkport, who retired after 32 years as the Goat Island lighthouse keepers. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 132

Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport.

(4-31) Mason Rose, of Mount Desert, a Mount Desert Island High School wrestler who achieved his 100th career victory. Mason is the first wrestler from the school to achieve this milestone since 2009 and only the fourth in the wrestling program's history. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 133

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-32) Kristan Vermeulen, of Cumberland, who won the United States of America Ms. Maine Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 135

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: MITCHELL of Cumberland.

(4-33) the South Berwick VFW Post 5744, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 136

Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

(4-34) Barbara Fagnant, of Scarborough, who is retiring as Finance Clerk for the Town of Scarborough after 23 years of service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 137

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-35) the Scarborough High School Baseball Team, which won the 2024 Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 138

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-36) Mackenzie Shields, of Saco, a member of the Thornton Academy Swimming Team, who won the 2025 Class A State Championship and set new school records in the 200 Medley and 500 Freestyle events and was also named the Performer of the Meet. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 139

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-37) Bryce Joseph Smith, of Winthrop, a member of Troop No. 604, 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 140

Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

(4-38) Joseph Lathwood, of Saco, a senior at Thornton Academy, who won the 2025 Class A Wrestling State Championship, the first in the school's history, and who received the John Pelletier Outstanding Wrestler Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 141

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-39) Lucy Perry, of Saco, a member of the Thornton Academy Swimming Team, who won the 2025 Class A State Championship in the 200 Freestyle event and the 100 Breaststroke event, in which she set a new school record. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 142

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

(4-40) Clayton McPheters, of Lincoln, who won the Class B State Wrestling Championship in the 106-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 143

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-41) Easnadh Nobel To'olo, of Orono, who won the 2025 Class B State Championship in the Long Jump event. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 144

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: OSHER of Orono.

(4-42) Owen Harper, of Lincoln, who was the runner-up at the Class B State Wrestling Championship in the 150-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 145

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-43) the Town of Green Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 147

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: WOOD of Greene.

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

SLS 148

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: FROST of Belgrade.

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

SLS 149

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-46) James A. Mardin, of Westbrook, who celebrated his 103rd birthday on January 23, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 150

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

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

(4-47) the Royal River Conservation Trust, of Yarmouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 151

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

(4-48) the Cumberland Recreational Trails Committee, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 152

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: MITCHELL of Cumberland.

(4-49) Abigail Grunewald, of Yarmouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 153

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

(4-50) Anna Siegel, of Yarmouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 154

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

(4-51) Maya Faulstich, of Yarmouth, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 155

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BELL of Yarmouth.

(4-52) the North Yarmouth Parks Committee, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 156

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

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**Joint Resolutions**

(4-53) 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. 324

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
TO RECOGNIZE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POEM  
"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING" BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, James Weldon Johnson was a novelist, poet, songwriter, educator, attorney, journalist, diplomat and civil rights leader; and

WHEREAS, Johnson's gifts in poetry and music led him to join his younger brother's popular music trio in New York City in 1901, where he helped to write many of the trio's songs; and

WHEREAS, Johnson became a key artistic figure in the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s, continuing to publish notable collections of poems and spirituals, and is known in particular for writing the poem "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which he wrote in 1900 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the poem, written from the perspective of African Americans in the late 19th century, includes imagery that evokes the biblical Exodus from slavery to freedom and is an exhortation to all to become active participants in the struggle for freedom; and

WHEREAS, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was converted into a song by James Weldon Johnson's brother John Rosamond Johnson and became known as the Black National Anthem due to its enormous importance to African Americans; and

WHEREAS, embedded within its lyrics are stories of triumph, struggle and freedom that resonate deeply for African Americans, especially during the reconstruction and civil rights eras, and the lyrics of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" serve as a reminder for Black Americans that each generation has had to lift their voices, along with those within their community, to demand and protect their human rights; and

WHEREAS, the song was performed for the first time on February 12, 1900 in Jacksonville, Florida by 500 school children in celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday; and

WHEREAS, at the turn of the 20th century, Johnson's lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans, and, set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by the NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the song includes the lyrics "... Let our rejoicing rise / High as the list'ning skies / Let it resound loud as the rolling sea / Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us / Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us / Facing the rising sun of our new day begun / Let us march on 'til victory is won..."; and



WHEREAS, not only do the lyrics reflect how violence has been inflicted on the Black community, but it affirms and encourages the Black collective to remain faithful in its vision despite the struggles it has endured over the centuries; and

WHEREAS, the core message of the poem is that, through strong faith and solidarity, the Black community can move forward and reimagine a world where true liberty is achievable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the 125th anniversary of "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

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(4-54) On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland), the following Joint Resolution:  
S.P. 332

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS**

WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey into slavery in February 1818 in Talbot County, Maryland. As a young man, while still enslaved, Frederick taught himself how to read and write. At 15, he educated other enslaved individuals and attempted to gain his freedom through fighting back against a "slave-breaker," but was unsuccessful. His enslaver then sent him back to Baltimore, where he met a young free black woman named Anna Murray. Murray would later become his wife, and she risked her own security to buy Douglass the train ticket that brought him to freedom in New York City; and

WHEREAS, in the same year that Douglass got his freedom, he married Anna Murray. To get further away from the danger of re-enslavement, they moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts, adopting the last name Douglass. It was here that Douglass began addressing abolitionist meetings and quickly gained a reputation as an orator. He was soon being paid to speak by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, which took him on speaking tours across the North and Midwest. His fame as a speaker increased, and so did the risk of his being caught and re-enslaved, especially after 1845, when he published his first autobiography detailing his time as a slave. In order to avoid this danger, he took his tour overseas to England, Ireland and Scotland for 2 years, until abolitionists bought his freedom, which allowed him to return back to the United States as a legally free man; and

WHEREAS, after his return to the United States, he continued his work by helping those on the Underground Railroad, supporting anti-slavery political parties and, during the Civil War, helping to ensure that emancipation would be the outcome of the war, even meeting with President Lincoln to advocate on the behalf of black troops who were not receiving the same pay and treatment as white troops. He also ran his own newspaper, The North Star, and in 1855 published his second autobiography; and

WHEREAS, after the end of Reconstruction, Douglass served under five presidents as United States Marshal for the District of Columbia from 1877 to 1881, the district's Recorder of Deeds from 1881 to 1886 and Minister Resident and Consul General to Haiti from 1889 to 1891. In addition to his federal work, Douglass continued on a speaking tour schedule giving speeches for racial equality and women's rights; and

WHEREAS, Douglass's speaking engagements also brought him to Maine multiple times, both before and after the Civil War. He spoke in Bangor and Waterville in 1855, Augusta in 1857, Waterville again in 1864 and Lewiston in 1873. Douglass came to Maine in 1877 as a guest of the veterans of the First Maine Cavalry, a famous Civil War unit, at their annual reunion in Old Orchard Beach. He appreciated the progress made on race relations that enabled him to enjoy "a game of croquet with ladies and gentlemen of a different race right out in front of the hotel"; and

WHEREAS, Douglass also maintained a lifelong friendship with the founder and first president of Bates College, Oren Cheney, who was a fellow abolitionist and activist, and used his home as a stop for the Underground Railroad, helping those escaping slavery reach Canada; 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 occasion to honor the life and work of Frederick Douglass.

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(4-55) On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland), the following Joint Resolution:  
S.P. 333

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BAYARD RUSTIN  
AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

WHEREAS, Bayard Rustin was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania on March 17, 1912. From his grandparents, Janifer and Julia Rustin, he took his Quaker values, which, in his words, "were based on the concept of a single human family and the belief that all members of that family are equal," according to Jervis Anderson in Bayard Rustin: Troubles I've Seen; and

WHEREAS, Rustin began advocating for desegregation when he was a football player in high school. Lore has it that he staged an impromptu sit-in at a restaurant that would serve his white teammates but not him. He continued his activism by protesting racial segregation in the United States Armed Forces throughout college; and

WHEREAS, Rustin was a member of the pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation as well as the Congress on Racial Equity. He spoke and engaged in advocacy throughout the country, but his actions and his open embrace of his gay identity resulted in him being arrested multiple times. He even had to resign from the Fellowship of Reconciliation board; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Rustin met Martin Luther King, Jr. Rustin helped introduce King to the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. He worked with King to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1956 and 1957. King and Rustin parted ways in 1960, but their paths would cross again; and

WHEREAS, Rustin was one of the key organizers of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He started planning it in 1962, with the goal of uniting the large civil rights organizations of the time. Given his past and the recognition of his homosexuality by other leaders of the movement, he was forced to serve mostly behind the scenes as deputy director, but that did not diminish his enthusiasm. Rustin and his team coordinated much of the logistics for the march, down to the manual used by bus captains to know how they should set up transportation to and from Washington; and

WHEREAS, the March on Washington was a great success. As many as 300,000 marchers showed up, and many of the great speeches of the Civil Rights Movement were given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Bayard Rustin was in the wings making sure everything went smoothly, and he read the marchers' demands to the assembled demonstrators; and

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1979, Rustin served as the head of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations' African American constituency group. Serving alongside A. Philip Randolph until his passing in 1979, Rustin worked to racially integrate unions and promote unions among African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Rustin served on several humanitarian missions to Vietnam, Cambodia and Haiti during the 1970s and 1980s. In the 1980s, he became an advocate for people with HIV/AIDS and he no longer hid his sexual orientation from others. Because same-sex marriage was not officially recognized at the time, Rustin and Walter Naegle undertook to solidify their partnership and protect their union legally through adoption: in 1982 Rustin adopted Naegle, 30 years old at the time. Other couples followed suit; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 testimony on behalf of New York State's Gay Rights Bill, Rustin stated that "gay people are the new barometer for social change." He felt that injustice everywhere should not be tolerated and must be protested. He died August 24, 1987, as a result of a perforated appendix; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan issued a statement on Rustin's death, praising his work for civil rights and "for human rights throughout the world." He added that Rustin "was denounced by former friends, because he never gave up his conviction that minorities in America could and would succeed based on their individual merit"; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2013, Rustin was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, the highest civilian award in the United States. The citation in the press release stated: "Bayard Rustin was an unyielding activist for civil rights, dignity, and equality for all. An advisor to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he promoted nonviolent resistance, participated in one of the first Freedom Rides, organized the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and fought tirelessly for marginalized communities at home and abroad. As an openly gay African American, Mr. Rustin stood at the intersection of several of the fights for equal rights"; and

WHEREAS, at the White House ceremony on November 20, 2013, President Obama presented Rustin's award to Walter Naegle, his partner of 10 years at the time of Rustin's death; and

WHEREAS, Rustin's life and legacy live on today on the big screen in the 2023 film Rustin, which was nominated for many awards, including two Golden Globes and an Oscar. Actor Colman Domingo played Bayard Rustin, a role which earned him Golden Globe, British Academy of Film and Television Arts and Academy Award nominations for Best Actor, making him the first openly gay American actor nominated for an Oscar for playing a gay character; 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 recognize the life of Bayard Rustin, his fight against injustice and his extensive contributions to the civil rights and equal rights movements.

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## Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-56) William "Bill" Casavant, of Presque Isle. Mr. Casavant began his career as a physical education teacher in 1972 at Loring Air Force Base and in Limestone, where he coached soccer, basketball and baseball teams to many successful seasons. In 1980, he began working at Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, which became Northern Maine Community College. There he taught physical education, served as the athletic director and coached the soccer and basketball teams. He served as Northern Maine Community College's Director of Admissions from 1995 to 2008. He founded and directed Aroostook Basketball Camp in Presque Isle, and for over 30 years he broadcasted hockey and basketball games over the radio. In retirement, he served as the athletic director of the University of Maine at Presque Isle for two years. Over his entire career, he refereed soccer games and umpired baseball games on various levels ranging from Little League to professional leagues. In 2022, he was honored by the Maine Principals' Association for his 50 years of service umpiring high school baseball. He was a member of the University of Maine at Presque Isle Athletic Hall of Fame, the Maine Sports Legends and the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Casavant will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 116

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

(4-57) the Honorable Louis Scolnik, of Andover, Massachusetts, a civil rights activist and former Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Scolnik was a veteran of the United States Navy. He served as an officer on LCI(L) 776, an amphibious landing ship, and participated in landings in the Philippines and occupation duty in China, ultimately commanding the ship. After the war, he returned to his hometown of Lewiston to practice law. Justice Scolnik's legal career was defined by his steadfast commitment to civil rights and civil liberties. After opening his own private practice in 1957, he served as corporation counsel to the City of Lewiston, counsel to the central Maine branch of the NAACP, chair of the Maine Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Human Rights. In 1968, after serving for 16 years as the only cooperating attorney in Maine for the American Civil Liberties Union, he helped organize and became the first president of the ACLU's Maine chapter. In 1974, Governor Kenneth Curtis appointed him to serve as a justice on the Maine Superior Court. In 1983, he was elevated to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, serving until his retirement in 1988. He received many awards throughout his career, including in 1989 the Roger Baldwin Award, named for the founder of the ACLU, in recognition of his lifetime commitment to civil liberties. That same year, the Maine Civil Liberties Union established the Justice Louis Scolnik Award, which annually honors members of the legal community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the protection of civil liberties. He himself received the eponymous honor in 2019. Justice Scolnik will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 120

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

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

(4-58) John Huard, of South Portland. Mr. Huard is Maine's only member of the national College Football Hall of Fame, into which he was inducted in 2014. Playing football at the University of Maine, he earned All-New England Conference and All-Yankee Conference honors and was twice named a first-team All-American, in 1965 and 1966. He was a defensive captain for the Black Bears in the 1965 Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida, Maine's only appearance in a Division 1 bowl game. In 1967, the Denver Broncos selected him in the fifth round of the American Football League draft. He played three seasons with the Broncos before sitting out the 1970 season and then playing for the National Football League's New Orleans Saints. Mr. Huard returned to Orono to serve as an assistant coach in 1974. He was the head football coach at Acadia University in Canada, where he guided the program to two national titles in 1979 and 1981. He coached at the Maine Maritime Academy from 1987 to 1993 and, in 2000, coached the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts. After his coaching career, he was Chief Executive Officer of Northeast Turf Hue, Inc., in South Portland. Mr. Huard will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 134

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, KESSLER of South Portland.

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

(4-59) Frances M. Nadeau, of Biddeford. Mrs. Nadeau was a homemaker and was also employed as a teacher's aide for many years in the Biddeford school system. She later worked for Mariam's Bridal Salon in Biddeford with her sister Gilberte before retiring in 1990. Mrs. Nadeau will be long remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 68 years, Raymond, her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 146

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport, MALON of Biddeford.

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

(4-60) Grace V. Manoogian, of Portland. Mrs. Manoogian will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 157

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, PUGH of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, YUSUF of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

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

(4-61) Kathleen Stevens "Kay" Young, of Portland. Mrs. Young raised her children and had a career in nursing. She was active in the United Methodist Women's group and worked with the ERA movement in the 1970s. Mrs. Young will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 158

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, PUGH of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, YUSUF of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

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

(4-62) Jean Marie Flaherty, of Portland. Throughout her life, Mrs. Flaherty worked in retail at Kmart, Macy's and Reny's department stores. During retirement, she became a foster grandparent in the Portland Schools. She was longtime communicant of St. Joseph's Church. Mrs. Flaherty will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 159

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, PUGH of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, YUSUF of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

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

(4-63) Mark Kearly, of Easton. Mr. Kearly worked for the Department of Transportation for 19 years and honorably served many years as a member of the Presque Isle Fire Department, the Easton Fire Department and Crown Ambulance. His dedication, courage and service to his colleagues and the community will have a lasting impact. Mr. Kearly will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 160

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.



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

(4-64) Robert Eugene Anderson, of Houlton. After a short time in the Army Reserves, Mr. Anderson joined the F.A. Peabody Company, a family-owned insurance and real estate agency, and by 1967 had become the company's Owner, President, and Chair of the Board. Under his leadership the company expanded to over 120 employees and 13 offices and also operated F.A. Peabody Company Administrative Services and Pioneer Broadband. He served as Director of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Maine from 1980 to 1987 and as Chair in 1986. He also served on the Travelers Insurance Company's National Agents Advisory Council from 1982 to 1985, as well as on various other regional agency councils, and he was a Director for 2 publicly traded companies, Maine Public Service and Katahdin Trust Company. Mr. Anderson's extensive community service included memberships in local lodge organizations and the Houlton Rotary Club, which honored him with the Paul Harris Fellowship and a Lifetime Achievement Award. He served as the Houlton Town Council Chair from 1972 to 1974. Mr. Anderson also partnered with David Moore to reestablish the local radio station WHOU in 1995. In 1984, he began more than 30 years as Founder, Director and Officer of the Houlton Regional Health Services Foundation, serving as both Chair and Treasurer and establishing a partnership between the foundation and the Houlton Rotary Club to develop the Boy and the Boot Endowment Fund. During his tenure the foundation's endowment reached \$3.3 million, in addition to dispersing over \$3.4 million to fund the local hospital, area nonprofit health care agencies, municipalities and schools. From 2010 to 2021, he chaired a riverfront park development committee, which raised funds to build the Gateway Crossing Bridge over the Meduxnekeag River and establish a park with a trail system. The Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce honored Mr. Anderson with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 and also honored his involvement with the Putnam House Senior Center with a Community Spirit Award to the center in 2019. Mr. Anderson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 161

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) Senator BEEBE-CENTER for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Designate the Warden of the Maine State Prison as Chief Administrative Officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility"

S.P. 28 L.D. 17

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

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**Divided Report**

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons"

S.P. 44 L.D. 123

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

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York  
BALDACCI of Penobscot  
HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

MATHIESON of Kittery  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
BOYER of Cape Elizabeth  
CIMINO of Bridgton  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
FLYNN of Albion  
FOLEY of Wells  
MORRIS of Turner  
OLSEN of Raymond

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

Signed:

Representative:

MASTRACCIO of Sanford

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

**1.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity"

S.P. 149 L.D. 383

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 4, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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**2.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Alexa Knox, of Saco  
SLS 82

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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3.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sophia Farago, of Saco  
SLS 83

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Sam Drummey, of Saco  
SLS 84

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Abby Lizotte, of Saco  
SLS 85

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Thornton Academy  
Speech and Debate Team, of Saco

SLS 86

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Gray-New Gloucester  
High School Cheer Team, of Gray

SLS 101

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BICKFORD** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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