Prayer by Pastor Tobin Curtis, Christ Community Fellowship in Madison.

PASTOR CURTIS: Thank you. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, I want to thank You for the great privilege we have and acknowledging our need for Your grace, our need for Your wisdom, and our need for Your presence here today. Thank You, God, for the men and women here who have answered the call to humbly serve and represent the good people of Maine. I pray that each one here will recognize Your hand in bringing them together from their many different backgrounds, experiences, philosophies, and opinions, that they may effectively position this state and all of its people for future success, freedom, and security. May all our words be honest, all of our motives be pure, all of our decisions be wise, and may God be praised. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln County.


Doctor of the day, Elisabeth Mock, M.D. of Holden.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Establish as a Priority the Interests of Maine Farmers, Growers and Food Producers"
H.P. 674  L.D. 910

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.

In Senate, March 5, 2019, on motion by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY.

On motion by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, the Senate RECEDED and CONCURRED.

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in State Institutions"
H.P. 850  L.D. 1167

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator DILL of Penobscot, REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Transfer the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund to the Office of the Treasurer of State"
H.P. 849  L.D. 1160

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator HERBIG of Waldo, REFERRED to the Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Savings Account Program for Small Businesses"
H.P. 845  L.D. 1156

Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION.

On motion by Senator HERBIG of Waldo, REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and ordered printed, in concurrence.
The Following Communication:  S.C. 176

STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 8, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 §24001, I am pleased to appoint Stephanie Eglinton to seat number 11 on the Maine Children’s Growth Council. She will serve as a member representing a person having experience in public funding and philanthropy, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 177

STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 8, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 §24001, I am pleased to appoint Vincent Frallicciardi to seat number 6 on the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission. Mr. Frallicciardi will serve on the commission as a citizen of this state who is fluent in the French language, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 179

STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER’S OFFICE

March 12, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, §227, I am pleased to appoint Morgan Hynd to seat number 10 on the Maine Children’s Growth Council. She will serve as a member representing a person having experience in public funding and philanthropy, effective the date of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Pursuant to my authority under 22 MRSA, Subtitle 3, Part 3, Ch. 1058, §3883 (2) (B), I have appointed Representative Margaret Craven of Lewiston to the Maine Children’s Trust Incorporated effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 172

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

March 8, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

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

L.D. 101   An Act To Reestablish the Pesticide Notification Registry

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 173

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

March 6, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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":

L.D. 159   An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances When a Patient Is Being Transported

L.D. 263   An Act To Prohibit Certain Sex Offenders from Establishing Residence in Certain Multiunit Residential Buildings in which Minors Reside

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault
Senate Chair
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:  S.C. 174

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

March 5, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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":

L.D. 429   An Act To Improve the Ability of Mental Health Professionals To Assess the Risk of Suicide

L.D. 558   An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirements for Prescribers of Opioid Medication
L.D. 616  
An Act To Create Uniform Practices for Medicare Beneficiaries in Small Group Plans

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn  
S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler

Senate Chair  
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

March 6, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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. 43  
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Dedicate All Sales Taxes from All Vehicle Sales and Vehicle-related Sales to the Highway Fund for Roads and Bridge Capital Improvements

L.D. 146  
An Act To Make the Assessment and Collection of Personal Property Taxes Optional for Municipalities

This is notification of the Committee’s action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman  
S/Rep. Ryan Tipping

Senate Chair  
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence and To Support Survivors"  
S.P. 357  L.D. 1171

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.

Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, TABLED until Later in Today's Session, pending REFERENCE.
Bill "An Act To Protect the Safety of Health Care Workers"
S.P. 374  L.D. 1199

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: COREY of Windham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, RISEMAN of Harrison.

Bill "An Act Relating to Defenses and Self-defense in the Maine Criminal Code"
S.P. 377  L.D. 1215

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Remote Learning during School Cancellations"
S.P. 360  L.D. 1174

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Support Community Schools"
S.P. 378  L.D. 1216

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: DODGE of Belfast.
On motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Direct Sale of Electricity"
S.P. 359  L.D. 1173

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Access to Utility Poles Located in Municipal Rights-of-way"
S.P. 366  L.D. 1192

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Transparency and Participation in Maine Water Districts"
S.P. 373  L.D. 1198

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
On motion by Senator LAWRENCE of York, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prevent the Sale and Distribution of Flavored Tobacco Products"
S.P. 364  L.D. 1190

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MORALES of South Portland.
On motion by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Prohibiting the Denial by Health Insurers of Referrals by Out-of-network Providers"
S.P. 372  L.D. 1197

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York.
On motion by Senator H. SANBORN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.
Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County  

S.P. 367 L.D. 1193

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, DODGE of Belfast, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Oversight of the Family Development Account Program"  

S.P. 379 L.D. 1217

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

On motion by Senator HERBIG of Waldo, REFERRED to the Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Timely and Proper Completion of Residential Foreclosures"  

S.P. 361 L.D. 1175

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York. (BY REQUEST)

On motion by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations"  

S.P. 363 L.D. 1177

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MCCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, MARTIN of Sinclair.

On motion by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Caretakers of Ancient Burying Grounds and Access to Ancient Burying Grounds"  

S.P. 362 L.D. 1176

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRYANT of Windham, DUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship.

On motion by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Conduct a Comprehensive Study of the Compensation System for State Employees  

S.P. 376 L.D. 1214

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING.
Bill "An Act To Provide Direct Property Tax Relief to Homeowners by Increasing the Homestead Exemption"
S.P. 358  L.D. 1172
Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, President JACKSON of Aroostook, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Solar Energy Equipment from Property Tax"
S.P. 365  L.D. 1191
Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans"
S.P. 368  L.D. 1194
Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 375  L.D. 1200
Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, STEWART of Presque Isle.
Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Removal of Campaign Signs from the Public Right-of-way"
S.P. 369  L.D. 1195
Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.
On motion by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting
S.P. 371  L.D. 1196
Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, KESSLER of South Portland, McLEAN of Gorham, WARREN of Hallowell, Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: MAXMIN of Nobleboro, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, RYKERSON of Kittery.

On motion by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock, REFERRED to the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Craig Garofalo, of Manchester, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Kennebec Savings Bank, who has received the 2019 Cynergy Young Professional Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 56
Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: WARREN of Hallowell.

The Joint Order was READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator BELLOWS: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to recognize a very special leader in our community, Craig Garofalo, who happens to be my neighbor in Manchester. But, importantly, he is a real leader at Kennebec Savings Bank. He's the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer there, a position he assumed in 2017. Craig earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Babson College. He's a graduate of Kennebec Leadership Institute, the New England School for Financial Studies, and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. What's really remarkable about Craig is his community leadership. So every year in Manchester we have a roadside
clean-up where we literally walk the roads in Manchester and clean them. Craig leads the team from Kennebec Savings Bank. The whole team of folks come out to help us, and he and his family participates every single year. Moreover, Craig and his wife, Stephanie, co-chair United Way of Kennebec Valley’s 2015 fundraising campaign, which raised more than $1.5 million to support the Kennebec Valley region. He’s been a board member of the United Way of Kennebec Valley. He also serves on the finance committee for the Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency and a very active member of the Maine Bankers Association. Furthermore, Kennebec Savings Bank, just to share, is one of those banks that reinvests in the community. When you look at charitable organizations across the region Kennebec Savings Bank is there every time, supporting local libraries, supporting community based groups, historical preservation efforts, environmental efforts. So it’s with great pleasure today that I rise in support of Craig Garofalo and hope you will join me in honoring him. Thank you.

The Joint Order was PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Craig Garofalo of Manchester. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, HICKMAN of Winthrop, WARREN of Hallowell.

The Joint Order was READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator BELLOWS: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to recognize an extraordinary local business, Clark Marine in Manchester and Rob Brown, one of the co-owners of the business, who is here today representing Clark Marine. To quote my good colleague, Senator Farrin from Somerset County, ‘Clark Marine is the best boat dealer in the state.’ Now I recognize those may be fighting words to some of my colleagues on the coast but I want to share with you Clark Marine has been in business for 60 years. It’s a lifetime of service here in Central Maine, in the middle of about 30 lakes and ponds in the area. They’ve grown from about half a million a year to a $5 million a year business with locations in Manchester, Monmouth, and Belgrade. That growth is due to a focus on two things: Clark Marine service work on boats and its service to the community of Central Maine boaters. About 50% of the business is local people and they also do a tremendous amount to attract tourism and the people that come year after year to the area. If you need to buy a boat you should talk to Clark Marine. If you need to store a boat you should talk to Clark Marine. They store between 200 and 300 boats during the wintertime. They also employ a great number of people in our area, about 30 to 35 people in the summer months. So thank you. I hope you will join me in recognizing co-owner, Mr. Rob Brown, who’s here today with Clark Marine. Thank you.

The Joint Order was PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Rob Brown of Clark Marine. He’s the guest today of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows. Would he please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended


H.P. 742  L.D. 1000

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment “A” (H-6).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” (H-6).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-6) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution
RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage and the opportunity it offers to encourage civic engagement and voting today; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We hereby honor the suffragists who struggled for decades to fulfill the promise that all Americans are equal under the law and urge everyone to recommit themselves to ensuring that all Maine citizens have their voices heard through the election process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this Joint Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Suffrage Centennial Collaborative.

The Joint Resolution was READ.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen.

Senator BREEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for reading the Joint Resolution. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today with great humility and gratitude for the many, many people on whose shoulders we all stand today, marking the 100th anniversary of the right of women in Maine to vote. It wasn't just women but men also who joined the effort to make sure that suffrage was available to all Maine citizens, regardless of gender. But yet there were mistakes and some unsavory aspects to that campaign that included some blatant racism and blatant discrimination among other groups. The Maine Suffrage Centennial is committed to bringing forth some of those unpleasant aspects of the campaign and making sure we don't do that again as we celebrate the 100th anniversary. This issue was brought to me by a constituent, a woman named Ellen Alderman, who lives in my district and she called me back in the summer and said, 'You know, this is going on. Can you help?' It quickly became clear to me that Ellen was an extraordinary organizer and she brought groups and stakeholders from all over the state together and as she asked folks to get more involved the answer was yes over and over again. When she asked simply if your organization is doing something this year, or you can incorporate this anniversary into what you're already doing, please let us help you do that and tell us about it. She's gotten extraordinary responses. One of the responses was from the Maine State Museum and on March 21st there will be an exclusive opening of the exhibit celebrating the centennial that we are all invited to. You'll be getting a floor sheet about it. You've gotten an e-mail already in your inbox. The Governor will be joining us and we will be opening the exhibit in the Maine State Museum that celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Maine. In addition, if you go to www.Mainesuffragecentennial.org you will see that there are lots of events happening in communities all over the state and I just want to remind you that every one of these had volunteers behind it. There's been no State expenditure on any of this, but it's an extraordinary array of events and activities all over the state. So I hope you will avail yourself and help people in your community celebrate this amazing centennial and if you have any questions about next week's opening please let me know and I thank you for your attention. Thank you, Mr. President.
On motion by Senator BREEN of Cumberland, The Joint Resolution was ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House
Ought to Pass

The Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Allow Flexibility in the Deposit Labeling of Metal Returnable Beverage Containers" H.P. 263 L.D. 338

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Bill READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Majority of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act To Protect Shooting Ranges" H.P. 65 L.D. 79

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Bill READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Extend the Duration of Temporary Licenses for Sale and Consumption of Liquor" H.P. 98 L.D. 116

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-5).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-5) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Improve Responsiveness of Elected School Boards to the Public" H.P. 60 L.D. 63

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Reports READ.
The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator MILLETT of Cumberland moved the Senate ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator DESCHAMBAULT, and the Senator from Oxford, Senator KEIM, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#21)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, KEIM

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report, in concurrence, PREVAILED.

Signed:

Senators:
- MILLETT of Cumberland
- CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
- KORNFIELD of Bangor
- BRENANAN of Portland
- DODGE of Belfast
- FARNSWORTH of Portland
- INGWERSEN of Arundel
- McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:
- POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
- DRINKWATER of Milford
- FECTEAU of Augusta
- RUDNICKI of Fairfield
- SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-4).

Reports READ.

Senator MILLETT of Cumberland moved the Senate ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#22)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DIAMOND, DILL, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MILLETT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, BREEN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, KEIM

The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery" H.P. 117  L.D. 135

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-4).

Signed:

Senators:
- MILLETT of Cumberland
- CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:
- KORNFIELD of Bangor
- BRENANAN of Portland
- DODGE of Belfast
- FARNSWORTH of Portland
- INGWERSEN of Arundel
- McCREA of Fort Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought Not To Pass.
14 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, in concurrence, FAILED.

The Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report ACCEPTED, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Amend the Scope of Practice of Podiatric Medicine" H.P. 245  L.D. 320

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:
TEPLER of Topsham
BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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

Signed:

Representative:
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Reports READ.

On motion by Senator DILL of Penobscot, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act To Provide Complimentary Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Retired Game Wardens with 25 Years of Service" H.P. 27  L.D. 26

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
DILL of Penobscot
DAVIS of Piscataquis
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:
NADEAU of Winslow
FAY of Raymond
LANDRY of Farmington
MARTIN of Sinclair
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
MASON of Lisbon
ORDWAY of Standish
STEARNS of Guilford
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Representative:
THERIAULT of China

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

Reports READ.

On motion by Senator DILL of Penobscot, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

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Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on JUDICIARY on Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Review the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts H.P. 293  L.D. 384

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
CARPENTER of Aroostook
BELLOWS of Kennebec
The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought Not To Pass.

Signed:

Senator: KEIM of Oxford

Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
HAGGAN of Hampden

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

Reports READ.

On motion by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Resolve READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act To Reinstate the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to College Savings Accounts" S.P. 24 L.D. 71

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5).

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5) READ and ADOPTED.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.
Commission found that in a prior election cycle, with a former member of this Body, a Legislator used a PAC to profit his business by $11,000. The legislator, himself, referenced that the transfer of these funds was a loan to keep the business afloat. Now the worst part is none of this was deemed illegal or a violation of campaign finance rules. This individual ended up racking up thousands of dollars in fines, not for the action itself but for simply not disclosing the activity. Rules governing PACs in Maine are so lax that nothing prevented one lawmaker from using our campaign system as his own personal lending agency. I use this recent example to illustrate the problem but, honestly, there are many more examples that were probably never investigated or reported and no party affiliation is safe from participating in this activity. The issue we are trying to solve is an elected official profiting off our political system. Specifically, profiting off political contributions from lobbyists, special interests groups, and the very corporate entities we are supposed to be regulating. PACs don't fall under the same contribution requirements that traditional, or even Clean Election, candidate have to follow. When a legislator can operate a PAC and can funnel unlimited amounts of contributions from it to a private business operation it represents a major conflict of interest situation. Now I know we're not paid very much, Mr. President, but using political contributions to fund your lifestyle isn't a way to do it. Now I don't fault a lawmaker for participating in this system, though I fault the system for allowing this practice to occur. It's a very slippery slope when you allow legislators to fund their private business operations with political contributions. Now we've already made it illegal for PACs or campaigns to pay lawmakers directly, but there's a major loophole. Politicians can get around this current law by simply writing checks from their PAC to businesses they control as a "loan" and many of those businesses are simply pass-through entities to their own bank accounts. Moreover, by allowing individuals to co-mingle PAC, personal, and business funds it's hard to differentiate between what is what. The money could be considered loaned without even recognizing it. This bill closes a major campaign finance loophole by making it illegal to use a PAC for personal profit. Politicians who collect checks from lobbyists shouldn't be allowed to turn around and write checks to themselves through their businesses. Specifically, this would prohibit a Political Action Committee from making loans or gifts to a business owned or operated by a legislator and prohibits co-mingling the funds of such a Political Action Committee with the personal funds of a legislator or the funds of a legislator-owned business. The public is looking to us to prevent situations like this, the one that occurred recently, from happening again. They want reassurance that we are stepping up to address this and not just simply sweeping it under the rug. No legislator or candidate should be profiting off political contributions. It raises major ethical and conflict of interest questions when your business is relying on contributions originally marked for political purposes. Closing this blatant loophole will ensure high ethical standards for current and former elected officials. It would increase governmental transparency and accountability in our politics. I urge this Body to follow the committee's lead and have a strong showing of bipartisanship to ensure our political system benefits the public good. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator CYRWAY: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I sat in on the committee and I listened to Jonathan Wayne, the Director, and he said that in this one instance that it was taken care of. There was a fine and there was a situation where he was actually voted and removed from the Whip situation. So there was a consequence. But he felt that pretty much everything's being covered now. This would more apt to target people and so that's what I'm kind of concerned about and that's why I had voted against this, just for discussion and to make sure that people understood that it is not necessarily quite as dramatic as what you heard. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. If you are in favor of accepting that report you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#23)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, KEIM

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, PREVAILED.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6) READ and ADOPTED.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

House

Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine Law Regarding the Tips of Service Employees"

H.P. 67  L.D. 81
Bill "An Act To Provide That Persons Who Produce Maple Syrup and Honey Commercially Are Eligible for the Sales Tax Refund and Exemption for Commercial Agricultural Production" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 72 L.D. 86

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 86 L.D. 100

Resolve, To Rename the Stillwater Bridges in Old Town the Llewellyn Estes Bridge  
H.P. 170 L.D. 207

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering" (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 77 L.D. 91

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator LAWRENCE of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-4) READ and ADOPTED.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-4), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

HOUSE AS AMENDED

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Reporting Requirements"  
H.P. 26 L.D. 25  
(C "A" H-2)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 84 L.D. 98  
(C "A" H-3)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

SENATE

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy"  
S.P. 79 L.D. 267

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Protect Health Care Coverage for Maine Families  
S.P. 10 L.D. 1  
(C "A" S-3)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by a Federal Shutdown  
S.P. 141 L.D. 477  
(C "A" S-1)

Comes From the House, FAILED ENACTMENT.

On motion by Senator BRENN of Cumberland, placed on the SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE pending ENACTMENT, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices  
H.P. 24 L.D. 23

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.
Act
An Act To Amend the Maine Condominium Act by Extending the Lien Period for Nonpayment of Assessments  
S.P. 63  L.D. 251

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Resolve
Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Waterville as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge  
H.P. 40  L.D. 39

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

ORDERS OF THE DAY
Unfinished Business
The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/7/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Create an Airplane Mechanic Education Program"  
H.P. 414  L.D. 570

Tabled - February 7, 2019 by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland
Pending - REFERENCE
(Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.)

(Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS.)

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/19/19) matter:

Resolve, To Require the Approval by the Public Utilities Commission of a Proposal for a Long-term Contract for Deepwater Offshore Wind Energy (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 284  L.D. 994

Tabled - February 19, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin
Pending - REFERENCE
(Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/7/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Number of Domestic Assaults and Suicides By Increasing the Tax on Alcohol"  
H.P. 793  L.D. 1070

Tabled - March 7, 2019 by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin
Pending - REFERENCE
(In House, REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/7/19) matter:

Bill "An Act To Raise the Floor of State Education Funding"  
S.P. 356  L.D. 1170

Tabled - March 7, 2019 by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland
Pending - REFERENCE
(Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS suggested and ordered printed.)

On motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/19/19) matter:
Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Provide Preventive Counseling to Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services' Persons as Part of Their Training"
H.P. 862 L.D. 1188

Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Corrections To Study Changes in Corrections Practices and Reinvestment in Corrections Resources To Reduce Recidivism and Control Correctional Facility Costs
H.P. 874 L.D. 1210

Bill "An Act To Allow Deductions from Prison Sentences for Rehabilitative Activities"
H.P. 881 L.D. 1221

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve School Safety by Requiring Law Enforcement Visits"
H.P. 856 L.D. 1182

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce Electricity Costs through Nonwires Alternatives"
H.P. 855 L.D. 1181

Bill "An Act To Exempt Agricultural Fairs from the Assessment of Demand Charges for Electricity" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 860 L.D. 1186

Bill "An Act To Improve Aboveground Utilities' Responsiveness to Public Interests"
H.P. 870 L.D. 1206

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator LAWRENCE of York, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address the Needs of Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder"
H.P. 852 L.D. 1178

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Better Coordinate the Protection of Vulnerable Populations (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 854 L.D. 1180

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Intervention by and Provision of Services through the Department of Health and Human Services for Certain Families Affected by Substance Use"
H.P. 859 L.D. 1185

Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Improve Service Delivery to Individuals Receiving Medicaid Home and Community-based Services
H.P. 866 L.D. 1202

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Medical Marijuana Caregivers To Measure Cultivation Limits by Plant Canopy Size"
H.P. 878 L.D. 1218

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand Coyote Hunting to Every Day of the Coyote Hunting Season and To Eliminate Fees"
H.P. 853 L.D. 1179

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator DILL of Penobscot, REFERRED to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act"
H.P. 876 L.D. 1212

Bill "An Act To Establish an Independent Board To Review Law Enforcement Officer-involved Deaths"
H.P. 879 L.D. 1219

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY and ordered printed, in concurrence.
Bill "An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"
H.P. 858 L.D. 1184

Bill "An Act To Create a Low-barrier, Permanent Housing Rental Subsidy for Individuals in the State Experiencing Long-term Homelessness"
H.P. 865 L.D. 1201

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Retirement Presumption under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"
H.P. 867 L.D. 1203

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Cap on Weekly Benefits in Workers' Compensation Cases"
H.P. 868 L.D. 1204

Bill "An Act To Allow Full Retirement Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"
H.P. 869 L.D. 1205

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of Investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles"
H.P. 871 L.D. 1207

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR AND HOUSING and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation"
H.P. 873 L.D. 1209

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Electric Bicycles"
H.P. 882 L.D. 1222

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees"
H.P. 861 L.D. 1187

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law"
H.P. 877 L.D. 1213

Come from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock, REFERRED to the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute
Maine Turnpike Authority

The Maine Turnpike Authority, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020"
H.P. 863 L.D. 1189

Be REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Brunswick Sewer District Charter"
H.P. 272  L.D. 346

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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The Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Protect Vulnerable Adults from Financial Exploitation"
H.P. 410  L.D. 566

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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The Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Fund Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons at the Maine State Library"
H.P. 291  L.D. 382

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-7).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-7) READ and ADOPTED, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on JUDICIARY on Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation by Members of Public Bodies (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 857  L.D. 1183

Reported that the same be REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

Bill and accompanying papers REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY, in concurrence.

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All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

H.P. 742  L.D. 1000 (C "A" H-6)
This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.