



Senate of Maine

**One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature  
First Regular Session**

**Secretary's Report – Friday, February 19, 2021**

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(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.P. 202

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 17, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 17, 2021, 12 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 17, 2021, as follows:

**Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey Certain Land in Township 12, Range 13 WELS in Exchange for Other Land in Township 11, Range 10 WELS (S.P. 192) (L.D. 486) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: STEARNS of Guilford)

Bill "An Act To Allow Custom Slaughterhouses To Produce Cuts of Meat To Be Sold Commercially in the State" (S.P. 201) (L.D. 493) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, DILL of Penobscot, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act To Create the Crime of Hate Crime False Public Alarm or Report" (S.P. 198) (L.D. 491) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, MORALES of South Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act Regarding Certain Employees of and To Allow Supplemental Funding for the Public Advocate" (S.P. 194) (L.D. 487) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment (S.P. 196) (L.D. 489) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, LANDRY of Farmington, OSHER of Orono)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand" (S.P. 191) (L.D. 485) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine (S.P. 195) (L.D. 488) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, MEYER of Eliot, LANDRY of Farmington, McDONALD of Stonington, POIRIER of Skowhegan, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft)

**Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act Regarding Pet Insurance" (S.P. 186) (L.D. 482) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland)

**Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**

Bill "An Act To Create a Regional Grant Program To Help Rural Businesses Find Qualified Staff" (S.P. 200) (L.D. 492) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BERNARD of Caribou and Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Clarify Funding for Civil Legal Services" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 189) (L.D. 483) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

**Taxation**

Bill "An Act To Change Maine's Tax Laws" (S.P. 190) (L.D. 484) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

**Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State" (S.P. 197) (L.D. 490)  
(Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 161

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 12, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Article V, Part 1, Section 8 of the Maine Constitution, I will be calling the Maine Senate into session on February 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on various appointments made by Gov. Janet T. Mills.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maine Senate will meet in the House Chamber for the confirmation session and follow strict health and safety protocols. As always, members of the public will be able to stream the confirmation session on the Legislature's website.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson  
Maine Senate President

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 162

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

Feb 12, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Nathan Libby of Lewiston to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, replacing Senator Matthea Daughtry, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 163

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Chloe Maxmin of Lincoln County  
Senator David Woodsome of York County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 164

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Dave Miramant of Knox County  
Senator Kim Rosen of Hancock County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 165

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Mark Lawrence of York County  
Senator Paul Davis of Piscataquis County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 166

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Nate Libby of Androscoggin County  
Senator Lisa Keim of Oxford County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 167

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Joseph Rafferty of York County  
Senator Stacey Guerin of Penobscot County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 168

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Stacy Brenner of Cumberland County  
Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 169

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Troy Jackson of Aroostook County  
Senator Russell Black of Franklin County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 170

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

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

Senator Bill Diamond of Cumberland County  
Senator Brad Farrin of Somerset County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 171

**STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the Working Lands and Ecosystems working group of the Maine Climate Council:

Senator Cathy Breen of Cumberland County  
Senator Rick Bennett of Oxford County

These appointments are effective the date of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

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(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 206

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

February 17, 2021

Honorable Troy Jackson  
Senate President  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic has led the Legislature to implement new and necessary health and safety precautions, it is my honor to accept your invitation to deliver a virtual State of the Budget Address on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on our state, as it has every state, taking the lives of loved ones, separating us from our friends and family, and changing how we go about our everyday lives.

But amid these difficult challenges, we have seen the resilience, determination, heart, and the goodness of Maine people prevail - people who care for one another and who are rising to meet this trying moment.

I care about the people of this great state with all my heart, and I look forward to paying tribute to them and sharing how I believe we can turn back this pandemic and emerge a stronger, better state.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 160

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES  
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
ORONO, MAINE**

January 27, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report due by Feb. 1, 2021 from the University of Maine System documenting our qualifying FY20 sole-source procurements and contributions.

As it conducts business, Maine's public universities are committed to a competitive procurement process to ensure the greatest value for tuition and taxpayers as well as transparency and fairness for providers of goods and services - many of which are Maine-based. While competitive procurement is our standard, there are legitimate and well-defined reasons allowed by State law and corresponding UMS policy for which the purchases listed in this report were waived from this process.

For example, given its research and economic development activities that are of vital importance to the state, the University of Maine has unique procurement needs, including for specialized equipment or services that may only be available from one vendor and we have noted that in the description of each relevant procurement listed in this report. Additionally, our flagship and other universities regularly receive federal grants that name specific vendors and/or partners, including other educational institutions.

Finally, the leadership of UMS in addressing local and state needs that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic is hopefully well-known to the Legislature. As our universities rapidly responded including to produce thousands of gallons of hand sanitizer for health care organizations and chemical solutions used by the Maine National Guard to fit-test the N95 masks of frontline workers across the state, we were forced to make some purchases for which the competitive bid process was simply not practicable during the state of emergency, like ethanol from Maine brewers and distillers.

As you review this report, please contact my office if you need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor  
University of Maine System

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