

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
4th Legislative Day  
Thursday, April 3, 2025

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Donna Dolham, Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Jim White, Kittery Point.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Medical Provider of the Day, Samantha Paradis, DNP, MPH, FNC-C, CARN-AP, Caribou.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 1, 2025 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 119)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 31, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Senate President

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House

132nd Legislature

State House

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 305.6, we are writing to notify you that LD 1142, "An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program" has been automatically withdrawn.

Sincerely

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Roberts

House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 120)

**SENATE OF MAINE**

**132ND LEGISLATURE**

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 31, 2025

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt,

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA Title 4, Part 30, Chapter 623, §24051, I am pleased to appoint the following to the *Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council*, effective immediately:

Senator Teresa Pierce of Cumberland County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate from one of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County, representing a member of the Maine State Senate from one of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

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

Sincerely,

S/Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry

President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 121)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am rescinding the temporarily appointment of the Assistant Majority Leader, Lori Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach, as House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, effective Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Furthermore, pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (l) (a), I am reappointing Representative Kristi Mathieson of Kittery, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, as House Chair, effective Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 124)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 1, 2025

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find the Governor's proclamation referring the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" to the electors on November 4, 2025.

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of at least 86,904 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the

fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, which measure became identified as Legislative Document 1149 (or Initiated Bill 1); and WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, so that "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this thirty-first day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

S/Janet T. Mills

Governor

S/Shenna Bellows

Secretary of State

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 122)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 3, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 627 An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Medication

L.D. 790 An Act to Prevent Denial of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care

Judiciary

L.D. 12 An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Apply to Legislative Caucuses

L.D. 521 An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in Housing Based on Source of Income, Veteran Status or Military Status

Labor

L.D. 797 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Work Search Efforts for Unemployment Benefits and to Eliminate Benefits for Temporary Unemployment

Taxation

L.D. 225 An Act to Reduce Property Taxes and Finance Public School Construction and Education Through a 3 Percent Sales Tax on Hotel and Lodging Place Rentals

L.D. 632 An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing

L.D. 745 An Act to Allow a Municipality to Sell Tax-acquired Property in Any Manner Authorized by the Municipality's Legislative Body

L.D. 778 An Act to Establish a State Tax Amnesty Program to Increase Revenue Collections

Transportation

L.D. 923 An Act to Promote Accredited Institutions of Higher Education in Maine by Removing Requirements for Supplemental Guide Signs on the Interstate Highway System

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 859 Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry

L.D. 903 An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products

L.D. 929 An Act to Increase Access to Medical Cannabis for Seniors and Veterans

L.D. 1038 An Act to Increase the Maximum Term of a Medical Cannabis Written Certification to 2 Years

L.D. 1086 An Act to Remove State Requirements for Nonprofits on Raffles and Internet Raffles with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 123)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 3, 2025

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:

on April 2, 2025

Emily N. Becker of Poland for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §1964-A, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Sincerely,  
S/Ryan D. Fecteau  
Speaker of the House

**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 202)

**MAINE SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 1, 2025  
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002  
Dear Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 132nd Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, D'arcy Main-Boyington of Hampden for appointment, to the Gambling Control Board.

Best Regards,  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Why do I get the feeling you always go 'uh-oh?' Mr. Speaker, thank you. I was just wondering if you could answer a question for me before we get too far into today's Calendar?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Could you tell me; we have been two weeks since we officially *sine die*, and we've been called back. Could you tell me; I have yet to find what the extraordinary circumstance is. The only thing we've passed in the last couple weeks is the Maine dog and Maine reptiles. That, to me, is not an extraordinary; so, I'm just kind of wondering if you could tell me, has it come to light what that extraordinary circumstance is?

The SPEAKER: The order to call us back in was an order from the Chief Executive.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Resolve, to Establish a Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program and to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Higher Education Service Corps Program  
(H.P. 942) (L.D. 1433)

Sponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, MCCABE of Lewiston, MURPHY of Scarborough, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Health and Welfare of Children in Public Schools by Requiring Parental Consent for Certain Tests, Analyses and Diagnoses"

(H.P. 948) (L.D. 1439)

Sponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, DRINKWATER of Milford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HAGGAN of Hampden, SMITH of Palermo, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates"

(H.P. 953) (L.D. 1461)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act Related to Excusing a School from Making Up Missed Days When It Cannot Operate During a Declared State of Emergency"

(H.P. 958) (L.D. 1466)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DILL of Old Town, HAGGAN of Hampden, STROUT of Harrington, Senators: HAGGAN of Penobscot, LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"

(H.P. 966) (L.D. 1474)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MITCHELL of Cumberland, SATO of Gorham, Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act to Require Education Regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Other Allied Communities"

(H.P. 974) (L.D. 1482)

Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham, SKOLD of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: TEPLER of Sagadahoc, TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services"

(H.P. 945) (L.D. 1436)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.  
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Require Utilities to Monitor Meters for Natural Gas Leaks"

(H.P. 965) (L.D. 1473)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GEIGER of Rockland, WEBB of Durham.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Address Climate Change"

(H.P. 964) (L.D. 1472)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families"

(H.P. 937) (L.D. 1428)

Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DEBRITO of Waterville, EATON of Deer Isle, HASENFUS of Readfield, LEE of Auburn, MCCABE of Lewiston, WEBB of Durham.

Bill "An Act to Provide Full Reimbursement for Emergency Ambulance Services Provided to MaineCare Members"

(H.P. 938) (L.D. 1429)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Bill "An Act to Make General Assistance Officers Mandated Reporters"

(H.P. 951) (L.D. 1459)

Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Require Parents to Be Informed of Hospitals' Safe Sleep Rules"

(H.P. 952) (L.D. 1460)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Quality Rating System for Child Care Services in Maine"

(H.P. 961) (L.D. 1469)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DILL of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HAGGAN of Hampden, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Create a Minimum Standard of Pathology for Children Under 3 Years of Age Who Die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or an Unknown Cause"

(H.P. 976) (L.D. 1485)

Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, HENDERSON of Rumford, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

(H.P. 968) (L.D. 1476)

Sponsored by Representative COPELAND of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, LOOKNER of Portland, MALON of Biddeford, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, TIPPING of Penobscot.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Create a Liaison Program to Self-insured Entities and Consumers"

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1470)

Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FOLEY of Wells, MORRIS of Turner, Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Create the Office of Workforce Advancement Within the Department of Economic and Community Development and Establish Statewide Workforce Advancement Goals"

(H.P. 957) (L.D. 1465)

Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, GOLEK of Harpswell, ROEDER of Bangor, SKOLD of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Provide Financing Assistance for Down Payments for First-generation Homeowners"

(H.P. 977) (L.D. 1486)

Sponsored by Representative YUSUF of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, LOOKNER of Portland, RANA of Bangor, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Promote the Welfare of Disabled Veterans Through the Transfer of Moose Permits"

(H.P. 939) (L.D. 1430)

Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, DILL of Old Town, FREDETTE of Newport, MCINTYRE of Lowell, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel, WHITE of Guilford, WHITE of Ellsworth.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Municipality or Locally Recognized Lake Association to Post Certain Information on the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Information Kiosks Located at State Boat Launch Facilities"

(H.P. 944) (L.D. 1435)

Sponsored by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DUCHARME of Madison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SWALLOW of Houlton, TERRY of Gorham, THORNE of Carmel.

Resolve, Regarding Deer Hunting on Mount Desert Island

(H.P. 947) (L.D. 1438)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Baitfish Wholesaler's Licenses"

(H.P. 970) (L.D. 1478)

Sponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAY of Palmyra, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel, TUELL of East Machias, WHITE of Guilford.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act"

(H.P. 941) (L.D. 1432)

Sponsored by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of Sanford, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SMITH of Palermo, Senators: HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Auctioning of State Surplus or Forfeited Firearms"

(H.P. 955) (L.D. 1463)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GATTINE of Westbrook, MATLACK of St. George, SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Require Energy Efficiency Disclosure Statements and Energy Efficiency Standards for Certain Rental Housing in the State"

(H.P. 963) (L.D. 1471)

Sponsored by Representative EDER of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JULIA of Waterville, SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act to Protect Senior Homeowners in Home-sharing Agreements by Providing for an Expedited Eviction Process"

(H.P. 971) (L.D. 1479)

Sponsored by Representative SMITH of Palermo.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, TUELL of East Machias.

Bill "An Act Related to Public Access of Records of Certain Disciplinary Actions of Public Employees"

(H.P. 975) (L.D. 1484)

Sponsored by Representative BISHOP of Bucksport.

Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, HENDERSON of Rumford, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy"

(H.P. 954) (L.D. 1462)

Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CARLOW of Buxton, CROCKETT of Portland, DILL of Old Town, MORRIS of Turner.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Provide for an Alternative Municipal Property Tax Assessment Rate"

(H.P. 956) (L.D. 1464)

Sponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford.

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Taxation of Digital Assets

(H.P. 967) (L.D. 1475)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GOLEK of Harpswell, MACIAS of Topsham, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, OSHER of Orono, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SKOLD of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Stabilization of Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older"

(H.P. 973) (L.D. 1481)

Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia"

(H.P. 969) (L.D. 1477)

Sponsored by Representative FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act Regarding Exceptions for Persons Learning to Drive Who Have Not Yet Completed a Driver Education Course"

(H.P. 972) (L.D. 1480)

Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Ensure Accountability for Repairs Conducted by Independent Repair Facilities on Motor Vehicles Under Warranty"

(H.P. 959) (L.D. 1467)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: QUINT of Hodgdon, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Establish Standards for Independent Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 960) (L.D. 1468)

Sponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: QUINT of Hodgdon, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested.

On motion of Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Implement an Interstate Voter Registration Cross-check Program"

(H.P. 940) (L.D. 1431)

Sponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CIMINO of Bridgton, HAGGAN of Hampden, HEPLER of Woolwich, LANCE of Paris, SMITH of Palermo, Senators: MARTIN of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno"

(H.P. 943) (L.D. 1434)

Sponsored by Representative ARCHER of Saco.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors in State and Local Elections

(H.P. 946) (L.D. 1437)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BISHOP of Bucksport, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PAUL of Winterport, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SMITH of Palermo, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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#### Pursuant to Statute

##### Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission

Representative KUHN for the **Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 1-803, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code"

(H.P. 949) (L.D. 1440)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218. Sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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#### ORDERS

On motion of Representative HENDERSON of Rumford, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 950) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BOYER of Poland, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, CHAPMAN of Auburn, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COPELAND of Saco, CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DUCHARME of Madison, FROST of Belgrade, GREENWOOD of Wales, KESSLER of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MALON of Biddeford, MATLACK of St. George, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MONTELL of Gardiner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NUTTING of Oakland, POIRIER of Skowhegan, PUGH of Portland, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay, STROUT of Harrington, THORNE of Carmel, TUELL of East Machias, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BRADSTREET of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of Cumberland, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

##### **JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE HONORABLE LOIS GALGAY RECKITT ON THE OCCASION OF THE BOSTON RED SOX OPENING HOME GAME ON APRIL 4, 2025**

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2025, the Boston Red Sox host the St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park in the 2025 season's home opener; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has long been a proud and vital part of New England, producing extraordinary leaders who have made lasting contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Lois Galgay-Reckitt devoted her life to public service, demonstrating remarkable leadership of, compassion for and dedication to the people of the State, and as an advocate for women across the State; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Galgay-Reckitt was the self-proclaimed Number One Red Sox fan; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Galgay-Reckitt believed the Boston Red Sox are more than just a team. She believed they are a community and a source of pride for countless fans who call themselves Red Sox Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Red Sox have long been a symbol of excellence and perseverance, uniting fans across generations with a shared love for the game of baseball; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, take this occasion to honor the late Honorable Lois Galgay-Reckitt for her life of service, including 4 terms of service in the Maine House of Representatives, and celebrate the Boston Red Sox's Home Opener at Fenway Park.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Henderson.

Representative **HENDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I understand that this Joint Order is a bit unconventional; as the Revisor's Office was kind enough to let me know; but I think it's kind of fitting, because Representative Reckitt in and of herself was relatively unconventional. I think proof of that just may be that she had publicly expressed her fondness for me, as well as her fondness for the Former Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Eric Brakey. And, you know, on all accounts and on paper, there are things about the two of us, Representative Reckitt and myself, that are fairly different and yet, somehow, in this building filled with contention and debate and sometimes not very well-tempered anger or hatred, we found ourselves; what I would like to call, and as she referred to; as kindred spirits.

Many of us in this room have served with her. I only had the honor of serving with her for one year, and yet she made a profound impact on my life. And I feel really ill-equipped to be the one standing in front of you today to start the conversation about Representative Reckitt, but she did have an impact on my life. She was a pretty dynamic individual and really unassuming. You know, if you hear the term 'intellectual integrity,' I think that she was the epitome of that, as I'm sure many in this room found it pretty easy to connect with her.

In the 131st; the first year, at least; we found ourselves here many late nights, for those that served, and it wasn't uncommon for me to just go looking for her. And I'd find her tucked away, maybe taking a nap in the retiring room, or many conversations were had on the fourth floor on those little leather couches. And there was a couple things, just having those quiet conversations with everything in the building swirling around you, to find someone that is a little bit like an oasis. And, you know, the more someone talks and the more they communicate with you, really, the more they reveal about themselves, I think, than they intend to. And some of the things that struck me in those conversations with her; I never heard her speak poorly about another individual. She wasn't critical. She was honest about her beliefs, on what had happened or scenarios that had taken place, but she never was cruel towards another person. She was a storyteller, and she had a way of telling a story that just kind of brought it absolutely to life for you. And I remember one night in the Speaker's office, she started telling me a story about her cat that had brought in a live chipmunk into their home.

And she's telling it, she's cracking herself up, I'm in hysterics; maybe it was due to the late hour, I don't know; but she definitely had a way of telling a story. But at the same time, she asked a lot of questions, you know, she'd ask about my life and things I loved and didn't love, and she'd even ask me my opinions on things that we really differed on.

And I'll leave you guys with one story, and I know I've told it here before, but it's one of my favorites. I oftentimes, when we would break for the day or we would adjourn, make sure I headed that way, because she had a seat on the end of the aisle, and I would kind of wait for her to get her walker and get herself out, and we would walk out together. And we had had a particularly contentious topic that day that the House was relatively divided on. And I spoke what I felt was a very compelling speech; your side did not find it very compelling, Mr. Speaker; but I left my heart out there and I gave my speech. And as soon as I met Representative Reckitt, she turned and looked at me and she goes, 'you. You almost had me.' And we laughed about it, but really thinking about a woman who spent decades advocating for women of domestic violence, for women of sexual assault, she left her mark here on this State really quite broadly and quite deeply, and for someone at that point who had been a legislator for years and had been doing this work for years to look at me, who had been a legislator at that point for mere months, and say that something I had said had struck her, really was a revelation to me of the dynamic individual that she was, in the respect that she was willing to have conversations that were tough, and she hadn't dug her heels in on issues and she was still willing to be open-minded on issues that she was still very firm about. And that, to me, showed incredible depth of integrity and it's a woman that I know that I'll never forget for the rest of my days.

Now, there are some of us here in this room who served on Judiciary with her. I couldn't get them for all of you, but I did leave a little token on your desks, so, if you guys have that and you've opened them already, those are from me and just hope that, you know, as long as you have that and remember the times here that, you know, you remember what a valuable individual she was. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Roeder.

Representative **ROEDER**: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to apologize to the Good Representative from Rumford that I didn't make it in time to sign the jacket. And I also wanted to thank the Representative from Rumford for allowing us to be part of this sentiment. And for today, reminding us of the lion that was Representative Galgay Reckitt and the integrity and the fairness that she modeled for all of us, may we long remember it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in appreciation and concurrence with the Good Representative from Rumford.

A former colleague of ours set a challenge for me one day one of my first terms. It may come as a shock, but I'm an introvert by nature, and the challenge was to meet five new people every session. It could be five people within your caucus, but the impression was to really go outside of your caucus and try to meet and get to know folks. Well, the year that happened was the late Representative Reckitt's first year in the Legislature, and as it so happened, that year, we both stayed at the same hotel and would frequently, through the course of our chance meetings, got to have breakfast with one another and chit-chat about this, that and the other. Diametrically different

opposites, politically; never really convinced each other on a lot of things, but we did have a common bond in the Red Sox and a common love of them, to the point where over the years, I would find these little boxes on my desk of bobbleheads of Red Sox players and minor leaguers that she had acquired and thought I might like. And I found it touching and humbling that she would extend that. And it was a friendship that we had and oftentimes she felt herself a part of Washington County; she had friends Downeast; to the point where there was a bill about our correctional facility Downeast at the time where she was one of the very few legislators in the Body who made the special trip Downeast to tour the facility and came away with a profound impact there and that's not lost on me, either.

She was a heartfelt, sincere lady who we worked to find common ground when we could and when we couldn't, life went on. And that's how it should be in this Chamber. Whether we agree or disagree on anything, we ought to treat each other with respect and civility. I know she believed in that, as do I, as does the Representative from Rumford and others, and I would wholeheartedly speak in support of this Joint Order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Colleagues and Mr. Speaker, when people pass away, especially people that we love and admire, we often have some regrets. And one of the regrets I had when my friend, Lois Reckitt, passed away was that my husband, Ed, would never get to meet her. Because they were two peas in a pod. They both were about the same age, both Baby Boomers with razor-sharp minds. They both had a love of Boston, they had both gone to Boston University. They were Boston people who ended up in Maine. They were political activists who believed in the rights of all. They were really kindred spirits. And the other thing they really shared was a love of the Red Sox. And I can't tell you how many times Ed would tell stories of skipping classes at BU and everywhere else to go see the Red Sox, and especially, he loved to talk about opening day and how special that was.

So, I want to thank my colleague from Rumford for putting this forward today, for making me think of happy memories about both of them. And I really hope, if there is a place where kindred spirits align somewhere in the universe, that Lois and Ed are talking about the Green Monster and the Curse of the Bambino and how that was broken in 2004, and Pesky's Pole, which I remember him showing me on a trip there, and Yaz and Pedro and Roger Clemens and wonderful Big Papi. And I hope they're eating Cracker Jacks and a Fenway Frank and having a Sam Adams; or maybe, given their age, they're having Narragansetts; but anyway, thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An analogy would be a lot of times, our lives are like being a bus driver. During the course of our life, people get on our bus and ride on the bus for a little while, might have casual conversations and then, they get off the bus. You might encounter them later on in life, but a lot of times, it's just for that moment.

When I was a bright-eyed freshman legislator, I served on Judiciary Committee. And on that Judiciary Committee, there were many, many lawyers. My opening line was always, as the non-lawyer in the Committee or the non-lawyer in the room, and I'd give my opinion, which were a lot more inquisitive than technical. And I hope that Representative Galgay Reckitt's appearances in the Committee are archived, because she would get off on a tangent telling a story about some; and seriously,

she was worse than the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbage; and I mean worse in a good way, Mr. Speaker; but I learned a lot about Lois Galgay Reckitt listening to her in Committee.

And though she tolerated my presence, what we had in common were the Red Sox. And I don't know the history of how she came to love the Red Sox, but I know from my own experience I could tell you: Carl Yastrzemski, Freddy Lynn, Jim Rice, Dewey Evans, Pudge Fisk; all the players that were on that Boston Red Sox team that we hoped would win a World Championship in '75. And like my own father, I'm glad that Lois got to see the Red Sox win a World Series pennant. And I just wanted to stand up and say that Lois Galgay Reckitt, even though at times I know she just tolerated my presence, was a good enough person to say hi when I said hi to her, and somewhere up there, hopefully she's got a great seat for tomorrow's home opener. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Copeland.

Representative **COPELAND**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in awe of Lois Galgay Reckitt. She's provided years of advocacy for domestic violence victims, she has personally assisted individuals and she has been a great leader. She has been someone that I look up to; well, literally, now; but she put forward some important bills and she actually cared about everyone, especially women. And she was a great mentor to me, and I hope she rests in peace, and thank you, Representative, for putting this forward.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Beck.

Representative **BECK**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to the Good Representative from Rumford for bringing this to us today. I sincerely regret that I was asleep at the wheel and neglected to sign this jacket. Every day I'm here, I'm humbled by the knowledge that I'm occupying the seat once held by Lois Galgay Reckitt, and I know that I will never be able to fully fill her shoes.

I am able to answer the question about how she became such a huge Red Sox fan. Her Dad ran Globe Tickets, and that means basically, from the day she was born, she was a Red Sox fan and that was how she got her season tickets. I also wanted to speak about her generosity of spirit and penchant for forgiveness, that she was willing to be my friend even though I was a fan of the New York Yankees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Montell.

Representative **MONTPELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Colleagues of the House, I believe I was on probably the last tour that the Honorable Lois Galgay Reckitt was on; the blueberry tour; probably about, gosh, what was that, a year ago or two years ago? And as the Good Representative from Orono knows, it got a little dicey. She was certainly in a difficult stage in her illness, but we kind of supported her in all the ways that we could, and I was really just inspired to be with her in that stage of her illness and that she chose to go on the blueberry tour and continue to move forward. And just as a reminder to all of us to keep moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Kuhn.

Representative **KUHN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to add to the conversation; I had the pleasure in the 131st of sitting between the Representative from the beautiful town of Rumford and the Representative from the ocean side of South Portland, and their friendship was indeed unlikely on the surface, but very deep underneath, and it was a beautiful thing

to see. And so, I stand to express appreciation to them both. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Lee.

Representative **LEE**: Thank you. I wanted to thank the Representative from Rumford for these wonderful tokens that we'll have to remember Lois in the Judiciary room. It's hard to forget Lois in the Judiciary room even today, as every time the current occupant of Lois's seat, the Representative from Brewer, forgets to turn on her microphone, those of us who served with Lois share a knowing smirk to one another.

One of the things that I loved most about Lois was that she was a constant. She was always there. And it's so fitting that we do this in correlation with the Red Sox home opener, with baseball, because that's how Lois was. She was as constant as baseball. And she and I; I remember; had a discussion one time about *Field of Dreams* and James Earl Jones's speech in *Field of Dreams* and how much she loved that. And my apologies that I'm not James Earl Jones, but I wanted to read a section of that for Lois today: "The one constant through all the years ... has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again, but baseball has marked the time." And like baseball, Lois marked the time for all of us. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, the following House Order: (H.O. 22)

ORDERED, that Representative Matthew D. Beck of South Portland be excused Mar 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Michael F. Brennan of Portland be excused Mar 11 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Holly Rae Eaton of Deer Isle be excused Mar 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John Eder of Waterboro be excused Mar 25 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kristi Michele Mathieson of Kittery be excused Apr 1 for health reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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### SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

#### In Memory of:

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)

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland, Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative CROCKETT of Portland, Representative LOOKNER of Portland, Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative PUGH of Portland, Representative SKOLD of Portland, Representative YUSUF of Portland, Representative ZAGER of Portland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned.

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#### In Memory of:

Joseph O. Stover, of Boothbay Harbor. Mr. Stover was a veteran of the United States Army, achieving the rank of Private First Class during 2 separate tours. He started his career as a machinist at Hyde Windlass, which later became Bath Iron Works. He worked there for 36 years before retiring in 1990. In his community, he coached YMCA basketball and Little League baseball teams and served as a troop leader for the Boy Scouts of America. He also was a member of the Rotary Club, the Jaycees of the Boothbay Region and the Masonic Grand Lodge of Maine. Mr. Stover will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

(HLS 158)

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to honor and remember the life of Joseph O. Stover, a respected member of our community and my beloved family member from Boothbay Harbor.

Joe's passing leaves a deep void not only in the hearts of our family, but in the fabric of our entire close-knit community. Joe was a man of integrity, kindness and tireless dedication. Throughout his many years; he lived to be 96; he made an indelible mark on the Boothbay region, contributing to the YMCA as a coach and serving as our Boy Scout troop leader. He was a proud Rotarian and a dedicated Mason. Joe was known for his commitment to excellence, his attention to detail and the pride he took in everything he did, especially his two sons, Mike and Mark.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Stover was one of the kindest men I have ever known. Much like my own grandfather; Henry Stover, his uncle; Joe always saw the best in people. I never heard him say anything untoward toward anyone. His character and warmth were evident to all who knew him. Joe's legacy will be measured by the relationships he built, the lives he touched and the positive impact he had on all that were fortunate enough to have known him. Together with his wife, Peggy, they made a wonderful home, known as a sanctuary for our community, a place where everyone felt loved and welcomed. And during high

school years, he took in a number of kids who had their own troubles at home and made them feel the comfort of his own.

He leaves behind a community that is stronger and richer for having had him in it. As we say goodbye to Joe, we also celebrate his life and the countless ways he made this world a better place. Our thoughts are with my family and all who mourn his passing. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

##### Report of the Chair-Pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

Representative HASENFUS from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Support Rural Resilience and Emergency Response Through the Maine Service Fellows Program"

(H.P. 562) (L.D. 876)

Reports a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

On motion of Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and sent for concurrence.

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Representative GERE from the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Transient Occupancy' in the Laws Governing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 252) (L.D. 398)

Reports a recommendation for a **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

On motion of Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and sent for concurrence.

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#### CONSENT CALENDAR

##### First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 109) (L.D. 243) Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 249) (L.D. 569) Resolve, to Rename the Shapleigh Bridge the Shapleigh Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 285) (L.D. 672) Resolve, to Rename the Salmon Falls Bridge Between Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 302) (L.D. 685) Resolve, to Rename the Mill Pond Bridge the Sebago Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 303) (L.D. 686) Resolve, to Rename the Kezar Falls Bridge Between Porter and Parsonsfield the Kezar Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

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(H.P. 12) (L.D. 48) Bill "An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Committee Report was **READ**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **ACCEPTANCE** of the **Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Rudnicki.

Representative **RUDNICKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to let every know the Taxation Committee did vote this out unanimously. This is just the conformity that we do year after year, for conforming to the federal government's tax rules to keep us all in compliance and make it easier for taxpayers to compare.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 67

YEA - Abdi, Adams, Albert, Ankeles, Arata, Archer, Ardell, Arford, Babin, Bagshaw, Beck, Bell, Bishop, Blier, Boyer D, Boyer M, Brennan, Bridgeo, Bunker, Campbell, Carlow, Caruso, Chapman, Cimino, Cloutier, Cluchey, Collamore, Collins, Cooper, Copeland, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Daigle, DeBrito, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Eaton, Eder, Faircloth, Farrin, Faulkingham, Flynn, Foley, Foster, Fredericks, Fredette, Friedmann, Frost, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Haggan, Hasenfus, Henderson, Hepler, Jackson, Javner, Julia, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, Lavigne, Lee, Lemelin, Lookner, Macias, Malon, Mason, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, McCabe, McIntyre, Meyer, Milliken, Mingo, Mitchell, Montell, Moonen, Morris, Murphy, Nutting, O'Halloran, Olsen, Osher, Parry, Paul, Perkins, Pluecker, Poirier, Pomerleau, Pugh, Quint, Rana, Ray, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Rollins, Rudnicki, Runte, Sachs, Salisbury, Sato, Sayre, Schmersal-Burgess, Shagoury, Simmons, Sinclair, Skold, Smith, Soboleski, Stover, Strout, Supica, Swallow, Terry, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Walker, Warren, Webb, White J, White R, Wood P, Wood S, Woodsome, Zager, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Gifford, Hall, Hymes, Lance, Lanigan, Lyman, Sargent, Yusuf.

RESTRICTED - Libby.

Yes, 142; No, 0; Absent, 8; Excused, 0; Restricted, 1.

142 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 restricted, and accordingly the **Unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)** and sent for concurrence.

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**ENACTORS**

**Acts**

An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders

(S.P. 269) (L.D. 586)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Lookner.

Representative **LOOKNER**: Mr. Speaker, permission to speak on the record?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Portland, Representative Lookner, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered. The Member may proceed.

Representative **LOOKNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to rise today to express that I am worried about the direction this country is taking when we are denying due process rights. If we are only allowing due process rights to citizens, that means that nobody has due process rights, because how can you disprove an allegation that you are not a U.S. citizen if you are denied due process? So, Mr. Speaker, I hope we can all agree that we want to preserve rule of law and the due process protections enshrined in the United States Constitution, and that's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind all Members that the purpose of announcements is not for prolonging and introducing political policy debates.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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On motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, the House adjourned at 11:30 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in honor and lasting tribute to Joseph O. Stover of Boothbay Harbor, Linda Shepard Eaton of Stonington and Marcia Ellen Noyes of Portland.