



# Senate of Maine

## One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature First Special Session

### Advance Journal and Calendar

#### 7th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

Prayer by Pastor Todd Bell of Calvary Baptist Church in Sanford.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthew A. Harrington of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Marco Cornelio, M.D. of Kennebunk.

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Paper**

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Pesticides"

H.P. 1015 L.D. 1557

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) Tom Wallace, of Mount Desert, 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 172

(1-3) Margaret "Micki" Sumpter, of Mount Desert, who has received the 2025 President's Award from the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 173

(1-4) Daniel Paul, of North Yarmouth, a co-coach of the Falmouth High School Girls Cross Country Team, who was named a 2024 Girls High School Cross Country Coach of the Year for the State of Maine by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 174

(1-5) Jorma Kurry, of Falmouth, a co-coach of the Falmouth High School Girls Cross Country Team, who was named a 2024 Girls High School Cross Country Coach of the Year for the State of Maine by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 175

(1-6) James Schoenmann, of Jackman, 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 176

(1-7) Kathy Fearon, 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;

HLS 177

(1-8) the Central High School Drama Club, which won the Class B Maine Principals' Association Drama Festival and State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 181

(1-9) Jean Hubbard, of Hollis, on the celebration of her 90th Birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 182

(1-10) Esme Filippo, of Orland, a seventh-grade student at The Bay School, who won the State of Maine Spelling Bee. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 183

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

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**Joint Resolution**

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-11) Michael Francis Thompson, of Kittery. Mr. Thompson was a cabinetmaker, designing and building fine furniture and unique pieces. He also volunteered weekly with the Kittery food pantry. Mr. Thompson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 184

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 654

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

April 11, 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 April 11, 2025, 11 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 April 11, 2025, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act to Support Farmers and Food Banks Affected by Federal Funding Cuts to Their Existing Contracts" (S.P. 642) (L.D. 1605) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: PLUECKER of Warren, JACKSON of Oxford, DILL of Old Town) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Resolve, to Study Changing the Start of the State Fiscal Year to October 1st (S.P. 644) (L.D. 1636) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, ARATA of New Gloucester, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Codify Minimum Instructional Hours in the State's Schools" (S.P. 647) (L.D. 1639) (Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock)

**Housing and Economic Development**

Bill "An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority" (S.P. 645) (L.D. 1637) (Sponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick and Senator: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell)

Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Consumers by Simplifying Subscription Cancellations" (S.P. 650) (L.D. 1642) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Life Science Innovation Center" (S.P. 651) (L.D. 1643) (Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, GERE of Kennebunkport, DUCHARME of Madison, SAYRE of Kennebunk)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act to Improve Legislative Access to Public Information" (S.P. 653) (L.D. 1645) (Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk and Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor)

**Labor**

Bill "An Act Regarding Disability Retirement Benefits Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" (S.P. 646) (L.D. 1638) (Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, ROEDER of Bangor, BRIDGEO of Augusta, COLLINS of Sidney)

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Implement a Local Option Sales Tax" (S.P. 649) (L.D. 1641) (Sponsored by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act to Require Train Axle Bearing Sensors to Be Installed on Passenger Rail Lines" (S.P. 652) (L.D. 1644) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland and Senator: INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SAYRE of Kennebunk, MITCHELL of Cumberland)

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 648) (L.D. 1640) (Sponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, GROHOSKI of Hancock, BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, FREDETTE of Newport)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 252

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**

March 27, 2025

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council, 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature;

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The audit was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of Federal financial assistance. During fiscal year 2024, \$5.5 billion in Federal financial assistance was expended by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Federal Findings Indexes and Federal Award Identification Numbers
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2024 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA  
State Auditor

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 255

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

April 10, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Gigi Guyton Thompson of Peaks Island, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings 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	2	Bailey, D. of York, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Boyer, M. of Cape Elizabeth, Cimino, M. of Bridgton, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Flynn, P. of Albion, Foley, R. of Wells, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Olsen, R. of Raymond
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner

Eleven 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 Gigi Guyton Thompson of Peaks Island, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey  
Senate Chair

S/Kristi M. Mathieson  
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 253

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

April 10, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Deborah Neuman of Hampden, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings 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	2	Bailey, D. of York, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	9	Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Boyer, M. of Cape Elizabeth, Cimino, M. of Bridgton, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Flynn, P. of Albion, Foley, R. of Wells, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Olsen, R. of Raymond
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner

Eleven 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 Deborah Neuman of Hampden, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey  
Senate Chair

S/Kristi M. Mathieson  
House Chair

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 254

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

April 10, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Daniel Piltch of Freeport, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings 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	1	Bailey, D. of York
	Representatives	9	Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Boyer, M. of Cape Elizabeth, Cimino, M. of Bridgton, Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Flynn, P. of Albion, Foley, R. of Wells, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Olsen, R. of Raymond
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Sen. Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Rep. Morris, J. of Turner

Ten 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 Daniel Piltch of Freeport, for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey  
Senate Chair

S/Kristi M. Mathieson  
House Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 257

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

April 10, 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. Crockett of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 315      An Act to Add a Personal Finance Course to the State Graduation Requirements  
in High Schools

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty, Jr.  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy  
House Chair

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 256

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

April 10, 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. 1019      An Act to Provide Funding for Fort McClary

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker  
House Chair

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 262

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 10, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 330 | Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Technical Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses |
| L.D. 962 | An Act to Establish the Offense of Aggravated Operating Under the Influence Resulting in the Death of a Pet                                                      |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tavis Rock Hasenfus  
House Chair

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 259

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

April 10, 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. 908      An Act to Eliminate the Sales Tax on Prepared Foods and Support the State's  
Hospitality Industry

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Kristen Sarah Cloutier  
House Chair

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 258

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 10, 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 and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1233      An Act to Modify Confidentiality Laws to Protect Children Being Placed into  
Custody by the Department of Health and Human Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
House Chair

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(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 260

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

April 9, 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":

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| L.D. 557 | An Act to Allow All-terrain Vehicles to Be Used on a Public Way                                            |
| L.D. 864 | An Act to Allow the Use of Transporter Plates for Transporting Campers or Motor Homes                      |
| L.D. 925 | Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America     |
| L.D. 989 | An Act to Recognize Amateur Radio License Holders by Waiving Fees for License Plates Displaying Call Signs |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts  
House Chair

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(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 261

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

April 9, 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. 1092      An Act to Ensure That Dual Distribution Prohibitions Are Not Violated by Direct Shippers of Wine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Regarding Suspected Drug-related Overdoses"

S.P. 643 L.D. 1646

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, CARLOW of Buxton, CRAFTS of Newcastle, LAJOIE of Lewiston.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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(3-2) Resolve, to Honor Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall

S.P. 656 L.D. 1648

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative SATO of Gorham and Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative: ANKELES of Brunswick.

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

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(3-3) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Dirigo Business Incentives Program"

S.P. 658 L.D. 1664

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

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(3-4) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Provide Additional Remedies for Educational Discrimination"

S.P. 655 L.D. 1647

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: KUHN of Falmouth, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath.

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

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(3-5) Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Operations of the Legislature (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 657 L.D. 1649

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, BERNARD of Aroostook, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, NUTTING of Oakland, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the Sanford Christian Academy Girls Volleyball Team, which won the Athletics for Christian Education League State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 420

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, LANIGAN of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

(4-2) Nathan Pennell, of Whitneyville, who is retiring after 42 years serving the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 421

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-3) the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District, of Machias, on the celebration of its 75th Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 422

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-4) Sam Mills, of Old Town, who won the 2025 Flat Top 5K Road Race in Lamoine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 423

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: DILL of Old Town.

(4-5) Elam Monahan, of Trenton, who won the Individual Championship in the Kindergarten to First Grade Championship Section at the Maine Chess Association State Individual Championship Tournament. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 424

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

(4-6) the South Portland High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class AA South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 425

Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

(4-7) Zoe LaFleur-Kief, of York, who was named the York County Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 426

Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: RUNTE of York, SARGENT of York.

(4-8) Victoria Wile, of Gray, who was named the Central Maine Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 427

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

(4-9) the Mount Ararat High School Girls Basketball Team, of Topsham, which won the Class A State Championship, the team's first state title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 428

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GOLEK of Harpswell, MACIAS of Topsham, WEBB of Durham.

(4-10) the Mount Ararat High School Girls Basketball Team, of Topsham, which won the Class A South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 429

Sponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MACIAS of Topsham, WEBB of Durham.

(4-11) Alex Grimaldi, of Jay, a senior at Spruce Mountain 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 431

Sponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(4-12) Kolaiah Spooner, of Calais, who was named the Washington County Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 432

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: MINGO of Calais.

(4-13) Jordyn Balicki, of Jonesport, who was named the Eastern Maine Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 433

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

(4-14) Islakeno Mahabir, of Presque Isle, who was named the Northern Maine Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 434

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-15) the Mount Abram Regional High School Boys Basketball Team, of Salem Township, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 435

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: HALL of Wilton, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

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### Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-15) William Joseph Gombar, of Lyman. An expert in computer technology, Mr. Gombar had worked for New England Systems, Inc. He rose through the company's ranks until he decided to form his own company, Managed Services and Repair of New England, which he served as President and Head Tech. He prized his customers and prioritized their satisfaction. Mr. Gombar will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 430

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BERNARD of Aroostook, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, BLACK of Franklin, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, CYRWAY of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, HAGGAN of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, MARTIN of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, PARRY of Arundel.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements"

H.P. 59 L.D. 94

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

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

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-2) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Support Hunger Prevention in Maine"

H.P. 269 L.D. 415

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-42)**.

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(5-3) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program"

H.P. 522 L.D. 815

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-45).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-45).**

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(5-4) The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 561 L.D. 875

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-44).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-44).**

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(5-5) The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

H.P. 388 L.D. 620

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-43).**

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**Divided Report**

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit State Agencies from Promoting the COVID-19 Vaccination to Children"  
H.P. 290 L.D. 436

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

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York  
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
DEBRITO of Waterville  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth  
MCCABE of Lewiston  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

DAIGLE of Fort Kent  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

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Senate

**Ought to Pass**

(5-7) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers"

S.P. 394 L.D. 905

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

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(5-8) Senator BAILEY for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Provisions of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Governing Requirements for Self-insurers"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1195

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

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

(5-9) Senator CURRY for the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Provide for the 2025 and 2026 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 293 L.D. 678

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**.

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**Divided Report**

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on 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

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  
CAMPBELL of Orrington  
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:

SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico  
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

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**Divided Report**

(5-11) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services" S.P. 79 L.D. 143

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12).**

Signed:

Senators:

INGWERSEN of York  
NANGLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
DEBRITO of Waterville  
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth  
MCCABE of Lewiston  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

DAIGLE of Fort Kent  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
LEMELIN of Chelsea

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

(7-1) An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

H.P. 12 L.D. 48  
(C "A" H-36)

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**Emergency Measure**

(7-2) An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws Related to the Training of Dogs and Open Training  
Seasons

H.P. 493 L.D. 751

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**Emergency Measure**

(7-3) An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets

H.P. 523 L.D. 816

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**Acts**

(7-4) An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process

H.P. 4 L.D. 40

(7-5) An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog

H.P. 44 L.D. 80

(7-6) An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program

H.P. 448 L.D. 709

(7-7) An Act Regarding Charges to Uninsured Patients for COVID-19 Vaccines

H.P. 582 L.D. 917

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**Resolves**

(7-8) Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Waterboro the Waterboro Veterans Memorial Bridge

H.P. 385 L.D. 617

(7-9) Resolve, to Honor Scarborough Veterans by Renaming the Pine Point Crossing Bridge the Scarborough Veterans Memorial Bridge

H.P. 548 L.D. 862

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Unfinished Business**

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

**1.**

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

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**

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**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**

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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.)

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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**

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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.)

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6.

**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**

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7.

**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**

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8.

**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.)

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9.

**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.)

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**10.**

**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.)

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**11.**

**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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12.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

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**

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13.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

HOUSE REPORTS - from 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

**Majority - Ought to Pass** (11 members)

**Minority - Ought Not to Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - April 10, 2025 by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

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