

Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

6th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, April 10, 2025.

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

Prayer by Mitch Thomas of Lisbon Falls.

National Anthem Performed by Mitch Thomas of Central Maine Community College.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David G. Haggan of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Robert Rousseau, PA-C, EM-CAQ of Sidney.

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) Michael and Ruth Hood, of New Sweden, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 5, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
HLS 169

(1-2) the Honorable Donald P. Berry, of Belmont, for his being selected as a recipient of the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's "Rulers of the Games" recognition for his years of dedication to serving students. He is a longtime USA Track and Field Official and coached track and cross-country teams at Belfast Area High School from 1963 to 1998, including more than twenty-five State Champions. Mr. Berry also served in the Maine House of Representatives during the 118th, 119th, 120th and 121st Legislatures. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 171

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

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-3) Julia "Judy" Kahrl, of Arrowsic, Doctor of Philosophy in Adult Education, philanthropist and founder of Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights. Dr. Kahrl founded Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights in 2013 to help ensure that children and grandchildren have access to accurate and accessible reproductive health. Dr. Kahrl also worked with breastfeeding support agency La Leche League International, with Pathfinder International, the reproductive health charity founded by her father, Clarence Gamble, and with Planned Parenthood. In 2010, the Peruvian government recognized Dr. Kahrl with the Daniel Alcides Carrion Award for her work to reduce maternal mortality. Dr. Kahrl will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

HLS 170

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 247

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

April 7, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Resolves Chapter 126, I am pleased to appoint Elizabeth Bischof of Gorham to the *Maine Semiquincentennial Commission*, effective immediately.

Ms. Bischof will serve on this commission as a member representing a statewide humanities organization that uses humanities as a tool for positive change in the State's communities.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau Speaker of the House (2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 251

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

April 4, 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 we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Cloutier of Lewiston, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 106 An Act Regarding the Taxation of Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski Senate Chair S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier House Chair (2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 249

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

April 8, 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. 559 An Act to Provide Property Tax Stabilization for Older Maine Residents

L.D. 652 An Act to Provide Qualifying Downtown Businesses and Developments with Assistance Paying Flood Insurance Premiums

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski Senate Chair S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier House Chair (2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 250

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

April 7, 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. 348 Resolve, to Study the Effect of High-intensity Headlights on Drivers

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 Establish the Maine Green Schools Network"

S.P. 627 L.D. 1543

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York. Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland.

Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services to Create the Complex Care Assistant Training Program (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 624 L.D. 1540

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-3) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Its Rules to Protect Water Quality by Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Septic Systems S.P. 634 L.D. 1550

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York. Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, HEPLER of Woolwich.

Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Prevent the Introduction or Transfer of Invasive Fish Species in Inland Waters of the State"

S.P. 632 L.D. 1548

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin. Cosponsored by Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene.

Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE suggested and ordered printed.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases"

S.P. 628 L.D. 1544

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Maximum Value That a Small Estate May Be Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code to Permit Collection of Personal Property by Affidavit" S.P. 629 L.D. 1545

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York. Cosponsored by Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot, Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Landlords from Setting Rents Through the Use of Artificial Intelligence"

S.P. 636 L.D. 1552

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, YUSUF of Portland.

Committee on JUDICIARY suggested and ordered printed.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee"

S.P. 626 L.D. 1542

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and Representatives: STROUT of Harrington, TUELL of East Machias.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Require Recommendations from Study Commissions to Be Printed as Legislative Documents"

S.P. 630 L.D. 1546

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth and Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative: DUCHARME of Madison.

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

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Senior Residents" S.P. 625 L.D. 1541

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Use a Portion of the Sales Tax on Snowmobiles to Fund Maine's Snowmobile Trail Programs"

S.P. 631 L.D. 1547

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin. Cosponsored by Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene.

Committee on TAXATION suggested and ordered printed.

(3-12) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Use and Oversight of Transportation-related Revenues

S.P. 633 L.D. 1549

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset. Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, MASON of Lisbon, WHITE of Guilford.

Committee on TRANSPORTATION suggested and ordered printed.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License"

S.P. 635 L.D. 1551

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MASON of Lisbon, SUPICA of Bangor.

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. 637

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 15, 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) Sam Goddard, of Old Town, a senior at Old Town High School, who is a recipient of a 2025 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 417

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative: DILL of Old Town.

(4-3) Shealyn Brochu, of Bath, who won the Class B Indoor Track and Field State Championship in the 1-mile Run event. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; SLS 418

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representative: SINCLAIR of Bath.

(4-4) the Scarborough Public Library on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 419

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

Joint Resolution

(4-5) On motion by Senator **TEPLER** of Sagadahoc (Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative: OSHER of Orono), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 638

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to recognize the more than 365-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, in the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, have fought tirelessly to realize the promise of the nation's founding and their achievements have enriched the country, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith, and Jewish Americans continue to teach us empathy and compassion, inspired by their parents and grandparents, who know how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, including in America; and

WHEREAS, our nation shares an obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists and we remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month and take this opportunity to urge the citizens of the State to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program" H.P. 495 L.D. 765

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-2) The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Debt Limit of the Boothbay Region Water District"

H.P. 193 L.D. 293

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-39). (5-3) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 54 L.D. 90

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-41).

(5-4) The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Fees for Kickboxing Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 174 L.D. 271

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment ''A'' (H-38)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-38).

(5-5) The Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Fees for Muay Thai Contests and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 175 L.D. 272

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-37).

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Prohibiting Unauthorized Paramilitary Training" H.P. 203 L.D. 303

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

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

HASENFUS of Readfield ABDI of Lewiston BUNKER of Farmington LAJOIE of Lewiston LOOKNER of Portland MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello MCINTYRE of Lowell PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power" H.P. 369 L.D. 601

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport GEIGER of Rockland RUNTE of York WARREN of Scarborough WEBB of Durham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator: HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter MCINTYRE of Lowell PAUL of Winterport WADSWORTH of Hiram

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on 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

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport GEIGER of Rockland KESSLER of South Portland RUNTE of York WARREN of Scarborough WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter MCINTYRE of Lowell PAUL of Winterport WADSWORTH of Hiram

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

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits"

H.P. 559 L.D. 873

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport FOSTER of Dexter GEIGER of Rockland KESSLER of South Portland MCINTYRE of Lowell RUNTE of York WADSWORTH of Hiram WARREN of Scarborough WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representative:

PAUL of Winterport

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

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 20 L.D. 56

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden ANKELES of Brunswick BELL of Yarmouth BRIDGEO of Augusta OSHER of Orono RIELLY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator: MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico SOBOLESKI of Phillips WOODSOME of Waterboro

(5-11) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single-use Bags"

H.P. 33 L.D. 69

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden ANKELES of Brunswick BELL of Yarmouth BRIDGEO of Augusta OSHER of Orono RIELLY of Westbrook WOODSOME of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico SOBOLESKI of Phillips

(5-12) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Coastal Property by Allowing Property Owners to Protect Their Existing Dwellings"

H.P. 317 L.D. 488

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden ANKELES of Brunswick BELL of Yarmouth BRIDGEO of Augusta OSHER of Orono RIELLY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator: MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

CAMPBELL of Orrington SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico SOBOLESKI of Phillips WOODSOME of Waterboro

(5-13) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Require Rules Designed to Reduce Climate Change to Include Estimates of the Reduction in Adverse Climate Effects and of the Cost to Consumers"

H.P. 324 L.D. 495

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden ANKELES of Brunswick BELL of Yarmouth BRIDGEO of Augusta OSHER of Orono RIELLY of Westbrook WOODSOME of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico SOBOLESKI of Phillips

(5-14) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on 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

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

Signed:

Senators:

TEPLER of Sagadahoc BRENNER of Cumberland MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden ANKELES of Brunswick BELL of Yarmouth BRIDGEO of Augusta OSHER of Orono RIELLY of Westbrook SOBOLESKI of Phillips WOODSOME of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-15) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge S.P. 362 L.D. 796

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

(5-16) The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates"

S.P. 268 L.D. 585

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York GROHOSKI of Hancock

Representatives:

SACHS of Freeport GEIGER of Rockland KESSLER of South Portland RUNTE of York WARREN of Scarborough WEBB of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HARRINGTON of York

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter MCINTYRE of Lowell PAUL of Winterport WADSWORTH of Hiram

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Resolves

 (7-1) Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing S.P. 109 L.D. 243

(7-2) Resolve, to Rename the Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge S.P. 249 L.D. 569

(7-3) Resolve, to Rename the Salmon Falls Bridge Between Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 285 L.D. 672

(7-4) Resolve, to Rename the Mill Pond Bridge the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge S.P. 302 L.D. 685

(7-5) Resolve, to Rename the Kezar Falls Bridge Between Porter and Parsonsfield the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge

S.P. 303 L.D. 686

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

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 Pamela Ross, of Lewiston SLS 218

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin

Pending - PASSAGE

5.

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.)

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.)

7.

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

8.

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

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations"

H.P. 905 L.D. 1383

Tabled - April 1, 2025 by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.)

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Homeless Shelters by Imposing a Fee for Booking Hotels, Short-term Rentals and Recreational Vehicle Camping Reservations" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 968 L.D. 1476

Tabled - April 8, 2025 by Senator STEWART of Aroostook

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.)

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Future of Recreational Access in Maine S.P. 582 L.D. 1441

Tabled - April 8, 2025 by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

12.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act Regarding the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program" S.P. 591 L.D. 1450

Tabled - April 8, 2025 by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

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SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs"

S.P. 329 L.D. 771

Majority - Ought to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - April 8, 2025 by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT