

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
21st Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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

Prayer by Pastor Steve Smith, Orono United Methodist Church.

National Anthem by Nick Sutton, South Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The Journal of Thursday, March 7, 2019 was read and approved.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 272) (L.D. 346) Bill "An Act To Amend the Brunswick Sewer District Charter" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 410) (L.D. 566) Bill "An Act To Protect Vulnerable Adults from Financial Exploitation" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 291) (L.D. 382) Bill "An Act To Fund Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons at the Maine State Library" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)**

(H.P. 742) (L.D. 1000) Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)**

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

There being no objection, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Acknowledge Potable Water as a Necessity"

(S.P. 341) (L.D. 1121)

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

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Account for Market Change in the Adult Use Marijuana Excise Tax"

(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1076)

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in the House on March 5, 2019.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 102)

STATE OF MAINE

129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 11, 2019

Dave Daigler, President

Maine Community College System

131 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daigler:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 129th Legislature on March 14 at 11:00 a.m., concerning the State of the Maine Community College System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

On the same day following your address, James H. Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System and William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy, will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 103)

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

323 STATE STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131

February 11, 2019

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

129th Maine Legislature

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

129th Maine Legislature

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:
Thank you for your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, March 14, 2019, regarding the State of the Maine Community College System. I accept your invitation and appreciate the opportunity to share with you our recent accomplishments and future goals.

Sincerely yours,
S/David Daigler
President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 104)
STATE OF MAINE
129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 11, 2019
James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Chancellor Page:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Convention of the 129th Maine Legislature on March 14 at 11:00 a.m., concerning the State of the University of Maine System and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention. You will address the Joint Convention following Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System.

On the same day following your address, William J. Brennan, President of the Maine Maritime Academy, will be addressing the Joint Convention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 105)
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
15 ESTABROOKE DRIVE
ORONO, MAINE 04469

February 12, 2019
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for your generous invitation to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature.

I look forward to speaking to you and your distinguished colleagues on the State of the University of Maine System on Thursday, March 14 at 11 a.m. I am especially pleased to share the incredible progress the University has made in the two years since I addressed the 128th Legislature in expanding access to postsecondary education to learners of all ages, developing the state's future workforce, and serving as Maine's

largest and strongest public partner in advancing our students, communities and economy.
I look forward to seeing you on March 14 and again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
S/James H. Page, Chancellor
University of Maine System

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 106)
STATE OF MAINE
129TH MAINE LEGISLATURE

February 11, 2019
William J. Brennan, President
Maine Maritime Academy
Box C-03
Castine, Maine 04420

Dear President Brennan:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on March 14 at 11 a.m., concerning the State of the Maine Maritime Academy and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

You will address the Joint Convention following Dave Daigler, President of the Maine Community College System, and James H. Page, Chancellor of the University of Maine System. We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,
S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 107)
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
1 PLEASANT STREET
CASTINE, MAINE 04420

February 14, 2019
Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
129th Maine Legislature
State House Station #2 and #3
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Thank you for your very kind invitation to address the Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on March 14. I am honored by this and I certainly accept your invitation.

As you both know, the passing of Susan Mitchell last year was a tragic loss for the Maine Maritime Academy family and we have still not fully come to terms with the void she has left in our State House representation. If I have overlooked anything that you feel important and necessarily deserving of my attention, please do not hesitate to let me know. I do hope to have an opportunity to visit with you sometime prior to the 14th and will contact your offices for that purpose in the near future. In the meantime, I do wish you both well as you manage the affairs of the Legislature with the best interest of the People of Maine at heart.

Fond regards,
S/Dr. William J. Brennan
President

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 110)

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

March 12, 2019
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:

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: (H.C. 108)

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

March 12, 2019
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Pluecker of Warren, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

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

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 109)

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

March 12, 2019
Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Gideon:

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

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
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

Taxation
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

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

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)

Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: DOLLOFF of Rumford, FECTEAU of Augusta, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, JAVNER of Chester, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

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)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, COOPER of Yarmouth, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: MOORE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Allow Deductions from Prison Sentences for Rehabilitative Activities"

(H.P. 881) (L.D. 1221)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, COOPER of Yarmouth, DeVEAU of Caribou, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve School Safety by Requiring Law Enforcement Visits"

(H.P. 856) (L.D. 1182)

Sponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BERRY of Bowdoinham, LYFORD of Eddington, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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 Reduce Electricity Costs through Nonwires Alternatives"

(H.P. 855) (L.D. 1181)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DENK of Kennebunk, DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, SHARPE of Durham, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Agricultural Fairs from the Assessment of Demand Charges for Electricity" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 860) (L.D. 1186)

Sponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DENNO of Cumberland, KINNEY of Knox, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, STEWART of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Improve Aboveground Utilities' Responsiveness to Public Interests"

(H.P. 870) (L.D. 1206)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden.

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.

Bill "An Act To Address the Needs of Children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder"

(H.P. 852) (L.D. 1178)

Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, HEPLER of Woolwich, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERRY of Calais, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Better Coordinate the Protection of Vulnerable Populations (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 854) (L.D. 1180)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DENK of Kennebunk, MORALES of South Portland, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington.

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)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PERRY of Calais, WARREN of Hallowell.

Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Improve Service Delivery to Individuals Receiving Medicaid Home and Community-based Services

(H.P. 866) (L.D. 1202)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Medical Marijuana Caregivers To Measure Cultivation Limits by Plant Canopy Size"

(H.P. 878) (L.D. 1218)

Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, SHARPE of Durham, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York.

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.

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)

Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DeVEAU of Caribou, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, MARTIN of Sinclair, STANLEY of Medway, STEWART of Presque Isle, VEROW of Brewer.

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.

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act"

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1212)

Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner.

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

Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

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

Sent for 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)

Sponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWES of Kennebec and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CUDDY of Winterport, FECTEAU of Biddeford, MADIGAN of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, SYLVESTER of Portland.

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)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Retirement Presumption under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

(H.P. 867) (L.D. 1203)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Cap on Weekly Benefits in Workers' Compensation Cases"

(H.P. 868) (L.D. 1204)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Allow Full Retirement Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

(H.P. 869) (L.D. 1205)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

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)

Sponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOORE of Augusta, HARRINGTON of Sanford, PICKETT of Dixfield, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TUCKER of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General"

(H.P. 872) (L.D. 1208)

Sponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOORE of

Augusta, HARRINGTON of Sanford, PICKETT of Dixfield, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TUCKER of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them To Organize for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining"
(H.P. 875) (L.D. 1211)

Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HICKMAN of Winthrop, PLUECKER of Warren, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BELLOWES of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Remove Certain Restrictions Imposed on Retired State Employees Who Return to Work as Educators"

(H.P. 880) (L.D. 1220)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MILLETT of Waterford, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation"

(H.P. 873) (L.D. 1209)

Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CAMPBELL of Orrington, KESCHL of Belgrade, LOCKMAN of Bradley, TUELL of East Machias.

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.

Bill "An Act Regarding Electric Bicycles"

(H.P. 882) (L.D. 1222)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENNO of Cumberland, DODGE of Belfast, MEYER of Eliot, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees"

(H.P. 861) (L.D. 1187)

Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.
Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law"

(H.P. 877) (L.D. 1213)

Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DRINKWATER of Milford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HEAD of Bethel, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, O'CONNOR of Berwick, REED of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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.

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

**Pursuant to Statute
Maine Turnpike Authority**

Representative McLEAN for the **Maine Turnpike Authority** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks 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 printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative CARDONE of Bangor, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 864) (Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Saco, HAGGAN of Hampden, HARNETT of Gardiner, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ACCESS TO JUSTICE
DAY PRESENTED BY MAINE'S JUSTICE ACTION GROUP**

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 24th anniversary of Maine's Justice Action Group, a judge-led coalition of leaders from Maine's legal community who are passionate about helping all Maine people have access to civil justice; and

WHEREAS, the coalition members include representatives of the state and federal judiciary, the Legislature, nonprofit civil legal aid providers, the University of Maine School of Law, the Maine Justice Foundation, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Trial Lawyers Association, private practice attorneys and others; and

WHEREAS, key initiator Judge Frank Coffin described the Justice Action Group as a catalyst, something introduced in small quantities that produces great change, and the Justice Action Group has been an advocate for equal access to justice since 1995; and

WHEREAS, equal access to justice is a bedrock principle of a free, constitutional society, but no system of laws and

constitutional protections can be effective if only those who can afford private advocates have access to justice; and

WHEREAS, since justice is meted out in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government, it is important to provide for access to justice in all branches of State Government; and

WHEREAS, providing equal access to justice has tangible, widespread benefits for Maine's families, children, schools, communities, businesses, charities and government; and

WHEREAS, legal issues profoundly affect basic human needs such as shelter, sustenance, safety from violence, health and child protection; and

WHEREAS, the need for civil legal aid and pro bono representation for low-income and vulnerable Maine people remains acute; now, therefore, be it

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, pause on this 2019 Access to Justice Day to acknowledge and express our appreciation and strong support for Maine's civil legal aid providers and private practice attorneys who provide pro bono services for those otherwise unable to afford legal representation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Justice Action Group.

READ.

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

Representative **CARDONE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. 2019 marks the 24th anniversary of Maine's Justice Action Group, also known as JAG, a judge-led coalition of leaders from Maine's legal community who are dedicated to helping all Maine people have access to civil justice. The coalition members include representatives of the state and federal Judiciary, the Legislature, nonprofit civil legal aid providers, the University of Maine School of Law, the Maine Justice Foundation, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Trial Lawyers Association, and private practitioners, attorneys and others who are dedicated to this cause. We are privileged today, Madam Speaker, to have at the Statehouse the Chair of Maine's Justice Action Group, the Honorable Andrew Mead, and the Vice-Chair, the Honorable Magistrate John Rich.

Equal access to justice is a bedrock of a free constitutional society and no system of laws and constitutional protections can be effective if only those who can afford private advocates have access to justice. Justice is meted out in the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches of government, so it's important to provide for access to justice in all branches of our state government to those who would otherwise have justice denied.

Providing equal access to justice has tangible, widespread benefits for Maine's families, children, schools, communities, businesses, charities, and government. In fact, it has a positive economic impact on Maine's economy and therefore it benefits us all. Legal issues profoundly affect basic human needs such as shelter, sustenance, safety from violence, health and child protection.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to rise and support this

Resolution, but also to recognize the key initiator as described in it.

When I was growing up, I knew my grandmother and the family were Democratic leaning, they were very high on Franklin Roosevelt, but that's all that we really talked about when I was a young person in Knox County, visiting them I Knox County. But later on, I discovered that my -- later on I discovered that my grandmother actually had been vice-chair during that important 1954 convention that brought back two-party politics to the State of Maine. She was vice-chair to the chairman of the committee at that time, Frank Coffin.

Frank Coffin was born just 100 years ago this year and lived 90 long years. He was out of Lewiston, he was out of Bates College, Harvard Business School, Harvard Law School. He was a Congressman for a couple of terms and -- but even though that 1954 period, we all think of Governor Edmund Muskie, my folks -- my grandmother kept mentioning this fellow that she was so high on named Frank Coffin. I just happened to speak in the hall with a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Dan Wathen, and he explained to me that Judge Coffin was his mentor and he offered that he's probably the smartest person to ever come through these halls in public service. Frank Coffin ended up being appointed by -- he worked in the Kennedy administration and then was appointed by Lyndon Johnson under the Circuit Court of Appeals, where he served as Chief Judge for the First Circuit for 11 years.

So, in honoring Frank Coffin and his dedication to justice, he did help form or, I'm not sure the degree, but he was the chief founder of the Justice Action Group and I congratulate Justice Mead for his leadership on this group and I also thank Representative Cardone for recognizing Access to Justice Day.

I just want to mention that as a high school teacher for years and years and years, we began every day with the Pledge of Allegiance, which had those amazing five words at the end; liberty and justice for all. But next to the flag up there, I had it's up to us, and it's something that takes vigilance and I know that the Justice Action Group is interested in equal opportunity, equal access to justice regardless of economic and social standing and that's a wonderful thing and I congratulate Justice Coffin and Justice Mead and I thank the Representative for the resolution. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Stewart.

Representative STEWART: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to echo the sentiments of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. I'll be brief in my remarks.

I just wanted to point out that because of the fact that we live in a society of laws and we have a heavy part in crafting that society in this building and in other capitols around our state -- around the country in other states as well as our nation's capital. But the work that we do in these buildings does not matter nearly as much and doesn't have as much significance without the hard work that's done by those folks that are in the Judicial branch and ensuring access to justice across every corner of our state so that folks from Kittery to Fort Kent and all the small towns that we represent here will have just as much access as people in major cities that might live right next to a courthouse.

So, I appreciate all the hard work that they are doing to make sure that our society stays on track and we're able to continue to do the good work in here along with the other public servants around our state. I'm related to one of them, so shout out; thanks, Dad, I appreciate all the hard work you do

as well as other folks in the Judicial branch. So, thank you all very much.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**. Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, of South Paris, which won the Class AA State Championship. Members of the team include Cassidy Dumont, Ella Kellogg, Ceceila Dieterich, Maggie Hartnett, Brooke Carson, Jade Smedberg, Julia Colby, Jadah Adams, Bailey Whitney and Viktoria Sugars; assistant coaches Matt Corbett, Cimeron Colby and Crystal West; and varsity coach Nate Pelletier. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 119)

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative ANDREWS of Paris, Representative RISEMAN of Harrison.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative STEWART of Presque Isle, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Statute

Representative BAILEY for the **Joint Standing 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)

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

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Maine Potato Board Districts

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 127)

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.

Resolves

Resolve, To Rename the Stinson Bridge the Woodsome Bridge

(S.P. 56) (L.D. 244)
(C. "A" S-2)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Thursday, March 7, 2019, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Refer to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** - Minority (3) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Convene a Working Group To Authorize a Public Trust for Maine's Groundwater and To Impose a 2-year Moratorium on Large-scale Groundwater Extraction"

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 197)

TABLED - March 7, 2019 (Till Later Today) by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the Majority **Refer to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, and sent for concurrence

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Protect the Safety of Health Care Workers"

(S.P. 374) (L.D. 1199)

Bill "An Act Relating to Defenses and Self-defense in the Maine Criminal Code"

(S.P. 377) (L.D. 1215)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Remote Learning during School Cancellations"

(S.P. 360) (L.D. 1174)

Bill "An Act To Support Community Schools"

(S.P. 378) (L.D. 1216)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Direct Sale of Electricity"

(S.P. 359) (L.D. 1173)

Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Access to Utility Poles Located in Municipal Rights-of-way"

(S.P. 366) (L.D. 1192)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Transparency and Participation in Maine Water Districts"

(S.P. 373) (L.D. 1198)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Sale and Distribution of Flavored Tobacco Products"

(S.P. 364) (L.D. 1190)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in 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)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in 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)

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

(S.P. 379) (L.D. 1217)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

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

(S.P. 361) (L.D. 1175)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations"
(S.P. 363) (L.D. 1177)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Caretakers of Ancient Burying Grounds and Access to Ancient Burying Grounds"
(S.P. 362) (L.D. 1176)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Resolve, To Conduct a Comprehensive Study of the Compensation System for State Employees
(S.P. 376) (L.D. 1214)

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

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Direct Property Tax Relief to Homeowners by Increasing the Homestead Exemption"
(S.P. 358) (L.D. 1172)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Solar Energy Equipment from Property Tax"
(S.P. 365) (L.D. 1191)

Bill "An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans"
(S.P. 368) (L.D. 1194)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program" (EMERGENCY)
(S.P. 375) (L.D. 1200)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Removal of Campaign Signs from the Public Right-of-way"
(S.P. 369) (L.D. 1195)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting
(S.P. 371) (L.D. 1196)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

(H.P. 742) (L.D. 1000)
(C. "A" H-6)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Gattine.

Representative **GATTINE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. I just rise to say a few words in support of LD 1000, an amended version of the supplemental budget presented to the Legislature by the Chief Executive.

Although undoubtedly more modest in scope and in cost than supplemental spending packages that many of us have seen and been forced to deal with in the past, this supplemental budget does accomplish a number of things that are important and will have a real benefit to Maine people across the state and in our communities. I just want to highlight a couple of those things. The bill in front of you provides two and a half million dollars to over 200 communities across the state to reimburse for disaster relief efforts related to storms in October of 2017 and March 2018. This bill removes restrictions that have been impeding the ability of the medical community to address the opioid crisis that continues to kill people and destroy families across our state every day. It provides \$350,000 in additional resources necessary for the public advocate to represent Maine people in rape cases, and it provides a modest level of state support for the upcoming bicentennial celebration in 2020.

I'd like to just take a second and thank everybody who supported this budget up until this point. Certainly the legislative staff has done the amazing job that they always do. We had some very, very good and almost entirely unanimous support for these items from various policy committees. And, of course, I'd like to thank my fellow members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, calling out particularly my friend, the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett. I'm pleased to be able to present this report unanimously. It reflects some diligent and hard work and solid bipartisan work. I think it gets the AFA committee off to a good start as we begin our public hearings and deliberations on the biennial budget that will occupy so much of our time over the next few months. So, again, I'm hoping that this bill will get broad support from the entire body and, Madam Speaker, I'd also request a roll call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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 Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to join my House Chair and commend this bill to you. I thank him for his comments. He's covered the bill very well.

On behalf of my members, Republican members of the committee, I want to thank all of the Democrats on the

committee for a very harmonious discussion. We received unanimous support on every change and I would like to speak to the policy committee members. We paid very close attention to your recommendations. So I want you to know that that is a serious process that you went through and your recommendations were carefully listened to and acted upon. And I feel comfortable with this bill. It's a good start to a long session ahead of us. Hopefully we can continue to work together as we make the difficult decisions that lie ahead and I urge your support on the final enactment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 9

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Andrews, Arata, AustinB, AustinS, Babbidge, Babine, Bailey, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Campbell, Cardone, Carney, Cloutier, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Costain, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Curtis, Daughtry, Denk, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauR, Foley, Foster, Gattine, Gramlich, Griffin, Grignon, Grohoski, Hall, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbs, Hubbell, Hutchins, Hymanson, Ingwersen, Javner, Jorgensen, Keschl, Kessler, Kinney, Kornfield, Kryzak, Landry, MadiganC, Marean, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, Mason, Mastraccio, Matlack, Maxmin, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, McLean, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Moonen, Morales, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Pebworth, Peoples, Perry, Pickett, PierceT, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Riseman, Roberts-Lovell, Rykerson, Sampson, Schneck, Sharpe, Sheats, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Stover, Strom, Swallow, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Wadsworth, Warren, WhiteB, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - DeVeau, Johansen, Lockman, Stetkis, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Brennan, Cebra, Denno, FecteauJ, Haggan, Lyford, Perkins, Rudnicki.

Yes, 135; No, 5; Absent, 8; Excused, 1.

135 having voted in the affirmative and 5 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

On motion of Representative DENK of Kennebunk, the House adjourned at 11:01 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2019.