



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

9th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

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

Prayer by Reverend Michael Dalton of Scarborough Free Baptist Church in Scarborough.

National Anthem Performed by South Portland High School Choir.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Russell J. Black of Franklin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 131 L.D. 209
(C "A" H-1)

In Senate, February 11, 2025, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1)** in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" (H-9)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) Donald Grinnell, of Washington, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 37

(1-3) the Frenchville Historical Society, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 38

(1-4) the Van Buren Revitalization Association, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 39

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

HLS 40

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

HLS 41

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

HLS 42

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

HLS 43

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

HLS 44

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

HLS 45

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

HLS 46

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

HLS 47

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

HLS 49

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

HLS 50

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

HLS 51

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

HLS 52

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

HLS 53

(1-18) Glen Brown, of Palmyra, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 54

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

HLS 55

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

HLS 56

(1-21) the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team, which won the 2025 Maine Forensic Association Maine State Speech Championship and Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 57

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

HLS 58

(1-23) Brooke Pirie, of Ellsworth, who won the United States of America Miss Maine Pageant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 59

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

HLS 62

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

HLS 63

(1-26) Cooper Tardiff, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 64

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

HLS 65

(1-28) David Madison, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 66

(1-29) Eric Sayer, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 67

(1-30) Isaac Tardiff, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 68

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

HLS 69

(1-32) Jim Martin, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 70

(1-33) Johnnie Morris, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 71

(1-34) Paul Moisan, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 72

(1-35) Riley Tardiff, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 73

(1-36) Rob Walker, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 74

(1-37) Spencer Vaughn, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 75

(1-38) Tucker Tardiff, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 76

(1-39) Aaron Christian, of Canton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 77

(1-40) Andrew J. Conant, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 78

(1-41) Baxter Tardiff, of Hartford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 79

(1-42) the Wells High School Wrestling Team, which won the 2025 Class B Dual Meet State Championship, the team's third state title in a row. Members of the team include Gabriel Allen, Robert Bates, Clyde Perkins, Gavin Silva, Robert Stevens, Jake Davis, Wyatt Devoe, Brady Godin, Jason Noble, Marius Paulin, Liam Perkins, Keegan Roberg, Riley Malloy, Brydon Marcotte, William Martinez, Robert Quint, Jason Berube, Alex Albright, Nick Allen, Dom Buxton, Chase Lunetta, Nate Malloy, Jonathan Martinez and Eli Potter; assistant coach Dan Bothwell; and head coach Scott Lewia. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 80

(1-43) Maren Maxon, of Wells, a player on the Wells High School girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 81

(1-44) Molly Tefft, of Brunswick, who won the Maine State Girls K-12 Chess Tournament for the second year in a row. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 82

(1-45) Beaulieu's Garage, of Caribou, which has received the Business of the Year for Community Impact Award from the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 83

(1-46) Gary Marquis, of Caribou, who has received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 84

(1-47) Catherine "Katie" Coppens, of Brunswick, a sixth grade teacher at Falmouth Middle School, who is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Nation's highest award for science, technology, engineering and mathematics teachers. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 85

(1-48) Jimmy Oliver, of Fryeburg, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 88

(1-49) Phillip Gene Dow, Sr., of Albion, who is celebrating his 80th birthday on February 28, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 89

(1-50) the Cornish Historical Society, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 90

(1-51) Rachel Williams, of Sidney, for her 42 years of dedicated service with the Sidney Fire and Rescue Department. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 91

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-52) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 471

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS
NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH**

WHEREAS, partnering with parents is a critical and effective way to help families identify and build upon their strengths and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, authentic partnerships with parents are created when parents have the opportunity to partner with other parents and present a “parent perspective and lens” to inform policies and programs that support the growth of the protective factors that lead to strong families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Children’s Trust, a statewide abuse and neglect prevention organization, supports, encourages and acknowledges partnerships between parents and community stakeholders, leaders and policymakers as critical to developing strong communities; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with parents can help with building strengths-based communities that thrive based on protective factors; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with parents are successfully achieved when parents are partners in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices and programs that affect families and communities, receive support and training and have multiple opportunities to share their expertise; and

WHEREAS, parents each year are partnering with other parents to build stronger, safer communities where all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, parents can have a powerful effect on communities by sharing their lived expertise, and they will continue to have a positive effect on the lives of families across the State; and

WHEREAS, many organizations across the State support and provide partnership opportunities for parents; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month is an opportunity to recognize, honor and celebrate these parents and their contributions; 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 February 2025 as Parent Leadership Month in order to raise awareness of the vital role parents play in creating local communities that produce thriving children.

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

(1-53) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 472

JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FAMILY CAREGIVERS IN MAINE

WHEREAS, Americans are living longer than ever before, and Maine is on the leading edge of this trend; and

WHEREAS, Mainers are predictably living healthy, productive lives into their 80s, 90s and 100s; and

WHEREAS, the majority of older Mainers wish to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS, a quarter of older adults will need care and support as they age, and the majority of them will want to receive this care in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, eighty-three percent of the help provided to older adults in the United States comes from family members, friends or other unpaid caregivers, and nearly half of all caregivers who provide help to older adults do so for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia; and

WHEREAS, a family caregiver can be a spouse, partner, adult child, other relative, friend or neighbor who has a significant relationship with, and who provides a broad range of assistance to, an adult dealing with the challenges of age, illness, injury or chronic or disabling conditions; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 166,000 family caregivers in Maine; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers in Maine provide an estimated 155,000,000 hours of unpaid care annually, which can be valued at nearly \$2,920,000,000; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers spend, on average, more than \$7,200 out of pocket annually in caring for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, approximately 51,000 family caregivers in Maine are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease, providing an estimated 87,000,000 hours of unpaid care annually at a value of \$1,911,000,000; and

WHEREAS, dementia caregiving involves many hours over a long period of time, and the demands of dementia caregiving often result in physical and mental health problems among caregivers themselves; and

WHEREAS, the demand for family caregivers will increase as the United States population ages, and the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease will continue to rise significantly, nearly doubling by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Maine State Legislature has passed various provisions into law in support of family caregivers, including the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia state plan, the Respite for ME program and the paid family and medical leave benefits program; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers often work full-time or part-time while providing care for a loved one, while others are forced to leave the workforce, for a period of time or permanently, to provide care; and

WHEREAS, Maine is missing out on over \$1,000,000,000 per year in additional economic activity as a result of family caregivers dropping out of the labor force due to care challenges; and

WHEREAS, the ratio of potential family caregivers to the growing number of those who need care has already begun a steep decline; and

WHEREAS, the number of personal support specialists, certified nursing assistants, personal care attendants and home health aides cannot meet the current or projected demand for care in Maine, and this shortage results in family caregivers leaving the workforce temporarily or permanently; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available supports and services for older people, such as Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Services and housing with services, challenges older people who wish to remain at home and their caregivers to find the help they need; and

WHEREAS, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report that the need to recognize and support family caregivers is the most significantly overlooked challenge facing the United States; and

WHEREAS, Maine must find ways to support family caregivers in their efforts to provide care to loved ones, allowing Maine citizens to safely and comfortably age in their own homes, helping to preserve communities and avoiding the expense of institutional care; 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, support the review of state policies and programs for their effectiveness in addressing the needs of family caregivers, professional caregivers and the loved ones they care for and recognize February 21, 2025 as National Caregivers Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-54) Bruce Martin Curran, of Lowell. Mr. Curran will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 6

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

(1-55) William S. Buffington, of South Paris. As a young man, Mr. Buffington began racing at Oxford Plains Speedway. Over more than 20 years of racing, he had 68 wins, including an enduro race, and 4 track championships in the figure 8 division and earned the nickname "Captain Crunch." He worked at C.B. Cummings until he started hauling house trailers in 1972 for Hardy's and then for Northeast Housing. In 1978, he started his first business, Willie's Repair, which is still in operation and supporting a third generation of his family. In retirement, he and his wife Crystal built and operated self-storage units, and he also started Willie's Enterprises, which included tractor work, snow plowing and hauling gravel. He joined the South Paris Fire Department in 1966. He volunteered for over 57 years, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief. He was instrumental in fund-raising for the department, coordinating "boot" drives, raffles and the food shack at the fair. Mr. Buffington will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 48

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

(1-56) Barbara Hogate, of Cornville. Mrs. Hogate served as Cornville's clerk and tax collector for many years. She also helped found the Cornville Volunteer Fire Department in 1974. She was well known as the "book lady" due to her love for books and being the librarian for Cornville schools and the community for over 30 years. Mrs. Hogate will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

HLS 60

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

(1-57) Alvin Hall, of Whiting, a longtime businessman, community leader and musician. Mr. Hall was a veteran of the United States Army who served during the Korean War and attained the rank of staff sergeant. He worked as a tool and die maker for American Can Company before establishing H&S Construction, which he and his wife Pat owned and operated for 41 years. Always involved in music, he began entertaining audiences with his father at nine years of age as part of the Machias Town Band. Over the next eighty-plus years, he played in many bands, sharing the jazz and big band sound he grew up with. His band, the Orange River Band, was a favorite at celebrations and parades and earned special recognition as the Grand Marshals of the Lubec Fourth of July parade in 2022. In 2013, Mr. Hall and his brother Hovey were honored by the trustees of the Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding musical contributions to the Arts and Humanities in Washington County. In 2018, they were honored by Washington Academy for their outstanding and distinguished musical contributions to the community. Mr. Hall also served as president of the Washington Academy Alumni Association, served as a Shriner and served twice as Master of Warren Lodge #2 in East Machias. Mr. Hall will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 61

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 367

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

February 27, 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 27, 2025, 20 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 27, 2025, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to Fund State Government" (S.P. 338) (L.D. 780) (Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act to Provide for Appropriations and Allocations" (S.P. 339) (L.D. 781) (Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program" (S.P. 346) (L.D. 786) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Multicultural Center" (S.P. 341) (L.D. 783) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RAFFERTY of York, DUSON of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: RANA of Bangor, DILL of Old Town, BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for and Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (S.P. 347) (L.D. 787) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GERE of Kennebunkport, CARLOW of Buxton, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, FROST of Belgrade)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process" (S.P. 360) (L.D. 795) (Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips and Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, LANCE of Paris)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Amend MaineCare Financial Eligibility Requirements" (S.P. 340) (L.D. 782) (Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: RANA of Bangor, ABDI of Lewiston, SATO of Gorham, MACIAS of Topsham)

Bill "An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 354) (L.D. 791) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Fund Medical Research and Cancer Prevention" (S.P. 355) (L.D. 792) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders" (S.P. 343) (L.D. 784) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative COPELAND of Saco and Senators: NANGLE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Denial of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care" (S.P. 353) (L.D. 790) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Promote an Innovation-driven Economy by Increasing Research and Development Spending" (S.P. 348) (L.D. 788) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Fund the Aroostook County Drug Treatment Court" (S.P. 336) (L.D. 779) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act" (S.P. 344) (L.D. 785) (Sponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, LEE of Auburn, KUHN of Falmouth, BABIN of Fort Fairfield)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Include Judicial Marshals in the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement" (S.P. 359) (L.D. 794) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, FREDETTE of Newport and Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Work Search Efforts for Unemployment Benefits and to Eliminate Benefits for Temporary Unemployment" (S.P. 363) (L.D. 797) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer than 60 Days (S.P. 350) (L.D. 789) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, MARTIN of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: SMITH of Palermo)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Tax Amnesty Program to Increase Revenue Collections" (S.P. 334) (L.D. 778) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative FREDERICKS of Sanford and Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Transportation

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge (S.P. 362) (L.D. 796) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Modernize Gaming Revenue Allocations and Increase Efforts to Prevent Gambling Addiction" (S.P. 358) (L.D. 793) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: BOYER of Poland)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

H.P. 470

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

February 20, 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 20, 2025, 100 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 20, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, to Study Barriers to Financial Assistance Programs for Farmers and Food Producers (H.P. 374) (L.D. 606) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (H.P. 376) (L.D. 608) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (H.P. 377) (L.D. 609) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government" (H.P. 444) (L.D. 705) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Explicitly Allow the Department of Corrections to Charge Room and Board to Residents Who Perform Remote Work in Detention and Correctional Facilities and to Amend the Laws Governing Rehabilitative Programs" (H.P. 394) (L.D. 626) (Sponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers" (H.P. 407) (L.D. 639) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative SARGENT of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding Telephone and Video Call Access in Detention and Correctional Facilities and Jails" (H.P. 415) (L.D. 647) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, BOYER of Poland, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MATHIESON of Kittery, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Supervised Community Confinement Program" (H.P. 416) (L.D. 648) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MATHIESON of Kittery, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Domestic Violence by Providing Adequate Funding Support for Court-ordered Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs" (H.P. 434) (L.D. 666) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Senator: CURRY of Waldo)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Governing Restitution to Include the Costs of All Analyses of Suspected Illegal Drugs" (H.P. 456) (L.D. 717) (Sponsored by Representative BISHOP of Bucksport) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, LIBBY of Auburn, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Guilford, WHITE of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Share of State Funding for the County Jail Operations Fund" (H.P. 458) (L.D. 719) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, HASENFUS of Readfield, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LOOKNER of Portland)

Bill "An Act Requiring the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Basic Law Enforcement Training Program" (H.P. 462) (L.D. 723) (Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, MCCABE of Lewiston, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, WOOD of Greene)

Bill "An Act to Protect Municipalities' Investment in Law Enforcement Officers" (H.P. 465) (L.D. 726) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, HASENFUS of Readfield, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Require the Approval of Superintendent Agreements Regarding Transfers of Students Between School Administrative Units" (H.P. 375) (L.D. 607) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FOLEY of Wells, FOSTER of Dexter, HAGGAN of Hampden, LANCE of Paris, OLSEN of Raymond, POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma" (H.P. 396) (L.D. 628) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, RANA of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Provide Students in the University of Maine System Who Are Parents or Pregnant Individuals Priority Registration for Courses" (H.P. 410) (L.D. 642) (Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, SMITH of Palermo)

Resolve, to Study the Effects of Artificial Intelligence, Cellular Telephones and Social Media on Public Education (H.P. 411) (L.D. 643) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act to Provide Transparency and Public Access to Public School Curricula" (H.P. 428) (L.D. 660) (Sponsored by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, WALKER of Naples, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on Financial Literacy Education in the System of Learning Results (H.P. 440) (L.D. 701) (Sponsored by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, HAGGAN of Hampden)

Bill "An Act to Fund an Administrative Structure of an Emergency Medical Services Education Program in the Community College System" (H.P. 461) (L.D. 722) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DUCHARME of Madison)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools" (H.P. 466) (L.D. 727) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CARUSO of Caratunk, FOLEY of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, SMITH of Palermo, SWALLOW of Houlton)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 469) (L.D. 730) (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power" (H.P. 369) (L.D. 601) (Sponsored by Representative PAUL of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses" (H.P. 401) (L.D. 633) (Sponsored by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources" (H.P. 406) (L.D. 638) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HENDERSON of Rumford, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SWALLOW of Houlton)

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the State Meeting Its Climate Goals While Protecting Farms" (H.P. 450) (L.D. 711) (Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, LANIGAN of Sanford, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Bill "An Act to Advance Equitable Energy Policy in Maine" (H.P. 464) (L.D. 725) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste" (H.P. 373) (L.D. 605) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

Bill "An Act to Implement Portions of the 'Protecting Maine's Beaches for the Future: 2017 Update' Report Regarding Beach Nourishment and Dune Restoration Projects" (H.P. 398) (L.D. 630) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 414) (L.D. 646) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, OSHER of Orono, RIELLY of Westbrook, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries" (H.P. 443) (L.D. 704) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned" (H.P. 447) (L.D. 708) (Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Concurrent Methadone Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs" (H.P. 372) (L.D. 604) (Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, LOOKNER of Portland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Electronic Benefits Transfer Card Transactions and Lottery Operations" (H.P. 380) (L.D. 612) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney, COOPER of Windham, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HAGGAN of Hampden, OLSEN of Raymond, QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Death with Dignity Act to Ensure Access by Qualified Patients" (H.P. 381) (L.D. 613) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, MATHIESON of Kittery, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York)

Bill "An Act to Enhance Support Services for Individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury" (H.P. 391) (L.D. 623) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, DILL of Old Town, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SARGENT of York, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Bill "An Act Supporting Education for the Rural Health Care Workforce" (H.P. 393) (L.D. 625) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, OLSEN of Raymond, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database (H.P. 405) (L.D. 637) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Public Health" (H.P. 418) (L.D. 650) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WEBB of Durham, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Modify the Law Governing Municipal General Assistance by Designating Broadband Internet Access Service and Wireless Access Point Technology as Basic Necessities" (H.P. 425) (L.D. 657) (Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program" (H.P. 448) (L.D. 709) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications" (H.P. 449) (L.D. 710) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between Palliative Care Physicians and Hospital Physicians" (H.P. 451) (L.D. 712) (Sponsored by Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HALL of Wilton, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, OLSEN of Raymond, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 460) (L.D. 721) (Sponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, MCCABE of Lewiston, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Medication" (H.P. 395) (L.D. 627) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DHALAC of South Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act to Change the Size and Composition of the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization" (H.P. 413) (L.D. 645) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Certify Chiropractic Assistants Who Perform X-rays as Radiologic Technologists" (H.P. 417) (L.D. 649) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CIMINO of Bridgton, MORRIS of Turner, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HAGGAN of Penobscot, MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Care" (H.P. 431) (L.D. 663) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation" (H.P. 446) (L.D. 707) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Protect Federal Home Loan Banks That Lend Money to Insurer Members That Become Delinquent" (H.P. 459) (L.D. 720) (Sponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: FLYNN of Albion, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 800: Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 468) (L.D. 729) (Submitted by the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses" (H.P. 371) (L.D. 603) (Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, OLSEN of Raymond)

Bill "An Act to Restore Matching Funding to the Maine Development Foundation" (H.P. 397) (L.D. 629) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DILL of Old Town, DUCHARME of Madison, GERE of Kennebunkport, STOVER of Boothbay, WALKER of Naples, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act to Support Diversion Efforts to Address Homelessness in Maine" (H.P. 409) (L.D. 641) (Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representative: SACHS of Freeport)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program" (H.P. 419) (L.D. 651) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes" (H.P. 427) (L.D. 659) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, GERE of Kennebunkport, KESSLER of South Portland, MORRIS of Turner, ROBERTS of South Berwick, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Hunting of Coyotes" (H.P. 455) (L.D. 716) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GOLEK of Harpswell, MATHIESON of Kittery, PUGH of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Smelt Fishing" (H.P. 467) (L.D. 728) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DRINKWATER of Milford, HEPLER of Woolwich, MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel)

Judiciary

Resolve, to Direct the Attorney General to Drop the Lawsuit Filed Against Big Oil Companies Concerning Climate Change (H.P. 403) (L.D. 635) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SMITH of Palermo, STROUT of Harrington, WOOD of Norway)

Bill "An Act Requiring Certain Fees Charged by the Courts for Court-ordered Payments Be Capped and Paid by the Defendant" (H.P. 408) (L.D. 640) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CARUSO of Caratunk, FREDERICKS of Sanford, LEE of Auburn, LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Bill "An Act to Adjust the Maximum Small Claim Limit Based on the Consumer Price Index" (H.P. 422) (L.D. 654) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: MCINTYRE of Lowell, POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Bill "An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases" (H.P. 438) (L.D. 670) (Sponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, WEBB of Durham, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Allow Minors Under 16 Years of Age to Work Until 9 p.m. During the School Year and Until 10 p.m. During Summer Vacation" (H.P. 386) (L.D. 618) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, CHAPMAN of Auburn, FOLEY of Wells, MASON of Lisbon, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, WHITE of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act to Expand Employment Opportunities for Minor Students by Eliminating Certain Work Limitations" (H.P. 412) (L.D. 644) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINS of Sidney) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FROST of Belgrade, HAGGAN of Hampden, HENDERSON of Rumford, PARRY of Arundel, POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROLLINS of Augusta, Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Allow Teachers to Qualify for Overtime Pay" (H.P. 421) (L.D. 653) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Establishing a State Minimum Hourly Wage for Agricultural Workers" (H.P. 423) (L.D. 655) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SKOLD of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Improve Unemployment Insurance" (H.P. 432) (L.D. 664) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding Labor" (H.P. 437) (L.D. 669) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Laws Relating to Unemployment Insurance" (H.P. 445) (L.D. 706) (Sponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act Related to Marine Resources and Maine's Working Waterfront" (H.P. 387) (L.D. 619) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding the Notification Process for Competitive Bids" (H.P. 370) (L.D. 602) (Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026" (H.P. 384) (L.D. 616) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representative: SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program (H.P. 392) (L.D. 624) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: RANA of Bangor, SARGENT of York, SATO of Gorham, STROUT of Harrington, Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland)

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates (H.P. 402) (L.D. 634) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, POIRIER of Skowhegan, STROUT of Harrington, WOOD of Norway, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember and to Preserve the Accounts of Witnesses to the Events of January 6, 2021" (H.P. 441) (L.D. 702) (Sponsored by Representative MACIAS of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, BELL of Yarmouth, BRIDGEO of Augusta, ROLLINS of Augusta, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as State Holidays" (H.P. 463) (L.D. 724) (Sponsored by Representative ABDI of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, MACIAS of Topsham, MCCABE of Lewiston, MONTELL of Gardiner, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Modify Current Property Tax Assessment Methods to Make Property Taxes Affordable for Longtime Property Owners" (H.P. 382) (L.D. 614) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MCINTYRE of Lowell, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAGGAN of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing" (H.P. 400) (L.D. 632) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLD of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GOLEK of Harpswell, HASENFUS of Readfield, MATLACK of St. George, RANA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Provide Qualifying Downtown Businesses and Developments with Assistance Paying Flood Insurance Premiums" (H.P. 420) (L.D. 652) (Sponsored by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, MATLACK of St. George, MONTELL of Gardiner, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption" (H.P. 426) (L.D. 658) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, EDER of Waterboro, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PARRY of Arundel, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo)

Bill "An Act to Abolish the Maine Income Tax and Establish a Zero-based Budget" (H.P. 439) (L.D. 671) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HAGGAN of Hampden, MINGO of Calais, MORRIS of Turner, OLSEN of Raymond)

Bill "An Act Regarding Taxation" (H.P. 452) (L.D. 713) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Tax Laws" (H.P. 453) (L.D. 714) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief by Increasing the Availability of the Property Tax Fairness Credit Based on a Resident's Age and Income" (H.P. 454) (L.D. 715) (Sponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill)

Transportation

Resolve, to Designate a Portion of Route 234 in the Town of New Vineyard and the Town of Anson in Honor of Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins (H.P. 378) (L.D. 610) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, HALL of Wilton)

Bill "An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Collect Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles Owned by Residents Who Are Unhoused" (H.P. 379) (L.D. 611) (Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, JULIA of Waterville, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Waterboro the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge (H.P. 385) (L.D. 617) (Sponsored by Representative EDER of Waterboro) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, PARRY of Arundel, WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Mattawamkeag the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge (H.P. 389) (L.D. 621) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Implement a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration" (H.P. 390) (L.D. 622) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DILL of Old Town, DRINKWATER of Milford, MASON of Lisbon, PARRY of Arundel)

Bill "An Act to Amend Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements" (H.P. 429) (L.D. 661) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and the Law Governing Inspection Fees" (H.P. 435) (L.D. 667) (Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel) (Cosponsored by Representative: CRAFTS of Newcastle)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections" (H.P. 368) (L.D. 600) (Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, FROST of Belgrade)

Bill "An Act Regarding Elections" (H.P. 383) (L.D. 615) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine" (H.P. 388) (L.D. 620) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MACIAS of Topsham, ZAGER of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor" (H.P. 399) (L.D. 631) (Sponsored by Representative SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, HALL of Wilton, HENDERSON of Rumford, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, OLSEN of Raymond, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SOBOLESKI of Phillips)

Bill "An Act to Remove the Limit on Free Promotional Merchandise Bars and Restaurants May Accept from Vendors" (H.P. 404) (L.D. 636) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello)

Bill "An Act to Save Tax Dollars in Maine's Elections by Amending the Laws Governing When a Ranked-choice Voting Count Must Be Conducted" (H.P. 424) (L.D. 656) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, CHAPMAN of Auburn, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HYMES of Waldo, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Bill "An Act to Fund Military Sexual Trauma Liaisons" (H.P. 430) (L.D. 662) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: MCINTYRE of Lowell, MEYER of Eliot, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings" (H.P. 433) (L.D. 665) (Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: MCINTYRE of Lowell, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act to Abolish Ranked-choice Voting" (H.P. 436) (L.D. 668) (Sponsored by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, BAGSHAW of Windham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLINS of Sidney, HAGGAN of Hampden, QUINT of Hodgdon, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Require Municipal Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots Only to Residents of That Municipality and to Eliminate Ongoing Absentee Voter Status" (H.P. 457) (L.D. 718) (Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Lebanon)

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**.

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 110

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

February 24, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have designated Representative Timothy C. Guerrette of Caribou as the Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 113

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

February 26, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am appointing Representative Sean Faircloth of Bangor to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Representative Faircloth will replace Representative Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 114

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

February 28, 2025

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

RE: Nomination of Maine Superior Court Justice

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating The Honorable Darcie N. McElwee of Scarborough for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 115

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

February 28, 2025

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

RE: Nomination of Judges to the Maine District Court.

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals as Judges of the Maine District Court:

- Amy Dieterich, Esq. of Auburn for appointment
- The Honorable Matthew G. Tice of Scarborough for reappointment

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 116

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

February 28, 2025

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

RE: Nomination of The Honorable Julia M. Lipez as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating The Honorable Julia M. Lipez of Cape Elizabeth for appointment as a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Pursuant to Article V, Part First, §8, of the Maine Constitution, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 62

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

January 23, 2025

Dave Daigler
President
Maine Community College System
323 State Street
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear President Daigler,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Maine Community College System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention initially. Directly following your address, Craig Johnson, the Interim President of the Maine Maritime Academy will address the Joint Convention. Following Interim President Johnson, Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor of the University of Maine System will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 63

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

January 23, 2025

Craig Johnson
Interim President
Maine Maritime Academy
1 Pleasant Street
Castine, Maine 04420

Dear Interim President Johnson,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the Maine Maritime Academy and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention directly following Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System. On the same day, following your address, Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor of the University of Maine System, will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 64

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

January 23, 2025

Dannel P. Malloy
Chancellor
University of Maine System
15 Estabrooke Drive
Orono, Maine 04469

Dear Chancellor Malloy,

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 132nd Maine Legislature on March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. concerning the State of the University of Maine System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

On the same day, Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System, will address the Joint Convention initially. Craig Johnson, the Interim President of the Maine Maritime Academy, will address the Joint Convention second. You will address the Joint Convention directly following Craig Johnson.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 117

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

February 20, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry & Speaker Fecteau,

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

L.D. 443 An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and
 Use Tax

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
House Chair

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 111

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

February 24, 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 Sen. Pierce of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 548 An Act Regarding Intoxicating Hemp Products

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 112

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

February 14, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 201 An Act to Establish a Limit on the Interest Rate Charged for Revolving Loans

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristi M. Mathieson
House Chair

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 118

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

February 28, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 232 An Act to Impose a Vehicle Weight Limit on Route 46 in the Town of Eddington

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 119

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

February 28, 2025

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

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 177 An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing

L.D. 207 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifying Contributions of Cash
Under the Maine Clean Election Act

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Establish the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund"

S.P. 349 L.D. 826

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, KUHN of Falmouth, MITCHELL of Cumberland, SARGENT of York.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings"

S.P. 369 L.D. 836

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, FARRIN of Somerset, NANGLE of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representative: RAY of Lincolnville.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to End the Collection of Certain Probation Fees"

S.P. 335 L.D. 822

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

(3-4) Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Island Communities in the State

S.P. 374 L.D. 841

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, PIERCE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George.

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

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs"
S.P. 337 L.D. 823

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, DODGE of Belfast, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MURPHY of Scarborough.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors"
S.P. 352 L.D. 828

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro Sanitary District"
S.P. 364 L.D. 832

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative: COLLINS of Sidney.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Require the Office of the Public Advocate to Implement the State's Climate Action Plan"
S.P. 370 L.D. 837

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland and Representatives: RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, WEBB of Durham.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Explore Public Financing and Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure"
S.P. 371 L.D. 838

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, KESSLER of South Portland, RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Lower Consumer Electricity Costs by Prohibiting the Recovery Through Rates of Costs Attributable to Net Energy Billing"

S.P. 372 L.D. 839

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PAUL of Winterport, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation"

S.P. 345 L.D. 825

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration"

S.P. 351 L.D. 827

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View"

S.P. 357 L.D. 830

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Update the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income"
S.P. 366 L.D. 834

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives"

S.P. 373 L.D. 840

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing the MaineCare, Maine Rx Plus and Emergency MaineCare Programs"

S.P. 375 L.D. 842

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, RANA of Bangor, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Exclude Poverty as a Factor When Determining Instances of Willful Neglect or Abuse of a Child"

S.P. 379 L.D. 891

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: BAILEY of York, DUSON of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program"

S.P. 376 L.D. 843

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: BAILEY of York, Representative: Speaker FECTION of Biddeford.

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Permit the Dispensing of Ivermectin Pursuant to a Standing Order upon Request for COVID-19, Flu and Cancer Patients"

S.P. 378 L.D. 890

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CARUSO of Caratunk and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FREDETTE of Newport.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements"

S.P. 381 L.D. 893

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou.

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

(3-21) Bill "An Act Regarding Pet Fees in Rental Housing"

S.P. 342 L.D. 824

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SKOLD of Portland, WHITE of Ellsworth.

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Standardize the Laws Regarding the Carrying of Concealed Handguns in State Parks" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 356 L.D. 829

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, FOSTER of Dexter, HENDERSON of Rumford, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WHITE of Guilford.

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

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Expand the Earned Paid Leave Exception"

S.P. 365 L.D. 833

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison.

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

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses, Minor Children and Parents"

S.P. 380 L.D. 892

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

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

(3-25) Bill "An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles Due to Involuntary Psychiatric Hospitalization"

S.P. 361 L.D. 831

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MCCABE of Lewiston.

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

(3-26) Bill "An Act to Allow Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations"

S.P. 368 L.D. 835

Presented by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 377

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-2) Arundel House of Pizza, which has received the 2024 President's Award from the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Arundel Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 163

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: PARRY of Arundel.

(4-3) Hannah Chatalbash, of Brunswick, Executive Director of Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program, who has received the Young Professional of the Year Award from the Bath-Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 164

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-4) the Bangor High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 165

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

(4-5) Roxanne Blaisdell, of Rome, 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 166

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: FROST of Belgrade.

(4-6) the Atwood Family, of New Portland, 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 167

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-7) Holden Hill Farm, of Moose River, 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 168

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-8) Sharon Adesta Hopkins, of Ripley, 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 169

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: CARUSO of Caratunk.

(4-9) Steve Steward, of Bingham, 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 170

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: CARUSO of Caratunk.

(4-10) Stephen Philbrick, of Rangeley, 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 171

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-11) Wendy Boyle, of Eustis, 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 172

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-12) April Demers, of Weld, 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 173

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-13) David M. Bobbe, of Woodstock, 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 174

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANCE of Paris.

(4-14) Donald and Sylvia Gray, of Newry, 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 175

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

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

SLS 176

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-16) Richard "Dick" Lovejoy, of Rumford, 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 177

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

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

SLS 178

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-18) Frank Morrison, of Hanover, 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 179

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-19) the Town of Bethel Employees, 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 180

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-20) Robert D. Fitzsimmons, of Charlotte, on his retirement after more than 25 years of public service in law enforcement. Mr. Fitzsimmons served as a Pleasant Point Officer for 6 years; for 3 years as a Tribal Game Warden for Pleasant Point; for 5 years in Calais; for 11 years in Baileyville as Chief; and for 6 years as a Game Warden for Indian Township while he was Chief in Baileyville. He also served as a part-time officer in Eastport and as an Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor for Central Maine Community College teaching Washington County Community College courses to their students. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 181

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

(4-21) the late Lloyd Alden Bolstridge, Jr., of Corinna, to whom the Town of Corinna has dedicated its Town Report in recognition of his many contributions to the community;

SLS 182

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

(4-22) the University of Southern Maine Women's Soccer Team, of Gorham, which won the 2024 Little East Conference Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 183

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-23) Tate Taylor, of Richmond, who won the Mountain Valley Conference Wrestling Championship in the 215-pound Weight Class. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 184

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham.

(4-24) the Hollis Conservation Commission, 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 185

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton.

(4-25) Dale Welch, of Jay, 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 186

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-26) Joe Dube, of Lewiston, a student and football player at Lewiston High School, who has received the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Defensive Lineman Award as the State's top defensive lineman. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 190

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MCCABE of Lewiston.

(4-27) the Honorable Kenneth W. Fredette, of Newport, a member of the 132nd Legislature and a Colonel in the Maine Air National Guard JAG Corps, who is a recipient of the Air and Space Commendation Medal for distinguishing himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as a Senior Judge Advocate. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 195

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative: FREDETTE of Newport.

Joint Resolutions

(4-28) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 382

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

WHEREAS, the 100th Congress of the United States passed a Joint Resolution on March 12, 1987 to designate the month of March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Maine women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Maine women of every race, class and ethnic background have served and continue to serve as leaders in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic, commercial and cultural institutions in our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles in every sphere of the life of our State, whether in the workforce and as the majority of the State's volunteer workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have protected and defended our collective rights, responsibilities and freedoms in myriad spheres, including serving our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, Maine women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and increased opportunity, but also in expanding the rights of all who experience oppression as leaders in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and the peace and justice movement, among others, all of which work to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of Maine women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history; and

WHEREAS, Congress sent the Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification more than 50 years ago, and it is long past time that the principle of women's equality be enshrined in the federal and state constitutions; 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 designate March 2025 as Women's History Month, a time to celebrate and honor the contributions of all Maine women and girls, and to recognize March 8, 2025 as International Women's Day.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-29) Rickey D. Jamieson, of Dennysville. Mr. Jamieson was a veteran of the United States Navy. He enlisted in 1973 and retired as a Master Chief after 22 years of service. He served as a guidance counselor for Lubec Consolidated School and had a second career with United States Customs and Border Protection, with 20 years of dedicated service across the Calais, Lubec and Eastport posts. He was a Communicant of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He was also a member of Cobscook Post #59 American Legion in Pembroke and volunteered with the United Veterans Honor Guard of Washington County. Mr. Jamieson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 162

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: TUELL of East Machias.

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

(4-30) Leon J. Poulin, of Brunswick. Mr. Poulin was employed by General Electric in Brooklyn, New York before returning to Maine and working as a carpenter and remodeler. He was also a co-owner of the High Tide Restaurant in Harpswell and later the Galley in Bath. Mr. Poulin will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 187

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

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

(4-31) James Neal Dearman, of Orono. Mr. Dearman had a diverse career working on the Cocoa Exchange in New York; at the Sugarbush, Vermont ski resort; and at TDC in Bangor, where he provided career training for disabled adults. He also worked in real estate in the Portland area and held various positions in restaurants. He was active in the Orono and Penobscot County Democratic Committees. He was appointed by Governor John Baldacci to the Maine Liquor and Lottery Commission, serving for several terms. Mr. Dearman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife, the Honorable Mary Cathcart, a former member Maine's Senate and House of Representatives, and his family, friends and community;

SLS 188

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: OSHER of Orono.

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

(4-32) the Honorable Kathleen Watson Goodwin, of Brunswick. Mrs. Goodwin worked in the Bowdoin College Alumni Office before being appointed Secretary in the Office of the President of the Maine State Senate in 1965. She also served as Administrative Secretary to the Commissioner of Forestry and joined the staff of Governor Kenneth M. Curtis in 1967. In 1968, she was elected to the Maine House of Representatives, serving for 5 terms. She was House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in 1977 and 1978 and Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Budget Review and Fiscal Policy in 1977. She was also a member of the Board of Governors of the National Society of State Legislatures and a member of the Task Force on Aging with the National Conference of State Legislatures. Mrs. Goodwin received an Outstanding Legislator Award from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University in 1970 and 1974, and in 1976 she was listed in the Outstanding Young Women of America. In 1971, she was appointed Chair of the Maine Committee on Aging by Governor Curtis and was the Chair of the main delegation to the White House Conference on Aging. She was also a member of the Management Review Committee of the Department of Human Services, Co-Chair of the department's Joint Technical Review Committee and a member of the Title XX Task Force. Mrs. Goodwin was a member of the Board of Directors of the Bath-Brunswick Regional Health Agency and the Board of Visitors of the Bath Children's Home and received the Better Life Award from the American Health Care Association in 1976, along with many other service awards from the Maine Veterans Coordinating Committee, the Maine Committee on Aging, the State Council of Older People, the Merrymeeting Community Action Committee and the Central Maine Agency on Aging. After leaving the Legislature, she served as Administrative Assistant to the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives for 16 years before her retirement in 1995. A communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bath, Mrs. Goodwin will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 189

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BERNARD of Aroostook, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, BLACK of Franklin, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, GUERIN of Penobscot, HAGGAN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, MARTIN of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ADAMS of Lebanon, ALBERT of Madawaska, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARCHER of Saco, ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BAGSHAW of Windham, BECK of South Portland, BELL of Yarmouth, BISHOP of Bucksport, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, BUNKER of Farmington, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARUSO of Caratunk, CHAPMAN of Auburn, CIMINO of Bridgton, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINS of Sidney, COOPER of Windham, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Portland, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DEBRITO of Waterville, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCCHARME of Madison, EATON of Deer Isle, EDER of Waterboro,

FARRIN of Jefferson, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FLYNN of Albion, FOLEY of Wells, FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, FREDETTE of Newport, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, FROST of Belgrade, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HYMES of Waldo, JACKSON of Oxford, JAVNER of Chester, JULIA of Waterville, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANCE of Paris, LANIGAN of Sanford, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MACIAS of Topsham, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MCCABE of Lewiston, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MEYER of Eliot, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MINGO of Calais, MITCHELL of Cumberland, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NUTTING of Oakland, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, OLSEN of Raymond, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POMERLEAU of Standish, PUGH of Portland, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, RAY of Lincolnville, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, ROLLINS of Augusta, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RUNTE of York, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, SATO of Gorham, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SINCLAIR of Bath, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, TERRY of Gorham, THORNE of Carmel, TUELL of East Machias, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALKER of Naples, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham, WHITE of Guilford, WHITE of Ellsworth, WOOD of Norway, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, YUSUF of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

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

(4-33) Dana R. Michaud, of South Portland. Mr. Michaud was a member of the Air National Guard for 3 years and was later called back into service in 1961 to assist with the crisis in Germany. He later worked as a butcher for 20th Century Market, Shaw's and Martin's Foods before becoming a USDA inspector, and then was a mail handler and shop steward for the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired. He made a lasting impact on his community through coaching in the South Portland Little League and also served on the South Portland National Board of Directors. Mr. Michaud will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 191

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by 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:

(4-34) Maria Isabel Richard Castelo, of Cape Elizabeth. After working in her family's business and the airline and oil industries, Mrs. Castelo thrived in Avon and Princess House, where with her charisma, mentorship and vibrant personality, she inspired thousands of women, empowering them to build better lives for themselves and their families. Mrs. Castelo will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 192

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, KESSLER of South Portland.

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

(4-35) JoAnn Miller, of Freeport, one of the 3 original Freeport Flag Ladies. Dr. Miller stood with her friends on the intersection of Main Street and School Street in downtown Freeport every Tuesday for 18 years. The tradition began after the 9/11 attacks. Together, they braved rain, snow and scorching sun, offering support to service members, welcoming honor flights and sending care packages to troops overseas. Dr. Miller, who was an anesthesiologist and one of the few female physicians of her generation, moved to Maine in the 1960s after finishing her residency. A highlight of her career was being an attending anesthesiologist for the first open-heart surgery at Maine Medical Center. Dr. Miller will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 193

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

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

(4-36) James Charles Kerner, of Brunswick. Mr. Kerner was a veteran of the United States Navy. Beginning his career as a boatswain's mate, he worked on aircraft carriers, travelling the world on numerous tours of duty. After serving at the Brunswick Naval Air Station and advancing to the rank of Lieutenant Commander over his 26-year career, Mr. Kerner retired and joined Bath Iron Works, where he aided in logistics and operations for another 20 years. Mr. Kerner will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 194

Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities"

H.P. 62 L.D. 97

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

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

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council"

H.P. 49 L.D. 85

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

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-3) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge

S.P. 59 L.D. 37

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

(5-4) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge in the Town of Standish

S.P. 87 L.D. 200

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

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**.)

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

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

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.)

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Allowing Reports of Ought Not to Pass to Be Made After the Committee Vote
H.P. 367

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook to **REFER** to the Joint Select
Committee on **JOINT RULES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, **PASSED**.)

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Lewiston High School
Cheering Team

SLS 106

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

11.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing the Honorable Louis Scolnik, of Andover,
Massachusetts

SLS 120

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**
