



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature
First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

3rd Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

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

Prayer by Pastor Marcos Juliao of Wayne Community Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Bradlee Thomas Farrin of Somerset County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Dawn LeVasseur, FNP-C of Fairfield.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Marcia Hall, of Oxford, on her retirement after 36 years of dedicated public service. Ms. Hall began her career in September 1989 with Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, now known as the Farm Service Agency, as a part-time permanent Program Manager for Oxford County. In March 1992, she became a full-time permanent Program Technician. She was deployed to Washington, D.C. from June 1999 to July 2003. As the only Program Manager, Ms. Hall worked alongside Farm Loan Managers, County Executive Directors, District Directors and Farm Loan Officers. She worked on Jump Teams across the United States and met with several State Executive Directors. Having worked in several county offices in Maine, Ms. Hall became a County Executive Director in 2008 for Oxford County. In 2011, she became a Shared Management County Executive Director Operator with Oxford County and the Lewiston Farm Service Agency Office. We extend to Ms. Hall our appreciation for her dedication and commitment to Maine's agriculture and offer her our best wishes;

HLS 153

(1-2) the Waterville-Winslow Cooperative Swim Team, which won the Class B North Girls and Boys Good Sportsmanship Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 154

(1-3) Christopher Paul Harris, of Union, who has earned the distinction of being named Salutatorian of the 2025 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 155

(1-4) Mia Quinn Flagg, of Union, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2025 graduating class of Medomak Valley High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 156

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 574

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

March 28, 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 March 28, 2025, 16 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 March 28, 2025, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding the Supply of Water to the Town of New Sharon" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 563) (L.D. 1346) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: NUTTING of Oakland, FROST of Belgrade)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill" (S.P. 566) (L.D. 1349) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DILL of Old Town)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Timely Provide Interim Settlement Payments to Long-term Care Facilities (S.P. 561) (L.D. 1345) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: MOORE of Washington, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representative: JAVNER of Chester)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act to Regulate Virtual Currency Kiosks" (S.P. 553) (L.D. 1339) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act to Establish Additional Requirements for Dentists to Administer Botulinum Toxin and Dermal Fillers" (S.P. 568) (L.D. 1374) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Housing and Economic Development

Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction (S.P. 569) (L.D. 1375) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, PIERCE of Cumberland, BAILEY of York, Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Protect the Right to Harvest Wildlife" (S.P. 559) (L.D. 1343) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, STEWART of Aroostook, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: WOOD of Greene, ROBERTS of South Berwick, HASENFUS of Readfield, FREDERICKS of Sanford, DILL of Old Town)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Improve the Response Time to Tenant Mold Complaints" (S.P. 560) (L.D. 1344) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Cap on Liability for Governmental Entities Under the Maine Tort Claims Act" (S.P. 564) (L.D. 1347) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEE of Auburn, KUHN of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Limit on Damages Under the Maine Tort Claims Act for Negligence Involving School Field Trips" (S.P. 565) (L.D. 1348) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LEE of Auburn)

Marine Resources

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Evaluate How to Effectively Allow 2 Licensed Individuals to Fish for Lobsters or Scallops from a Single Vessel (S.P. 556) (L.D. 1341) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, MOORE of Washington, CURRY of Waldo, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, HEPLER of Woolwich, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GOLEK of Harpswell)

Transportation

Bill "An Act to Establish the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund" (S.P. 555) (L.D. 1340) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, FARRIN of Somerset, NANGLE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Vehicle Inspection and Registration" (S.P. 557) (L.D. 1342) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Evaluate Potential Regulation of the Vehicle Towing Industry and the Impact on State Agencies and Industries (S.P. 572) (L.D. 1377) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Ban Corporate Contributions to Candidates" (S.P. 567) (L.D. 1350) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative MACIAS of Topsham and Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, DUSON of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, ROEDER of Bangor, SKOLD of Portland, BECK of South Portland)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Acceptable Level of Alcohol in a Low-alcohol Spirits Product and to Increase Availability of Those Products" (S.P. 570) (L.D. 1376) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 190

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Stacy Brenner of Cumberland County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Bruce Bickford of Androscoggin County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 191

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Buildings, Infrastructure, and Housing Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Chip Curry of Waldo County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Richard Bradstreet of Kennebec County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 192

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Coastal and Marine Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Cameron Reny of Lincoln County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 193

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Community Resilience, Planning, Public Health, and Emergency Management Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Mathea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 194

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Energy Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Mark Lawrence of York County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 195

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Natural and Working Lands Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Rachel Talbot Ross of Cumberland County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Russell Black of Franklin County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 196

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Nicole Grohoski of Hancock County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Matt Harrington of York County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 197

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

March 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Transportation Working Group of the Maine Climate Council, effective immediately:

Senator Tim Nangle of Cumberland County, representing the party holding the most seats in the Senate;

Senator Brad Farrin of Somerset County, representing the party holding the second most seats in the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 183

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

March 26, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA, Subtitle 3, Part 3, Ch. 1058 (2) (B), I have appointed the Assistant Majority Leader Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach to the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, effective immediately.

Representative Gramlich will serve on this board as the member of the House of Representative.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 198

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

March 28, 2025

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

RE: Appointment to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate Kelly O'Connor of Camden for reappointment to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 200

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

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Duson, J. of Cumberland, Timberlake, J. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	10	Supica, L. of Bangor, Boyer, D. of Poland, Chapman, Q. of Auburn, Faircloth, S. of Bangor, Fredericks, A. of Sanford, Frost, S. of Belgrade, Graham, A. of North Yarmouth, Hymes, B. of Waldo, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Terry, P. of Gorham
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		0	

Thirteen members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden, for appointment to the Gambling Control Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Laura Supica
House Chair



(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 185

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

March 26, 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 and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 804 An Act to Encourage Election Involvement by Making Election Day a State
Holiday in Even-numbered Years

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 186

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

March 24, 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 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. Martin of Oxford, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 991 An Act to Prevent Conflicts of Interest When Voting on Municipal Employee
 Compensation

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 187

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 27, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 183 An Act to Cap Publicly Owned Land Area at No More than 50 Percent of Any County

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-16) The Following Communication:

S.C. 181

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 26, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 181 An Act to Modify the Calculation of Pupil Counts Used for Determination
of School Administrative Unit Operating Costs

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair

(2-17) The Following Communication:

S.C. 199

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

March 27, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 927 An Act to Require Chaplains in School Administrative Units

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy
House Chair

(2-18) The Following Communication:

S.C. 201

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 479 An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's Recycling Efforts Under the Beverage Container Redemption Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria W. Doudera
House Chair

(2-19) The Following Communication:

S.C. 188

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

March 27, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 986 An Act to Eliminate the Crime of Felony Murder

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair

(2-20) The Following Communication:

S.C. 182

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

March 26, 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 223 An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws
- L.D. 399 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Retention of Proceeds from
Municipal Foreclosures
- L.D. 565 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead
Property Tax Exemption Laws
- L.D. 892 An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Surviving
Spouses, Minor Children and Parents
- L.D. 909 An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Their Survivors

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier
House Chair

(2-21) The Following Communication:

S.C. 189

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

March 27, 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. 2 An Act to Allow Military Vehicles Purchased for Civilian Use to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads

L.D. 478 An Act to Reduce Maximum Speeds on Roads Close to Residences

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Investment in Workforce Housing and Raise Certain Income Eligibility Limits in the Affordable Homeownership Program"

S.P. 580 L.D. 1424

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

(3-2) Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce

S.P. 576 L.D. 1420

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, KESSLER of South Portland.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging"

S.P. 579 L.D. 1423

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Support and Sustain Maine's Child Care Workforce"

S.P. 554 L.D. 1414

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Clarify Parental Notifications Regarding Child Care Facility Investigations"

S.P. 577 L.D. 1421

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services"

S.P. 581 L.D. 1425

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, PIERCE of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Amend Laws Governing Hearing Aid Dealers and Health Insurance to Allow an Exception to Certain Hearing Examination Requirements"

S.P. 552 L.D. 1413

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HENDERSON of Rumford.

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

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Immediately Take Custody of Persons Sentenced to Mental Health Facilities That May Not Include County or Regional Jails"

S.P. 562 L.D. 1416

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CYRWAY of Kennebec, HARRINGTON of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DEBRITO of Waterville, JAVNER of Chester.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives"

S.P. 573 L.D. 1418

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Expand Reporting Requirements for Legislators and Lobbyists"

S.P. 558 L.D. 1415

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, RIELLY of Westbrook, WARREN of Scarborough.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Authority of Local Officials to Enforce Provisions Regarding Dangerous and Nuisance Properties that Constitute a Threat to Public Health and Safety"

S.P. 571 L.D. 1417

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Housing Constructed Off-site Similar to That for On-site Construction"

S.P. 575 L.D. 1419

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell.

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

(3-13) Bill "An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting"

S.P. 578 L.D. 1422

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Kayleigh Young, of Washington, who has received the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 311

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative: SIMMONS of Waldoboro.

(4-2) Drew Johnson, of Saco, a senior at Thornton Academy, who has received the Travis Roy Award, which is presented to the most outstanding Class A senior boys hockey player in Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 312

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

(4-3) the Waterborough Historical Society, of Waterboro, 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 313

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(4-4) the late Richard Burke, of Lebanon, 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 314

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: ADAMS of Lebanon.

(4-5) Ethan Engelhard, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration Open Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 315

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-6) Natalie Rosales, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Job Interview Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 316

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-7) Elizabeth Smith, of Lamoine, who won the Silver Medal in the Job Interview Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 317

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-8) Lincoln Roiphe, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the 3D Printing Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 318

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-9) Livezey Sheehan, of Ellsworth, who won the Silver Medal in the T-Shirt Design Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 319

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-10) Destiney Kane, of Ellsworth, who won the Silver Medal in the State Officer High School Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 320

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-11) Aiden Tupper, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the CO2 Dragster Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 321

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-12) Collin Smith, of Lamoine, who won the Silver Medal in the CO2 Dragster Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 322

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-13) Cameron Carter, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Industrial and Engineering Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 323

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-14) Rebekah Perry-Lind, of Ellsworth, who won the Silver Medal in the Nursing Assisting Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 324

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-15) Daynea Morle, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Job Interview Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 325

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-16) Calie Reece, of Ellsworth, who won the Silver Medal in the Health Occupations Professional Portfolio Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 326

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-17) Donald Craig, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Diesel Equipment Technology Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 327

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-18) Zachary Bray, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Criminal Justice Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 328

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-19) Amelia Madigan, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Chapter Display Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 329

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-20) Callie Chase, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Chapter Display Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 330

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-21) Brennan Beattie, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Chapter Display Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 331

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-22) Annine Kovacs, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Human Services Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 332

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-23) Connor Kane, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Industrial and Engineering Technology Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 333

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-24) Jaidin Hicks, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Human Services Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 334

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-25) Kaylee Bockus, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Human Services Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 335

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-26) Abby Farricker, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Health Science Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 336

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-27) Willa Dow, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Health Science Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 337

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-28) Olivia Leighton, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Basic Health Care Skills Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 338

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-29) Bryce McAlpine, of Ellsworth, who won the Silver Medal in the Automotive Service Technology Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 339

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-30) Natalia Briggs, of Lamoine, who won the Silver Medal in the State Officer (Middle School) Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 340

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-31) Alissa Gross, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the State Officer (Middle School) Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 341

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-32) Trinity Foss-Brown, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Quiz Bowl Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 342

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-33) Cole Gott, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Quiz Bowl Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 343

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-34) Hannah Rollins, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Quiz Bowl Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 344

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-35) Kayla Dandurand, of Lamoine, who won the Silver Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration Open Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 345

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-36) Asher Phillips, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Quiz Bowl Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 346

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-37) Maple Johnston, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Quiz Bowl Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 347

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-38) Raeleigh Brann, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Promotional Bulletin Board Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 348

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-39) Grace Firley, of Ellsworth, who won the Gold Medal in the Career Pathways - Health Science Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 349

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Ellsworth.

(4-40) Jace Chan, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Team Engineering Challenge Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 350

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-41) Ryan Belskis, of Lamoine, who won the Silver Medal in the Woodworking Display Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 351

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-42) Jordan Chan, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Team Engineering Challenge Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 352

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-43) Benjamin Baldrige, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Team Engineering Challenge Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 353

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-44) Briella McIntire, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Promotional Bulletin Board Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 354

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-45) Presley Stallard, of Lamoine, who won the Gold Medal in the Promotional Bulletin Board Competition at the 2025 Maine SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 355

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-46) Ashley Stasulis, of Lewiston, who represented Team USA in snowshoeing at the Special Olympics 2025 World Winter Games in Turin, Italy. On March 13, 2025, she competed in the 200m race and earned a bronze medal for finishing third. On March 14, 2025, she competed in the 100m and 4x100m relay races, finishing fourth in the 100m race and fifth in the 4x100m relay race with her team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 356

Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-47) Bert Barnhart Mandigo, of Kenduskeag. Mr. Mandigo was a veteran of the United States Army, having joined in 1952 and served in Panama. He later joined the carpenters' union and worked on many construction projects throughout New York. Mr. Mandigo was employed by Lane Construction company, working assignments in many locations in New York, Virginia, West Virginia and Maine. He moved to Kenduskeag in the mid-1980s and went on to serve as a town selectman for many years. He was a member of the American Legion, Masons, Moose Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Mandigo will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 310

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GRIFFIN of Levant.

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

(4-48) Billie Geraldine Willard, of Alna. Ms. Willard was a hardworking small business owner with several ventures including restaurants, a bakery and her longtime business, Catering by Billie. Her first entree into restaurant ownership was Oksana's, of Richmond and Gardiner. This endeavor brought together two of her passions: preparing great food and Ukrainian culture. She later went on to open several other restaurants and expand her catering business. She was an accomplished chef and well-known caterer from small venues to extravagant weddings across central and Midcoast Maine. In 2007, Ms. Willard retired from catering and took on a second career at Sweetser, working for another 13 years as a receptionist. In her new role, she helped provide important behavioral health and recovery services to the community. She was particularly committed to supporting the Sweetser Cabin Fever Art Show, an annual art show featuring art by individuals experiencing mental health challenges. She provided support for many Alna community events, served in Alna's town government in multiple roles, was an active member of the Lincoln County Republican Committee for many years and served as a notary public. Ms. Willard will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

SLS 357

Sponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative: FARRIN of Jefferson.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-1) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing
S.P. 109 L.D. 243

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

(5-2) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge
S.P. 249 L.D. 569

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

(5-3) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Salmon Falls Bridge Between Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge
S.P. 285 L.D. 672

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

(5-4) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Mill Pond Bridge the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 302 L.D. 685

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

(5-5) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Kezar Falls Bridge Between Porter and Parsonsfield the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 303 L.D. 686

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

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish 'Welcome Home' as the Official State Anthem"

S.P. 165 L.D. 373

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

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

COPELAND of Saco

FARRIN of Jefferson

MATLACK of St. George

POMERLEAU of Standish

ROLLINS of Augusta

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon

GREENWOOD of Wales

TUELL of East Machias

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

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**

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Joe Dube, of Lewiston
SLS 190

Tabled - March 4, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - to Require the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to Report Out a Bill Prohibiting Educational Institutions from Being Members of Certain Organizations

H.P. 500

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

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

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

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Woody Moore, of Pittsfield
SLS 198

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset

Pending - **PASSAGE**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Pamela Ross, of Lewiston
SLS 218

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Penobscot Valley High School Girls Basketball Team, of Howland

SLS 249

Tabled - March 13, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Agriculture and Farms by Exempting Certain Pesticides from Regulation"

S.P. 490 L.D. 1201

Tabled - March 20, 2025 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act"

S.P. 509 L.D. 1281

Tabled - March 25, 2025 by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - RECOGNIZING THE MAINE FOREST SERVICE FOR ITS 2024
OUT-OF-STATE MOBILIZATIONS

S.P. 514

Tabled - March 25, 2025 by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION**

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing David J. Greenier, of Hampden

SLS 291

Tabled - March 25, 2025 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - **ADOPTION**
