



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

9th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

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

Prayer by Pastor Travis Armstrong of Hope Baptist Church in Manchester.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Henry L. Ingwersen of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Medical Provider of the Day, Kendra Paradis, DO of Orrington.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 20

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:00 in the morning in the Hall of the House for the purpose of honoring Franco-American Day.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

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

H.P. 1015 L.D. 1557

In Senate, April 15, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-2) Brian Cummings, of Freeport, a sergeant with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, on his retirement after 25 years of service. Beginning his career with the office as a Corrections Officer, Sergeant Cummings later served as a Field Training Officer, Instructor and Transport Officer before serving as a Sergeant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 159

(1-3) Phil Bloomstein, of Freedom, 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 188

(1-4) Madelynn Deprey, of Caribou, who was named Varsity Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Madelynn averaged 22 points and 8.3 rebounds per game while leading the Vikings to the Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 189

(1-5) the Lisbon High School Cheer Team, which won the Class C State Championship. This is the team's fourth straight Class C title. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 191

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-6) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1155

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN HOLY WEEK IN MAINE**

WHEREAS, the week preceding the Christian celebration of Easter contains observances relating to the Biblical description of last days of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, on Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, on Holy Monday, Jesus freed the sacrificial animals and cleansed the temple; and

WHEREAS, on Holy Tuesday, Jesus taught at the temple; and

WHEREAS, on Holy Wednesday, a disciple named Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for pieces of silver; and

WHEREAS, on Maundy Thursday, the Last Supper with the disciples occurred, and Jesus washed their feet; and

WHEREAS, on Good Friday, Jesus was crucified on a cross, and darkness covered the whole earth; and

WHEREAS, on Holy Saturday, Jesus rested in the tomb; and

WHEREAS, on Resurrection Sunday, also known as Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead, and his death, burial and resurrection paid for the sins of the people and gives all who believe in him eternal life; 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, take this opportunity to recognize Christian Holy Week in Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We extend best wishes to all those of Christian faith in Maine, the United States and across the world for a joyous and meaningful observance of Holy Week and Easter.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-7) Marcia Ellen Noyes, of Portland. A trailblazer in her field, Ms. Noyes was a pioneer for women in Maine and New England's Parks and Recreation community. Beginning her career with the Portland Parks and Recreation Department at the Cummings Center, she worked to connect communities through youth enrichment and recreational programming. In 1986, she became the Community Services Director for the Town of Yarmouth, a position she held until her retirement in 2013. She expanded Yarmouth's public outdoor spaces, championed the preservation of the iconic "Herbie" elm tree and brought the Summer Arts Series to life. She was the second woman to serve as president of the New England Parks Association, the oldest association of its kind, and held numerous leadership roles in the Maine Recreation and Parks Association and the National Recreation and Parks Association. Ms. Noyes will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and community;

HLS 168

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

(1-8) Eugene "Gene" Demmons, of Gouldsboro. Mr. Demmons worked many years in construction, including the building project of Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. He worked at the Dexter Shoe factory, Etna-Dixmont School, Hebron Ministerial Institute in Waverly, New York, and Concord Police Department in Concord, New Hampshire. He was part of the church leadership at Liberty Assembly of God in Concord, New Hampshire and Charleston Church Downeast in Sullivan. He was also a missionary to Botswana, Africa, where he ministered for two years with his wife, Joan, and youngest daughter, Sarah. Mr. Demmons will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 192

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

(1-9) Keith H. Young, of Gouldsboro. Mr. Young was a longtime employee of the family of Mr. and Mrs. F. Eugene Dixon, Jr. He was a member of the Moose and Elks Lodge and for several years was actively involved with the annual Winter Harbor lobster boat races. Mr. Young will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 193

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 275

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

April 16, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Public Law, Chapter 163, I am pleased to appoint Gregory Copeland to the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board seat 10, representing the real estate and development interests, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have questions about this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 277

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

April 17, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under EO 2, FY 24/25, I am pleased to appoint Representative Mathew McIntyre of Lowell to the *Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force*, effective immediately.

Representative McIntyre will serve as a member of the House of Representatives who is from one of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 283

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

April 18, 2025

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

RE: Nominations to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council:

M. Wing Goodale of Rockport, James Andrews of Farmington, Joseph Powers of Mapleton, Scott Ireland of Vassalboro, Catherine M. Gordon of Bangor, David Craven of Bucks Harbor, Eric Ward of Harfords Point Township, Anthony Liguori of Kennebunk and Michael Gawtry of Yarmouth

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 284

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

April 18, 2025

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

RE: Nominations to the Maine State Housing Authority

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to inform you that I am nominating Nancy Harrison of Veazie, and Noël Bonam of Portland for reappointment as Commissioners of the Maine State Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A, MRSA §4723.2, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 278

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

April 17, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Donald G. Marean of Hollis, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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	Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	6	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Cooper, M. of Windham, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Dill, J. of Old Town, Frost, S. of Belgrade, Jackson, C. of Oxford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Black, R. of Franklin, Sen. Ingwersen, H. of York, Rep. Bunker, S. of Farmington, Rep. Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Rep. Hepler, A. of Woolwich

Seven 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 the Honorable Donald G. Marean of Hollis, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 279

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

April 17, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Chandler Woodcock of Farmington, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission.

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	Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	6	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Cooper, M. of Windham, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Dill, J. of Old Town, Frost, S. of Belgrade, Jackson, C. of Oxford
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Black, R. of Franklin, Sen. Ingwersen, H. of York, Rep. Bunker, S. of Farmington, Rep. Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Rep. Hepler, A. of Woolwich

Seven 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 the Honorable Chandler Woodcock of Farmington, for reappointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 276

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 16, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 257 An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing

L.D. 450 An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing Net Energy Billing

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Melanie Sachs
House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 282

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 17, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1309 An Act to Increase the Membership of the Public Utilities Commission to 5
Members

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Melanie Sachs
House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 274

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

April 16, 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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1244 An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury
House Chair

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 280

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

April 16, 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. 1384 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to Examine Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Pedestrians

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lydia Crafts
House Chair

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 281

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

April 17, 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. 511 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the
Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council
- L.D. 956 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the
Recommendation of the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council to Create a
Multi-use Trail

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 Regarding the Beneficial Electrification Policy of the State"

S.P. 676 L.D. 1730

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Increase the Supply of Child Care Services Through the Use of Contracts"

S.P. 682 L.D. 1736

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, MOORE of Washington, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, FARRIN of Jefferson, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations"

S.P. 679 L.D. 1733

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Ensure the Future of Maine's Sporting Camp Heritage"

S.P. 683 L.D. 1737

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative: CARUSO of Caratunk.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Increase the Rate of Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost as a Result of the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

S.P. 675 L.D. 1729

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, HEPLER of Woolwich.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Allow a Municipality to Waive the Excise Tax on an Antique Automobile Owned by a Person 65 Years of Age or Older"

S.P. 678 L.D. 1732

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANCE of Paris.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Exempt Over-the-counter Medicines from the Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 680 L.D. 1734

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative WEBB of Durham and Senators: BAILEY of York, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, HARRINGTON of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, NUTTING of Oakland, ZAGER of Portland.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Provide an Income Tax Deduction for Certain Contributions to a Qualified Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Account"

S.P. 681 L.D. 1735

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: BICKFORD of Androscoggin.

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

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Increase the Influence of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board on the Funding and Operations of the Maine State Ferry Service"

S.P. 677 L.D. 1731

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, GEIGER of Rockland, MATLACK of St. George, RAY of Lincolnville.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Katelyn McKay, of Gorham, who was named the Southern Maine Community College Student of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 446

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-2) Jack Merrill, of Islesford, on his stepping down from his seat on the Board of Directors for the Maine Lobstermen's Association after 40 years of service representing the lobstering community of Islesford. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 447

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-3) Carl Flynn, of Van Buren, on the occasion of his retiring after 20 years of service as the head ice hockey coach at Presque Isle High School. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 448

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook, Representative: ALBERT of Madawaska.

(4-4) the Central Aroostook High School Girls Basketball Team, of Mars Hill, which won the Class D North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 449

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

(4-5) Isaac Staples, of Presque Isle, a Senior Captain of the Presque Isle High School Hockey Team, who broke the school record with his 100th goal, also scoring his 202nd point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 450

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-6) the Schenck High School Boys Basketball Team, of East Millinocket, which won the Class D North Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 451

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

(4-7) Lilly Burt, of Mars Hill, a sophomore at Central Aroostook High School, who was named the Girls Class D Basketball State Tournament Most Valuable Player by the Bangor Daily News. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 452

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

(4-8) the Noble High School Wrestling Team, of North Berwick, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 453

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: LAVIGNE of Berwick, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

(4-9) Hannah Perro, of North Berwick, who was named the Varsity Maine Girls Wrestler of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 454

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: LAVIGNE of Berwick, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

(4-10) David Parent, of Springvale, Superintendent of the Sanford Water District, on his receiving the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Water Utilities Association. Mr. Parent has dedicated more than 40 years of service to Maine's water industry. He began his career with the Sanford Water District in the early 1980s and became superintendent in 2011. Mr. Parent has served as a board member and the president of the Maine Water Utilities Association, advocated for water and wastewater utilities as a member of the association's Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee, has been actively involved with the New England Water Works Association and the Southern Maine Regional Water Council and has made countless presentations to children to foster an understanding of the water cycle and the importance of clean drinking water. We thank him for his countless contributions and advocacy for safe and reliable water and offer him our best wishes;

SLS 455

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

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

(4-11) the Scarborough Garden Club on the celebration of its 50th Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 456

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

(4-12) Frances Stockman, of Bar Harbor, who won an Outstanding Soloist Award for singing the role of The Goblin King from the David Bowie movie "Labyrinth" at the Maine Music Educators Association's State Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 457

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-13) the Mount Desert Island High School Show Choir, of Bar Harbor, which took top honors for its production of "Nova Terra" at the Maine Music Educators Association's State Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 458

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

(4-14) Nayeli Monahan, of Trenton, who won an Outstanding Soloist Award for singing the role of Sarah from the David Bowie movie "Labyrinth" at the Maine Music Educators Association's State Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 459

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

(4-15) Julia Ramos, Emma Astle, Ruby DeMuro and Delilah Damon Dong, of Bar Harbor, who won the Outstanding Choreography Award at the Maine Music Educators Association's State Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 460

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

(4-16) Emily West, of Orland, a senior at Bucksport 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 461

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: BISHOP of Bucksport.

(4-17) Sofia Kleshneva, of Bar Harbor, who won an Outstanding Soloist Award at the Maine Music Educators Associations' State Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 462

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

(4-18) Leo Harmon, of Lincoln, who won the 98-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 463

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-19) Daigen Botting, of Lincoln, who won the 104-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 464

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-20) Ethan Friend, of Lincoln, who won the 122-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 465

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-21) Cash Albert, of Lincoln, who won the 172-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 466

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-22) Michael Donahue, of Lincoln, who won the 205-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 467

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-23) Mason Loman, of Lincoln, who won the 245-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 468

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-24) Joan Ferrini-Mundy, of Orono, President of the University of Maine, who has received the 2025 Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Educational Research Association for her leading role in enacting and implementing research-based education policies and significantly advancing the visibility and support of education research. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 469

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, OSHER of Orono.

(4-25) Blaine and Lorna Gordon, of Enfield, who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 470

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-26) David Lambert, of Saco, a captain in the York County Sheriff's Office, on his receiving a Sheriff's Award and for his 41 years dedicated service to the citizens of York County. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 471

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

(4-27) the Mattanawcook Junior High School Wrestling Team, of Lincoln, which won the 2025 Penquis League Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 472

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-28) Damien James, of Lincoln, who won the 150-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 473

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

(4-29) Carson Tash, of Lincoln, who won the 110-pound Weight Class of the 2025 Penquis League Wrestling Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 474

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-30) Stephen Gary Hall, of Brooks. Mr. Hall was a lifelong resident of Brooks and an active member of the Masons and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served for 15 years as a Brooks town selectman, following in the footsteps of his father guiding the town he loved; his sister continues the tradition to this day. His love for the town encompassed both its history and its people, past and present. He proudly served in the United States Army for 4 years, fought fires with the Bangor Fire Department for 9 years, taught middle schoolers at Mount View Junior High School for more than 20 years and always considered himself a farmer. He was a keeper of stories and had things to talk about with everyone he met. He knew history to a point that you could ask him, on any given day, what had happened in the past and he could tell you what happened on that particular day, centuries ago. Mr. Hall will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 445

Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative: HYMES of Waldo.

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

(4-31) Philip E. Toussaint, of West Newfield. Mr. Toussaint pursued multiple career paths. Notably, he worked in the manufacturing industry, drove a taxi and owned a successful cleaning company. Mr. Toussaint will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 475

Sponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

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

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

(4-32) Bernard Smith, of Lincoln. Mr. Smith was a veteran who served with the United States Army 98th Engineers in France. He went on to work as "The Telephone Man," diligently maintaining equipment and keeping up with the rapidly evolving technology to make sure his customers had vital communication service. He retired from GTE/Verizon after 36 years in the industry. He was a member of Forest Lodge in Springfield, the Horeb Lodge of Lincoln and the Anah Temple Shrine of Bangor. He served on the School Administrative District 30 School Board for several terms and was one of several co-owners who renovated and reinvented the Springfield Fair as a family friendly event. Mr. Smith will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 476

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: GIFFORD of Lincoln.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

(5-1) The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Governing Restitution to Include the Costs of All Analyses of Suspected Illegal Drugs"

H.P. 456 L.D. 717

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

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
CURRY of Waldo

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
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

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

Divided Report

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law

H.P. 163 L.D. 260

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-40)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:

KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham
SINCLAIR of Bath

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
HENDERSON of Rumford
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
POIRIER of Skowhegan

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40)**.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-3) Senator TALBOT ROSS for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation

S.P. 39 L.D. 24

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-19).**

(5-4) Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 196 L.D. 462

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-21).**

Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill
"An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure
Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation"

S.P. 190 L.D. 457

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-20).**

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

MURPHY of Scarborough
BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
MITCHELL of Cumberland
SARGENT of York

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham
HAGGAN of Hampden
LYMAN of Livermore Falls

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

- (7-1) An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence
H.P. 561 L.D. 875
(C "A" H-44)
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Acts

- (7-2) An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements
H.P. 59 L.D. 94
- (7-3) An Act to Support Hunger Prevention in Maine
H.P. 269 L.D. 415
(C "A" H-42)
- (7-4) An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates
S.P. 268 L.D. 585
- (7-5) An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program
H.P. 522 L.D. 815
(C "A" H-45)
-

Resolve

- (7-6) Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge
S.P. 362 L.D. 796
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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**

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

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.)

5.

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**

6.

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**

7.

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.)

8.

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.)

9.

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**

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORT - from 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

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**

Tabled - April 15, 2025 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

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

11.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Maximum Permissible Size of Recreational Campfires"
H.P. 604 L.D. 939

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (9 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-48) (2 members)

Tabled - April 17, 2025 by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**)

12.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure
S.P. 29 L.D. 1
(C "A" S-9)

Tabled - April 17, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT** in concurrence

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

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