

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Pursuant to the Provision of Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine the members of the Legislature were polled. The majority of each political party having voted in the affirmative, the members of the House of Representatives were assembled in their hall at 9:00 in the morning and were called to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Christopher W. Babbidge, Kennebunk.

National Anthem.
Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was taken. 142 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:
CEBRA of Naples
COLLINGS of Portland
FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor
GRIGNON of Athens
LYFORD of Eddington
PERKINS of Oakland
STETKIS of Canaan
WADSWORTH of Hiram
WHITE of Mars Hill

ORDERS

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the following House Order: (H.O. 8)
ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency, Governor Janet T. Mills, and inform her that a quorum of the House of Representatives was assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed the following Members to the Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform her that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:

Representative BRENNAN of Portland
Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield
Representative DODGE of Belfast
Representative CROCKETT of Portland
Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook
Representative STEARNS of Guilford
Representative SAMPSON of Alfred
Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls
Representative ROCHE of Wells

On motion of Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 9)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed Representative DUNPHY of Old Town to inform the Senate that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

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

Subsequently, Representative BRENNAN of Portland reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The following item was 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. 480) (L.D. 653) Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Residents Losing Employer-based Health Coverage with Information about Other Coverage" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 589) (L.D. 784) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Approval Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 736) (L.D. 998) Bill "An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 32) (L.D. 66) Bill "An Act To Improve Livestock and Poultry Preparation" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-93)**

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 88) Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Wildlife Laws Regarding Species of Special Concern" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-64)**

(H.P. 85) (L.D. 119) Bill "An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)**

(H.P. 93) (L.D. 137) Bill "An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-63)**

(H.P. 124) (L.D. 171) Bill "An Act To Enable Out-of-state Certified Public Accountancy Firms To Provide Services in Maine on the Basis of Substantial Equivalency" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)**

(H.P. 158) (L.D. 223) Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)**

(H.P. 177) (L.D. 256) Bill "An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**

(H.P. 189) (L.D. 273) Bill "An Act To Sustain the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 292) Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-62)**

(H.P. 240) (L.D. 342) Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Marine Resources Advisory Council" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-69)**

(H.P. 259) (L.D. 361) Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-77)**

(H.P. 285) (L.D. 401) Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Cemeteries" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-94)**

(H.P. 326) (L.D. 450) Bill "An Act To Promote the Education of Patients by Primary Care and Urgent Care Physicians Regarding the Bone Marrow Transplant List" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)**

(H.P. 363) (L.D. 500) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)**

(H.P. 392) (L.D. 547) Bill "An Act Regarding Nuisance Beavers" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)**

(H.P. 409) (L.D. 564) Bill "An Act To Save Money by Eliminating the Requirement That the Annual Reports of State Agencies Be Printed" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)**

(H.P. 414) (L.D. 569) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Hunting with a Bow within 100 Yards of a Building or Residence" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)**

(H.P. 417) (L.D. 572) Bill "An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine"

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-92)**

(H.P. 436) (L.D. 593) Bill "An Act To Restore Regular Eelgrass Mapping in the State" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)**

(H.P. 445) (L.D. 609) Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (EMERGENCY) Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-75)**

(H.P. 461) (L.D. 625) Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**

(H.P. 485) (L.D. 658) Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for 3 Veterans Services Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**

(H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1506) Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021 (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)**

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**.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Establish A Maine Pesticide Sales and Use Registry"

(H.P. 1188) (L.D. 1599)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, DUNPHY of Old Town, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce"

(H.P. 1186) (L.D. 1597)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, SANBORN of Cumberland.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Convene a Working Group To Identify and Find Replacements for Certain Stigmatizing References throughout the Maine Revised Statutes and Government Publications

(H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1588)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Decriminalize Engaging in Prostitution, Strengthen the Laws against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Allow a Person Convicted of Engaging in Prostitution To Petition the Court To Expunge the Record of Conviction"

(H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1592)

Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Provide Pathways to Rehabilitation, Reentry and Reintegration"

(H.P. 1182) (L.D. 1593)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

(H.P. 1193) (L.D. 1604)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To License Ambulance Drivers Who Are Not Licensed To Provide Emergency Medical Services"

(H.P. 1194) (L.D. 1605)

Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.

Bill "An Act To Criminalize Calls Made to Emergency Services Based on Racial Profiling"

(H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1607)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

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 Establish a System of Proportional Fines and To Repeal Certain Fees and Assessments"

(H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1630)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, MORALES of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Municipal Ordinance Exemption for the Development of Nonessential Transmission Lines"

(H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1587)

Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Nameplate Capacity of Distributed Generation Resource Projects to Qualify for Net Energy Billing and Decrease Tariff Rates for Customers Participating in Net Energy Billing Programs"

(H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1596)

Sponsored by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Lincolnville Sewer District Trustees from 3 to 5"

(H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1625)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 Strengthen Statewide Mental Health Peer Support, Crisis Intervention Mobile Response and Crisis Stabilization Unit Services and To Allow E-9-1-1 To Dispatch Using the Crisis System"

(H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1586)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address Waste Associated with Solar Energy Equipment"

(H.P. 1184) (L.D. 1595)

Sponsored by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, KINNEY of Knox, MASON of Lisbon, SAMPSON of Alfred, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WHITE of Mars Hill.

Bill "An Act To Investigate Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Contamination of Land and Groundwater"

(H.P. 1189) (L.D. 1600)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Municipalities and Multimunicipal Regions of Every Size and Capacity Have Guidance on Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategies for Policy, Implementation and Investment Decision Support"

(H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1616)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, PERRY of Calais, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Banning Polystyrene Foam To Exclude Packaging for Meat, Poultry, Fish, Seafood and Eggs" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1631)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook.

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.

Bill "An Act To Suspend the Collection of the Container Fee for Hand Sanitizer and Sanitizing Wipes during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1594)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested.

On motion of Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish an Advisory Panel To Study the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

(H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1601)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HYMANSON of York, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PERRY of Calais, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security"

(H.P. 1192) (L.D. 1603)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Calais, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Resolve, To Create a Stakeholder Group To Identify the Needs of Long-term Care Family Caregivers (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1624)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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 the MaineCare Program To Cover All Citizens of the State"

(H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1608)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, McDONALD of Stonington, O'NEIL of Saco, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Mandate That Certain Health Care Providers Disclose an Estimate of Charges at Time of Service"

(H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1614)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Qualifications for Licensure as a Physician or Surgeon"

(H.P. 1212) (L.D. 1629)

Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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.

Bill "An Act To Implement Strategies Relating to Blockchain, Cryptocurrency and Other Financial Technology"

(H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1615)

Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation To Develop Partnerships with Businesses, Unions and Educational Programs and Institutions To Provide Training and Transportation for Workers

(H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1613)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

On motion of Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Identify Places with Offensive Names and Methods of Changing Those Names

(H.P. 1180) (L.D. 1591)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McDONALD of Stonington, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Records"

(H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1602)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Expand Tenant Representation on Boards of Directors of Nonprofit Housing Organizations"

(H.P. 1195) (L.D. 1606)

Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GERE of Kennebunkport, MORALES of South Portland, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Stop Social Media Censorship"

(H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1609)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Children's Testimony in Certain Sex Crime Cases"

(H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1612)

Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.

Bill "An Act To Establish and Practice Restorative Justice"

(H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1617)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act"

(H.P. 1210) (L.D. 1626)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HARNETT of Gardiner, MARTIN of Greene, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PERRY of Calais, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Privacy and Security by Prohibiting the Use of Facial Surveillance by Certain Government Employees and Officials"

(H.P. 1174) (L.D. 1585)

Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, MORALES of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State's Ability To Collect, Analyze and Apply Data"

(H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1610)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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 To Define Commercial and Noncommercial Purveyors of Accommodations for Short-term Rental"

(H.P. 1179) (L.D. 1590)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Taxpayer Subsidies for Discriminatory Employers"

(H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1598)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways"

(H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1623)

Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Mars Hill.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Portland, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in the Cannabis Industry"

(H.P. 1178) (L.D. 1589)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, PLUECKER of Warren, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Hallowell, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Harness Racing Laws Regarding Race Dates and Pari-mutuel Pools" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1611)

Sponsored by Representative KRYZAK of Acton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Wilton, KINNEY of Knox, LANDRY of Farmington, PLUECKER of Warren, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair-Pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 9

Representative WARREN from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Forfeiture" (H.P. 1125) (L.D. 1521)

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

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

On motion of Representative WARREN, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Sent for concurrence.

Change of Committee

Representative O'NEIL from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Explore Alternative Uses of Pulpwood and To Support the Logging and Forestry Industries" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 573) (L.D. 768)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative O'NEIL from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, To Create the Study Group To Research Balancing Development and Conservation in Maine's Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 886) (L.D. 1211)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Representative BRENNAN from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 731) (L.D. 993)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative HARNETT from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Data Collection Protection Act" (H.P. 669) (L.D. 913)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative MATLACK from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow People To Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling" (H.P. 1134) (L.D. 1530)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils" (S.P. 86) (L.D. 198)

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
BICKFORD of Auburn
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-36)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-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" (S-36)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)** on Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate"

(S.P. 115) (L.D. 266)

Signed:

Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives: CEBRA of Naples
WHITE of Mars Hill

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-30)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)** 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" (S-30)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

(S.P. 116) (L.D. 267)

Signed:

Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
O'CONNELL of Brewer
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senator: FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-29)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 138) (L.D. 312)

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Mars Hill

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-28)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)** 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" (S-28)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-65)** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Animal Welfare Laws"

(H.P. 69) (L.D. 103)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco
BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
LANDRY of Farmington
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
OSHER of Orono

PLUECKER of Warren
SKOLFIELD of Weld

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-65)** 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-65)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Parent or Guardian of a Student Who Has Been Affected by COVID-19 To Keep the Student in the Student's Current Grade Level" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 36) (L.D. 70)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative FECTEAU of Augusta **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Augusta, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The current state of K-12 education in Maine since last March is, quite literally, what keeps

me up at night. Last spring, our students were removed from their schools in order to conduct emergency remote learning from their own homes. Thousands of our students were at home without internet, a device to connect to the internet, breakfast and lunch and school supplies. Thousands of students were left home without supervision and without daily check ins from teachers and administrators. Babysitters, older siblings and grandparents did their best to piece together some semblance of formal education, while their parents were at work.

This fall while many students found themselves back inside schools, many are only there two to three days a week. Many school districts continue to fluctuate between hybrid and remote instructions. These students find themselves piecing together the rest of their education with handouts, Zoom calls, online apps and homework. Thousands of our students have not been inside their own school buildings since last March. These students, if they return to school next fall, will have gone 18 months, without a proper traditional education that parents, taxpayers and property owners have come to expect.

Given the restrictions and the number of contact hours, many are receiving only one third of the education they would receive under normal conditions. There are others who have received almost no formal education for the last 14 months. Our physically and intellectually disabled students have also not been receiving the same level and number of contact hours of services that many need in order to close the gap between them and those students in the traditional classroom.

Additionally, the gap between our high expectancy students and low expectancy students is growing at ludicrous speeds. As a public school teacher who witnessed this first hand, I need to think no further than what I witnessed from March to June of last school year and then from September to February, of this school year. By the end of this current school year in my German classroom alone the ninth and 10th grade students will be more than 50% behind their normal curriculum. The same thing is happening with language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, PE, career and technical education. Generally there have been distinct differences between the new students to a school building and those who have had at least one formal year of education in their school building. That means our students in grades one and two, six and seven, and nine and 10 may be suffering sufficiently more than others since they have not spent at least a year in their current school building.

The education committee considered another bill that was more than essentially recognized that our graduating seniors have received a less than standard education and allows them to skirt the standards and receive a diploma, not from their traditional school but from the Department of Education.

When I presented this bill I was told that there would be a plan to repair--

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair will remind the Member that the debate before us is of the bill before us, reference to other bills is not permissible.

The Chair reminded Representative FECTEAU of Augusta to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

THE SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative FECTEAU: Understood. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And just as I called it, the plan to pass along everyone and just come to the reality that our COVID kids are just going to be less proficient than everyone else is here. We've come to the realization that our physically and mentally disabled students are just not as important to teach to standard as other students. We've come to the realization that even though parents have been providing one third to one half of the student instruction

from overwhelming sum of our students, there just too incompetent to make the critical decision to keep their child in the current grade level so they can receive an education to standard. An education that would best equip their student for the rest of their life. Government is not the sole authority of our children. Parents are cast with that responsibility and when it comes to this school year, no one knows how a child is doing more than their own parents.

This minority report greatly simplifies the process of keeping where this motion does not. This does not greatly simplify the process for keeping COVID effect students in their current grade if the students' parents feel it could be the best for them. They must only provide written intent to the principle or the super intendent. This bill also respects the ability of the school to accommodate the student. It states a principle or a superintendent shall approve such a request as long as a student's school can accommodate adding the student to the effected grade level. The reality is, with the current situation, some students will be moving to the next grade level in the coming school year that don't know how to read, without a basic grasp of math or science concepts. Many disabled students will be sent to new school buildings or possible be graduating without the skills they need for protective lives. Others will be promoted to the next grade level without even having been in their own school building for 18 months and with an unclear plan on what the next year will look like.

With all that said, I do not believe that this bill would be used by many, but in the year of uncomplicated truth, inconvenient realities, unending loneliness and waning mental and spiritual health, this important provision would be a simple and realistic life line to a student and the student's family. They won't have to jump through additional hoops, take time off of work for additional meetings and wait through additional test results and standards just to justify the reality that their student is not ready for the next level. Parents and students have been told sorry, to chill out, to deal with it and have not been provided with almost any in these last 14 months. This is a simple provision to provide some of our most uncontacted and impacted, a life line. This puts them in the driver's seat well still respecting of a school building can accommodate them. We must remember, that there is no race in life and there is no rushing the fundamentals. Please allow some of our most impacted students to hit the pause button and continue their educational journey at a pace that is right for them without additional hurdles.

I understand this lopsided report doesn't look good from my prospects of success today, Mr. Speaker. Trust me, I get it, but as a parent and former public school teacher, I'm quite literally pleading with you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues in this Body to make a small essentially costly tweak that will absolutely save and change the lives of some of our Maine children. Thank you.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative FAULKINGHAM, the Representative from Oakland, Representative PERKINS and the Representative from Mars Hill, Representative WHITE and they were added to the roll call of the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature.

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

Representative **BRENNAN**: Men and Women of the House, I hope that you will support the pending motion. We listened very carefully to the Good Representative from Augusta when he presented this bill and, as he noted, the vote was 12 to 1 Ought Not to Pass on this vote because it places too much discretion directly in the hands of parents to make decisions about the academic future of their student. We believe that those decisions should be made jointly with the parent as well as we teachers and with school officials.

So, I stand by the 12 to 1 report from this committee and, again, I hope that you vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 27

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stanley, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Collings, Grignon, Lyford, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 88; No, 57; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 57 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study Truancy Trends in the State and Develop Recommendations for Increasing Student Attendance and Reducing Truancy

(H.P. 182) (L.D. 261)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast

McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of 'Education Disruption' To Include States of Emergency That Limit Students' Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School Days" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 229) (L.D. 325)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook
SAMPSON of Alfred

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-105) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)**, which was **READ**.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that **House Amendment "A" (H-105) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)** be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-105) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-105) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 28

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Hymanson, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 82; No, 64; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-105) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)**.

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 Cape Elizabeth, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I was asked by educators on the ground who dedicate themselves fighting against all odds and powerful forces to help teenagers who are struggling to stay in school, knowing that failure to do so can lead to a life of low wages and struggles. Now, these educators have long worked with school administrators and the Department of Education to help students who are experiencing homelessness or are in the foster care system, have experienced absences for 10 or more consecutive days due to placement in an interim program or

enrollment in three or more schools or educational programs in a single year. This option for a Department of Education diploma is an important alternative pathway.

There have been statements that this is somehow skirting our educational standards and, to be very clear, in order for a student to receive a diploma from the Department of Education, the Commissioner shall issue a diploma only to a student who demonstrates achievement of the content standards of the system of learning results. A student who seeks a Department of Education diploma shall submit an application to the Commissioner, including such evidence as student achievement and other information to provide evidence of student achievement and it can include, but isn't limited to, transcripts, waivers, academic reports, and schoolwork recognition plans. The Commissioner forms a review team to review evidence of student achievement and to make recommendation to the Commissioner on the awarding of the diploma.

I'm going to share with you testimony we received in committee from Maine's 2020 Teacher of the Year, an educator who knows well the challenges our young students are facing. Quote; I am submitting testimony in support of LD 325 which was created in collaboration between Representative Millett, the Maine Department of Education and the Alternative Education Association. LD 325 will provide hope to a small group of students in Maine who are currently struggling to navigate the complexities of COVID-19. These students want to be healthy, productive members of our society but are struggling to manage their life responsibilities and the new demands of remote and hybrid learning. The pandemic exacerbated existing barriers to school achievement. The impact of chronic stress and trauma on certain students' ability to manage remote and hybrid learning is immeasurable. Then add to that the fact that many of these students could be facing substance abuse by family members, mental health issues, domestic violence within the home and poverty, it is no wonder many of these students have increasing concerns about their ability to earn enough credits to graduate with their same-aged peers. Simply put, students that face such problems have impaired focus, motivation and concentration.

LD 325 will allow these students who have met the State requirements for graduation but were so impacted by COVID-19 they could no longer meet their local graduation requirements earn a high school diploma. Another benefit of the proposed bill will be for those students who have to withdraw from school in order to work to make money for themselves or their family during the pandemic. We know that there are parents currently struggling who have also been impacted by COVID-19. These parents have decreased functioning, placing tremendous pressure on our high school students. As a result, some students consider withdrawing from school in order to work, knowing that they simply will not have enough credits to graduate on time. Furthermore, they literally cannot afford the time to return to high school for a fifth year.

Even though they value education, these students have to make the life choice of working full-time to meet their financial needs of food, housing and basic life necessities. A diploma awarded to these students who have met the Maine Department of Education requirements will make all the difference for not only the student but the community. A high school diploma will allow many more opportunities for employment and an option to go to college. It opens doors rather than closing them.

All students deserve the sense of pride and accomplishment that a high school diploma can provide and in times like this establishing an alternate pathway to earn a diploma for our most vulnerable high schoolers creates an

opportunity for these students to become active and engaged citizens. Now, I will remind folks that as amended this has a sunset clause in 2023. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the bill but I just wanted to come to the microphone to go on the record to say that voting on this is such a contradiction because we're admitting that the standards are lower for the purposes of receiving a diploma but, once again, we're admitting that the standards have been lowered so we're going to hand out diplomas but in the same breath, we're not letting parents keep their kids back for the same lack of education.

So, this is such a contradiction to pass this without the amendment, but I'll be voting for the bill, but it's just amazing to me, I just question some of the decisions we make in this Body. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cape Elizabeth, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to reiterate that the law says that the Commissioner shall issue a diploma under this section only to a student who demonstrates achievement of the content standards of the system of learning results. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (H-73). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 29

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Harnett, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hymanson, Johansen, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Libby, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettH, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stanley, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Drinkwater, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Hanley, Harrington, Hutchins, Javner, Lemelin, MasonR, Newman, O'Connor, Perkins, Pickett, Roche, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stearns, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Stetkis, Wadsworth.
Yes, 125; No, 21; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

125 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **Committee Amendment "A" (H-73) was 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-72)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide for School Choice and Online Learning Opportunities in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 310) (L.D. 430)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative ANDREWS of Paris **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill would remove the limits on virtual public charter school enrollment and the number of public charter schools that may operate. It would also remove the prohibition on the expansion of virtual public charter schools to serve grade level not included in the school's charter contract.

LD 430 seeks to provide choice and opportunity for Maine students, to allow them to learn online or in person at the school of their choice. We have to adapt to the times that we are living in and this bill aims to do just that by removing the cap on virtual charter school enrollment and the number of charter schools that may operate in Maine.

Government-run schools should certainly be an option, but they should not be a monopoly that is allowed to limit their competition in the marketplace of ideas. We need freedom of choice for Maine families and their educational opportunities in this State. Please follow my light. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative LIBBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Over the last year, we have learned anew that one-size-fits-all is not an approach that works in Maine education. Some children have thrived in a hybrid model while for others hybrid education has been an abject failure. Still others have shifted toward homeschooling, private schools, educational pods and other creative educational solutions.

The students of Maine deserve the opportunity to have an education that fits their individual needs and this bill will allow for increased flexibility as we move forward with greater awareness of the diversity in Maine children's needs. I ask you to follow my light and support the Minority Report.

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

Representative BRENNAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I hope that you will support the Majority Report.

In 2019, the Legislature did enact limits on enrollment in virtual charter schools and it also put a cap of 10 on charter schools. It's incredibly premature to be thinking about removing those caps at this particular point and we made a very prudent and rational decision in 2019 to try to provide more accountability within charter schools. The current charter school enrollment actually has declined since October of last year and arguments that were made that people are turning more towards charter schools, there are waiting lists, are not borne out by current statistics. So, I would encourage you to support the motion Ought Not to Pass.

Subsequently, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative HUTCHINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to support Representative Andrew's bill here today for the simple fact of giving parents a better choice in education.

A number of years ago, I was speaking before a group and I said if the State keeps limiting school choices that public school would soon become only special education. I don't think I'm terribly far off on that prediction. I made it 20 years ago, it may be another 10 or 15 before it happens, but we're on that path. We have to give parents choice. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 30

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Haggan, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Roche, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 87; No, 58; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System"

(H.P. 329) (L.D. 453)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

On motion of Representative BRENNAN of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)** 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-89)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Improve Public Safety by Repealing the Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bag Ban"

(H.P. 74) (L.D. 108)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

READ.

Representative TUCKER of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 31

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry,

Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Dodge, Grignon, Hepler, Lyford, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 81; No, 63; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets"

(H.P. 250) (L.D. 352)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CONNOR of Lewiston
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

READ.

Representative TEPLER of Topsham moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative MORRIS of Turner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 North Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to speak in opposition to the pending motion.

If we do not pass this bill, insurance premiums will rise by 4%. A little background; last year, the Legislature passed Public Law 2019, Chapter 653. That set Maine on a path to create a state-based exchange for health insurance. Originally, the bill proposed to merge both small groups and individual markets into one. Skepticism about the wisdom of such a move led to the language being amended to require the Bureau of Insurance to prove that merging the markets would not result in increased premiums to either the small group or individual markets.

Over the course of last summer, two actuarial reports were conducted. The Bureau contracted with Gorman, the other report was conducted by Milliman for the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association, also known as MGARA. MGARA is charged with providing rate relief to the individual market. Insurance companies prospectively seed high-risk members to MGARA, which then draws federal funds for claims above the attachment point. Since its restart in 2019, MGARA's effectiveness has resulted in an 11% decrease in premiums in the individual market. That's right; an 11% decrease in premiums.

Both actuaries showed the same thing; if we go forward with merging the small group and individual market, the average premium in the individual market will increase by 4% over where we would be if we did not merge the markets. Based on the letter of the law, the Bureau should be looking at other options to help the small group market. Unfortunately, the Bureau has decided to continue to pursue merging the markets. Their decision is based on using a phony baseline of what insurance rates would be if MGARA did not exist to claim that there is a savings.

One cannot help but wonder if one of the insurance companies that oversee use similar accounting gimmicks, would they be investigated for fraud? This bill is before you because we have an opportunity to save the individual markets from unnecessary rate hikes. While it is true the superintendent delayed the market merger last month for one year, we need to enact this legislation to put a stop to any further moves to merge the markets. We must act today to ensure the stability and integrity of the individual market.

The director of MGARA testified in favor of this bill. They are concerned about the solvency of the program should the merger of these two markets go forward. The Milliman study states that the market merger would reduce MGARA's ability to deliver benefit to the individual market by a margin of 30% to 50%. The reduction in passthrough funds from the federal government would be reduced by 18 million. If we do not reject this motion and fail to pass this bill, beginning in 2023, the average monthly premium for an individual policy would rise by \$25 per month. For a family of four purchasing health insurance on the individual market, that's an additional \$1200 a year. That's the average. If someone has a preexisting condition or other underlying concern, it would be even more. This bill is before us because the current law is being ignored. This bill is important to ensure the intent of the law we passed last year is followed by the Bureau.

With everything we have gone through during this COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that we save those individuals purchasing insurance from unnecessary rate hikes. I urge this Body to reject this motion and then move to pass the Minority Report. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to correct a few assumptions that were made in the speech that was just made.

First of all, there were three actuarial studies, not two, and the third actuarial study indicates that it believes or the actuaries in that study believe that the Milliman study errs on the conservative side. So, there are some concerns about all of the studies.

The Bureau of Insurance, A, has delayed even the possibility of this change for a full year. However, they, under the current law, are not allowed to make this change unless the numbers align and that there are benefits to both markets. That is what is in current law. And, I might add, the assumptions that were made about the increase in the individual market are based on some current conditions as opposed to the conditions that may apply, particularly with increased subsidies to the marketplace that have been moved forward by the federal administration. And when subsidies increase, unless your income increases, you will continue to receive an increase subsidy as opposed to an increase in your insurance rate.

I feel that this decision rests with the Bureau of Insurance. I do not wish to override the work that they and the Department of Health and Human Services have done, which this bill would do. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 32

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Meiaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Stetkis, Theriault, Wadsworth.

Yes, 85; No, 60; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass Report was ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets"

(H.P. 319) (L.D. 443)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CONNOR of Lewiston
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

READ.

Representative TEPLER of Topsham moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative MORRIS of Turner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 North Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today to speak in opposition to the pending motion.

Over the last year, Maine's small businesses have had to put up with a lot. From forced closures, mask mandates, reduced capacity limits, and a government that encouraged them to tattle on each other, it has been a season of unpredictability and Maine's small businesses deserve some measure of relief.

This bill seeks to take one piece of stress off their plates. The bill repeals language that limits the number of plans available to a small business with just 12 clear choice design plans selected by the Bureau of Insurance. It allows them to keep the insurance plans that they currently offer to their employees. If we do not pass this bill, small businesses and their employees will see a reduction in benefits.

While simplicity makes sense for individuals shopping on the exchange, it does not make sense for small businesses. They have more complex needs. They typically shop through a broker who finds the policy that works best for them and their circumstances. If we fail to pass this bill, we will force Maine's small businesses into a not-so-clear choice; a choice between offering fewer benefits to their employees or having to make cuts in other areas such as wages to pay for richer plan designs.

Now is the time to help our small business community to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We can do that by ensuring that they can keep the health care plan that they currently have for their employees, plans that have been designed for them not by government bureaucrats but by people that understand the markets and what works best for the individual businesses.

I encourage this Body to reject the pending motion and pass this bill to give our small businesses some measure of predictability and relief. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, speaking of predictability, one of the most difficult things for any small business owner or individual buying insurance on the marketplace or otherwise, is understanding the vast array of options that insurers offer. And there is a degree of concern that the vast array of options obfuscates the actual benefits of the policies to those seeking to insure themselves or their employees.

This bill undoes the progress and hard work that the Department of Health and Human Services, the Bureau of Insurance, and the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services did in the last session in creating what is called clear choice plans for Maine. These plans are designed by the Bureau of Insurance with a stakeholder process that allowed for input from businesses, individuals and insurers. In addition, insurers are allowed to offer three additional plans that were not designed by the Bureau of Insurance. But what this does is it ensures that when you look at a particular plan at a particular price, you know what you are getting. Right now, that is very difficult to assess with so many plans and so many options. It appears the insurance industry is attempting to obfuscate what your actual benefits are. The clear choice plans, which would be on the marketplace in the fall, I believe as of January 1 this year, will help people in Maine be able to know what their insurance benefits are. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 33

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 84; No, 62; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union"

(H.P. 63) (L.D. 97)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-81)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

READ.

Representative SYLVESTER of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion.

Very briefly, contrary to what some people may assert, this is not an anti-union bill, it is a pro-worker bill. It is based on the simple yet powerful principle that individuals should have the right to work and provide for his or her family without being coerced into paying dues or fees to an organization they may not support. It should be their choice. A union seeking membership should work to earn workers' support. If it fails to do so, a worker should always retain the right to say no, I will not be forced to financially support any person or entity I do not believe is looking out for my interests. It should be my decision to make.

I strongly urge a no vote on the pending motion. It is a matter of principle, and I do request a roll call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 34

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Kryzak, Lyford, O'Connor, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 85; No, 58; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-74)** on Bill "An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness"

(H.P. 146) (L.D. 211)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

DRINKWATER of Milford

MORRIS of Turner

PRESCOTT of Waterboro

READ.

On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-74)** 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-74)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday"

(H.P. 136) (L.D. 183)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George

BRYANT of Windham

COPELAND of Saco

DOORE of Augusta

PAULHUS of Bath

RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport

GREENWOOD of Wales

HEAD of Bethel

TUELL of East Machias

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**

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** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service"

(H.P. 225) (L.D. 321)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

CLAXTON of Androscoggin

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George

BRYANT of Windham

COPELAND of Saco

DOORE of Augusta

DOWNES of Bucksport

PAULHUS of Bath

RISEMAN of Harrison

TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales

HEAD of Bethel

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)** on Bill "An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 232) (L.D. 328)

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham

COLLINGS of Portland

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

MATLACK of St. George

PERRY of Bangor

SACHS of Freeport

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

READ.

Representative TERRY of Gorham moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

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 Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Certainly I'm happy to see this bill before us today. It's for our municipalities and the hardships that they've felt through COVID, just like many members of our community, and I think it's time that the Legislature move to support revenue sharing.

I do know that there were some concerns with our caucus members referencing the Committee Amendment and the retroactivity of the amendment, so, I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: If somebody on the Majority could speak to the committee amendment and the reasoning behind the retroactivity, I would appreciate that.

The **SPEAKER**: The member has posed a question to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Terry.

Representative **TERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Committee Amendment "A" retroactively puts this in motion to January of this year, which is statutorily when we were expecting to get to 5% for revenue sharing.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the motion before us, and having been a selectman the last 12 years in a small town in rural Washington County, I believe this is long overdue.

As one who has seen property taxes going up and up and up and resources getting tighter and tighter and tighter, I again think this is long overdue and I support this wholeheartedly. I am relieved and thankful that this bill has come forward, as it has in the past, and believe that the COVID situation has only made things more dramatic with folks struggling to pay their property taxes, struggling to keep up, and when that happens Town budgets have a big crater in the middle of them.

So, I would strongly encourage folks to consider supporting this bill before us today and pushing for funding and appropriations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 35

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Foster, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Johansen, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, MartinT, MasonR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettH, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Rudnicki, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sharpe, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Underwood, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, WhiteD, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Carmichael.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 144; No, 1; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

144 having voted in the affirmative and 1 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)** 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-80)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings"

(H.P. 296) (L.D. 412)

Signed:

Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
HANLEY of Pittston
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
KRYZAK of Acton

READ.

Representative TERRY of Gorham moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative KRYZAK of Acton **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Acton, Representative Kryzak.

Representative **KRYZAK**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today for the first time in opposition to this pending motion.

This bill was put in to help one of our smaller communities who during the pandemic did not have enough space in their Town Hall in order to conduct business, so they had to rent a trailer. Now, they have to go out and get the money, either raising taxes or borrow, to build an addition onto their building so that they can conduct business.

This bill would allow them to use funds they already have in their TIF account to put that addition onto the building. I believe in Home Rule, having been a selectman for six years and Chairman for five years, we need to be able to have our communities decide how best to spend their money and by allowing them to use the TIF money to take care of their municipal buildings, I think this is the way to go. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Terry.

Representative **TERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate my colleague's thoughts on this. Tax Increment Financing, though, is designed to help municipalities stimulate growth in their communities. They are used to develop projects that will provide future funding such as retail spaces and business parks. Most municipalities use other forms of funding to work on their municipal buildings, municipal offices and other buildings. And while I understand this, the municipal centers are, generally speaking, not used for economic development, they're used for town business such as paying taxes, registering your dog and applying for your hunting license. For this motion, I urge that you follow my light and vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 36

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder,

Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bailey, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 85; No, 60; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-95)** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

(H.P. 423) (L.D. 580)

Signed:

Senators: LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senator: FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **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 Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in opposition to the pending motion.

Currently, municipalities with this motion would be able to opt in, which would then give a patchwork of communities with different rules regarding absentee voting. Concerns were raised during testimony, public hearing on this bill, around the current CVR, which is the voter registration program that is used and even the Secretary of State admits that that is a mess.

Our current absentee process is working well. We've had a record number of people that came out and voted during a pandemic and did by absentee for in a great number. And as one piece of testimony submitted, they stated; if it works, don't fix it. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Caiazzo.

Representative **CAIAZZO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In reference to the CVR program from the Secretary of State, that is a tool that is scheduled to be replaced in the next couple years the RFP, will be prepared for that in the next year or so.

In terms of what this proposal does, it does not mandate early voting. It gives the option for the Legislature to explore that, come up with a policy and a template for early voting as well as establishing the amount of time to provide for early voting.

Currently, 22 states in the country have a form of early voting and we've actually run at least three pilot programs now in the State of Maine, of which Scarborough participated in one, to explore the implementation of early voting, quite successfully, I might add. So, I urge you to support this Committee Report and follow my light. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 37

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 84; No, 61; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolution was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-95)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules, the Resolution was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-95)** and sent for concurrence.

Seven Members of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)** on Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use

(H.P. 111) (L.D. 155)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
LANDRY of Farmington
SKOLFIELD of Weld

Five Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-67)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senator:

MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
OSHER of Orono
PLUECKER of Warren

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representative:

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

Representative O'NEIL of Saco moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

Representative HALL of Wilton **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

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 Wilton, Representative Hall.

Representative **HALL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to address LD 155 as seven members of the Agricultural Conservation and Forestry Committee voted in favor of Amendment "A".

Amendment "A" allows licensed applicators under the supervision of the Board of Pesticides Control to use these products only when no other alternatives are available, for

instance on golf courses, lawns, greenhouses, etcetera. In the 129th, we discussed this in great length and came to a unanimous vote on this Committee Amendment "A". The problem with Committee Amendment "B" is it limits the uses of these neonicotinoids completely. I urge you to vote no on this amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Grohoski.

Representative **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Fellow Members of the House. I'm pleased to be with you today and I wanted to provide a little bit of information and then some clarification about what was just said.

We know that bee populations are in decline in the United States, in Maine, and globally. There are many reasons for this; climate change, habitat loss, but also pesticide use.

Neonicotinoids are one family of pesticides which affect insect brains, that's what they are designed to do. Research shows us that they affect a bee's ability to navigate, to learn, also to forage effectively and bees do forage sometimes up to five miles from where their nest or their hive is, so, it's very important that we reduce pesticides in the residential environment because so many people have beautiful gardens that they are trying to attract bees to, however, if that bee goes and forages somewhere else where a person has applied one of these neonicotinoids, it could be very harmful and ultimately deadly to the bee and its colony.

I would like to clarify that this legislation, Amendment "B" that is before us right now, first says that a homeowner should not be able to buy four of the most toxic and persistent neonicotinoids, so, there are other neonics that are not affected by this legislation. They should not be able to buy that on the shelves of a store and, additionally, they should not be able to call their gardener or lawncare specialist to simply apply that same product for them. These are cosmetic uses that we're talking about. It's, you know, treating your roses in all-in-one treatment. Quite literally, when I went to the Ellsworth Home Depot there were only three products on the entire shelf that contained these neonicotinoids and so, there are suitable alternatives available.

Amendment "A", I don't know if I can phrase it that way, but as you heard earlier, the alternative option was stated as these are only to be used when there's no other alternative available. That is not what the amendment says.

So, I encourage you to follow me with Amendment "B" to support our pollinators, to make sure that our precious food supplies are protected. These bees are critical to our future and it's important that we protect their future.

I would also like to add that this Amendment "B" is supported by so many groups; Environment Maine, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Maine Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Council of Maine, Sierra Club Maine, Maine Audubon, 350 Maine, Conservation Law Foundation, Defend our Health, Maine Public Health Association, Maine Lakes, Maine Youth for Climate Justice, Maine Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

And I'll leave you with one thought. This is from the testimony of Dr. Frank Drummond, who's the UMaine Professor Emeritus of Insect Ecology and Insect Pest Management and a 2017 Distinguished Professor. He spent his career studying bees. He said; it is my believe that where economic welfare or public health is not at risk, neonicotinoids should not be used. Therefore, while there are alternatives to neonicotinoids for many situations that homeowners face, I think that LD 155 has much merit.

So, I hope we will listen to Professor Frank Drummond and support Amendment B at this time. Thank you.

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

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Good afternoon, the 130th Legislature. My name is Joseph Underwood, I'm from District 147 of Presque Isle.

Committee Amendment "A" will leave the certain uses of these neonicotinoids and will allow certain certified pest applicators to be able to use them. And if we can vote no on this current one and then vote yes on the next one, on Committee Amendment A, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind Members I've provided some liberties in this debate, but for the future, we are to address the bill before us, in this case Report "B". References to Report "A" could be made in a creative way but certainly addressing it directly is not prohibited when the question before is Report "B".

The Chair reminded Members to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion.

This is a perpetual bill that returns year after year and having served six years on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, I am not in favor of the current amendment. There is another alternative that addresses the issue.

When it comes to the idea of the bees, we've found over the years that even the beekeepers recognize that it's not necessarily the neonicotinoids that are causing the issues with bees, there are several factors that are causing issues from colony collapse and so forth. Varroa mites are one of the biggest concerns in the hives that are the problem and the pesticide use to eliminate the varroa mites may very well be the problem with the bees, not the neonicotinoids pesticides being used and the alternative that has been proposed in Committee Amendment A may be a must better solution. Thank you. Please follow my light.

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

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was me running, by the way. May I pose a question through the Chair to anyone that can answer?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **BICKFORD**: These pesticides in question, how do they affect a homeowner that has his yard sprayed for ticks and mosquitos?

The SPEAKER: The member has posed a question to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Grohoski.

Representative **GROHOSKI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be happy to answer that question. These products are not used for those reasons. One might use them on their lawn for grubs and there are suitable alternatives for treating grubs. Permethrin is what you would use for ticks. I'm not specifically sure about mosquitoes but it is not these four products and we have heard no testimony to that effect. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 38

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Pickett, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 92; No, 53; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

92 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "B" (H-67)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-67)** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify Requirements for Criminal History Record Checks Pursuant to the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act

(H.P. 239) (L.D. 335)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 118 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding the Production and Sale of Birch Syrup and Birch Syrup Products

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 416)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 118 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists

(H.P. 451) (L.D. 615)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 119 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission

(H.P. 142) (L.D. 207)

(C. "A" H-44)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 120 voted in favor of the same and 6 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Major Substantive Rule of the Treasurer of State

(H.P. 346) (L.D. 472)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 121 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services

(H.P. 420) (L.D. 577)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 118 voted in favor of the same and 4 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Infection Prevention and Control, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Certification

(H.P. 421) (L.D. 578)
(C. "A" H-53)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 119 voted in favor of the same and 5 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 67)

An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws

(H.P. 35) (L.D. 69)

An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

(H.P. 51) (L.D. 85)

(C. "A" H-45)

An Act To Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing Statutes

(H.P. 72) (L.D. 106)

(C. "A" H-47)

An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters

(H.P. 108) (L.D. 152)

(C. "A" H-49)

An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks and Historic Sites

(H.P. 226) (L.D. 322)

(C. "A" H-42)

An Act To Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities by Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement Paid to Municipalities

(H.P. 330) (L.D. 454)

(C. "A" H-43)

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.

An Act To Improve Maine's Quality Rating System for Child Care Services

(H.P. 59) (L.D. 93)

(C. "A" H-51)

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

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, was **SET ASIDE**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 484) (L.D. 1507) Bill "An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Woolwich, Representative Hepler, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **HEPLER**: In reference to LD 108, Roll Call No. 31; had I been present, I would have voted yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 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 (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday"

(H.P. 202) (L.D. 286)

- **CARRIED OVER** to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 435 on March 30, 2021.

TABLED - March 11, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Endangered Species Whose Life Cycles Include Maine Land or Waters"

(S.P. 298) (L.D. 883)

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES.**

- **CARRIED OVER** to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 435 on March 30, 2021.

TABLED - March 11, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.
 PENDING - **REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, and **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot"

(H.P. 75) (L.D. 109)

- In House, Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-38)** on March 11, 2021.

- In Senate, Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

- **CARRIED OVER** to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 435 on March 30, 2021.

TABLED - March 30, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**

Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR.**

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR.**

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 Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just come to the microphone to remind the Members that the House has passed this bill three times so far, so, I would urge the Members to pass this bill once more. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for clarification, this comes to us from the other Body, Ought Not to Pass and the motion is recede and concur, which would then put the House in the position of supporting and Ought Not to Pass; is that correct?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative.

A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 39

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Corey, Costain,

Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WarrenC, WarrenS.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bickford, Cebra, Evangelos, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, MartinT, Perkins, PerryJ, Pluecker, Riseman, Stetkis, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

Yes, 76; No, 60; Absent, 15; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 15 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR.**

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)** - Minority (6) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, To Require State Departments To Report on Rule Changes within State Government since the Beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic

(H.P. 219) (L.D. 315)

- **CARRIED OVER** to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 435 on March 30, 2021.

TABLED - March 30, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative MATLACK of St. George.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Representative MATLACK of St. George moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative FECTEAU of Augusta **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Augusta, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **FECTEAU:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the Minority Report.

Quite a bit has occurred since the 129th Legislature adjourned sine die in March of last year. Departments and agencies within State Government have been busy serving various constituencies throughout the State. There have been many ways in which our State has had to amend its rules in order to conduct ordinary business in these extraordinary times. In ordinary times, the overwhelming majority of routine technical changes still occur with sufficient legislative oversight that includes input from legislators, stakeholders and the public. In ordinary times, these changes are minor tweaks in order to conduct ordinary business. However, we are no longer living in ordinary times. State Government has had to make changes to rules in order to operate in these extraordinary times.

I firmly believe that it is completely appropriate and good government to take a look at the changes that have occurred, then each joint standing committee can transparently view, amend, affirm, and/or carve out what is appropriate only during emergencies and/or reject the changes that have occurred.

There are many changes that we see that may be good for a government in an emergency and a government during normal business. This would allow the committee to debate this and then split what is good for normal business and what is good for emergencies. This would be done in a transparent fashion. This

important process would also allow the public to be involved in the process, which is something our constituents have been requesting for over a year.

Many of our routine technical changes to the rules by actions of the Chief Executive, I surmise, have been necessary in order to conduct emergency and extraordinary business. However, they may be insufficient or unnecessary for normal business and normal government action. It can be tough to find, but the Secretary of State's office keeps and publishes a list of the rule changes by week on their website. The bill would give this Legislature a one-time mechanism to look at this and report out a committee bill to ensure our departments are working in all times and for all people. This bill is to promote transparency, open a dialogue between the committees and their respective departments, include the public, and evaluate rule changes that may have been acceptable during an emergency situation but are not proper for the normal operation of government agencies after the civil state of emergency.

This is not and I repeat, this is not, about partisan rancor whatsoever. This is good government housekeeping that understands that the Secretary of State's list is not sufficient for this one time due to the massive changes on how government has operated. That's why I hope we strike down this Minority Report and pass the Majority Report. Thank you.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in opposition to the report before us. When we heard this bill in State and Local, it just seemed like commonsense and it was designed to bring transparency and accountability without pointing the finger at anyone. It's a good government bill that simply directs departments to come before each of our committees and answer for the rules that they have put forward since last March going through this November. And that's a reasonable request because while we can go online and look stuff up, I'm sure I'm not alone in being the only one who has found it challenging to go online and simply find our committee Zoom link. So, with that in mind, I think it's really important once we're out of the woods with the COVID situation that we do have these one-time meetings in our committees and have folks from the various departments come in and explain and see what maybe we could do better going forward or do differently going forward.

I think it's critical; that's how a healthy democracy, how a healthy republic, how a healthy legislature works, and I think it's critical that we do that. And, before I close, I would ask that the Clerk read the report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from St. George, Representative Matlack.

Representative **MATLACK**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bill is redundant. The Secretary of State is currently statutorily required by the Maine Administrative Procedures Act to provide a report on rulemaking by state agencies by February 1st of each year. The Secretary of State's report lists all rules adopted by each agency during the previous calendar year. This report includes the statutory authority for the rule, the principal reason for the rule, a written statement explaining the basis for the rule, whether the rule is routine technical or major substantive, if the rule was adopted as an emergency, and the fiscal impact of the rule. This report can be accessed on the Secretary of State's website as an Excel spreadsheet and a Word document. This bill would elicit no new

information from state agencies and I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 40

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenhus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Bickford, Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, MartinT, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 80; No, 63; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf"

(H.P. 1216) (L.D. 1632)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

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 Create the Maine Generation Authority"
(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1634)

Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and
Representatives: BLUME of York, CUDDY of Winterport,
Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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 Make Minor Changes and Corrections
to Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental
Protection"

(H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1635)

Sponsored by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.
Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection
pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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.

Bill "An Act To Require Responsible Contracting Practices
for Public Construction Projects"

(H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1633)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of
Biddeford, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of
Portland, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Transition State and Local Motor Vehicle
Fleets to 100 Percent Zero-emission Vehicles"

(S.P. 456) (L.D. 1579)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Moratorium on Offshore Wind
Power Projects in Maine's Territorial Waters" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 512) (L.D. 1619)

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 Enact the Maine Psilocybin Services Act"
(S.P. 496) (L.D. 1582)

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 Make Donated Medicines Available to
Maine Patients at an Affordable Cost"

(S.P. 508) (L.D. 1584)

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

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Bill was
REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, in **NON-
CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish and Fund a Medical Professionals
Health Program from Health Care Provider License Fees

(S.P. 438) (L.D. 1576)

Bill "An Act To Promote Individual Retirement Savings
through a Public-Private Partnership"

(S.P. 515) (L.D. 1622)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership
Organizations from Insurance Requirements"

(S.P. 518) (L.D. 1628)

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.

Bill "An Act To Require Police To Enforce Court-ordered
Child Custody Agreements"

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1577)

Bill "An Act To Permit Remote Access for Public
Proceedings"

(S.P. 451) (L.D. 1578)

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

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

Resolve, To Place a Temporary Moratorium on the
Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates and
Initiate a Registration Plate Working Group (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 511) (L.D. 1618)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Support Maine Theaters by Expanding Eligibility for Off-premises Catering Licenses" (S.P. 513) (L.D. 1620)

Bill "An Act To Reform Payments to Legislators by Political Action Committees" (S.P. 514) (L.D. 1621)

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**.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 357) (L.D. 494) Bill "An Act To Change the Compensation Structure of the Maine Labor Relations Board and the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**

(H.P. 512) (L.D. 700) Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation through Investment in State Parks" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-100)**

(H.P. 533) (L.D. 722) Resolve, To Study the Establishment of the Maine Climate Corps Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)**

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)** on Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates

(H.P. 427) (L.D. 584)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport

GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representative:

BRYANT of Windham

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 63) (L.D. 128) Bill "An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation To Enter into Agreements with the United States Department of Transportation" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 231) (L.D. 594) Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Submit to the United States Secretary of Labor a Plan for a Self-employment Assistance Program Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 67) (L.D. 797) Bill "An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 71) (L.D. 799) Bill "An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 346) (L.D. 1078) Bill "An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 371) (L.D. 1109) Bill "An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 36) (L.D. 28) Bill "An Act To Create an Alert System To Notify the Public When a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability Is Missing" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-43)**

(S.P. 42) (L.D. 34) Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)**

(S.P. 79) (L.D. 191) Bill "An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-47)**

(S.P. 90) (L.D. 201) Bill "An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Weatherization in the Buildings Sector by Extending the Sunset Date for the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-56)**

(S.P. 135) (L.D. 309) Bill "An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Licensed Maine Guide To Hunt Big Game" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-50)**

(S.P. 168) (L.D. 380) Bill "An Act To Change the Statutory Cap on Virtual Public Charter School Enrollment" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)**

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 485) Bill "An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)**

(S.P. 192) (L.D. 486) Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey Certain Land in Township 12, Range 13 WELS in Exchange for Other Land in Township 11, Range 10 WELS Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-54)**

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 523) Bill "An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)**

(S.P. 216) (L.D. 529) Bill "An Act To Restore the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-52)**

(S.P. 226) (L.D. 538) Bill "An Act To Exempt Trailers Sold to Out-of-state Entities from Sales and Use Tax" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)**

(S.P. 239) (L.D. 600) Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)**

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

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

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

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

(H.P. 387) (L.D. 542) Bill "An Act To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)**

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

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)** and sent for concurrence.

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

(H.P. 583) (L.D. 778) Bill "An Act To Enable Electronic Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect for Certain Mandated Reporters" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 588) (L.D. 783) Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 371) (L.D. 508) Bill "An Act To Improve Regulation of Door-to-door Marketing of Retail Energy Supply" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-106)**

(H.P. 374) (L.D. 511) Bill "An Act To Require Telephone Service Providers To Provide at No Cost to Customers Services Designed To Reduce the Number of So-called Robocalls and Automatically Dialed Telephone Calls" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-107)**

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Change of Committee

Representative HARNETT from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 869)
Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-103)** on Bill "An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers"

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 52)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **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: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 41

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett,

Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Bickford, Cebra, Grignon, Lyford, Perkins, Stetkis, Wadsworth.

Yes, 86; No, 58; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

86 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-103)** 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-103)** and sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1220)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2021 AS NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS

WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the federal Department of Justice, in some tribal communities Native American women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recently available data from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2015 homicide ranged from the 2nd to the 7th leading cause of death for Native American and Alaska Native females between 1 and 39 years of age and remained a leading cause of death for most Native American and Alaska Native females between 40 and 64 years of age; and

WHEREAS, little data exists on the number of missing Native American and Alaska Native women and girls in the United States; and

WHEREAS, challenges in collecting and tracking data prevent a full understanding of the scope of the crisis of missing and murdered native women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed "Savanna's Act," directing the federal Department of Justice to review, revise and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address missing or murdered Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, over 175 tribal, state, regional and national organizations have joined with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center in support of the resolution to create a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Wabanaki tribes continue to positively develop their relationship; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was first recognized by the members of the Legislature in 2019; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this

opportunity to recognize May 5, 2021 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls and to recognize the importance of changes to address the crisis and to increase safety for Native American and Alaska Native women and girls.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative COLLINGS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1221) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland and Representatives: COREY of Windham, FECTEAU of Augusta, SALISBURY of Westbrook, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923**

WHEREAS, from April 24, 1915 to 1923, a campaign was launched by the Turkish regime of the Ottoman Empire against the Armenian people; and

WHEREAS, this campaign was an attempt to annihilate the entire Armenian people and resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million Armenians; and

WHEREAS, many of the survivors settled in the State of Maine and their heirs have made significant contributions to the State over the last 106 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to join our citizens of Armenian heritage in remembering the 106th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and to express our deepest sympathy to the families of those who perished; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we commemorate April 24, 2021 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide and in honor of the survivors and their descendants and urge all citizens of the State to join in this solemn remembrance.

READ.

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

Representative **COLLINGS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you for taking a moment to honor the Armenian people in Maine and around the world in light of our President on the 24th of April, the U.S. Holocaust Museum, cities and other states joining in for this solemn occasion. Here in Maine, I want to say we have in the Portland area and other parts of the State, we have a good size Armenian population. Maine was one of the earlier states that welcomed Armenians here in the first and second wave of immigration.

For those who may not know all of the history, it just was repeated very briefly by the Clerk, but up to about one and a half million or more people died, Armenians and other religious minorities were also killed at this time, and I think it's important that anytime we can, we remember our history and speak out against genocide and other atrocities. For those reasons and in spirit with what's happening around the world in honor of April 24th commemorating the Armenian genocide, I just wanted to say those words and hope that we always as a Body here stand against violence and hatred. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED.**

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1087) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COREY of Windham, DUNPHY of Old Town, O'NEIL of Saco, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
ALL MAINE YOUTH OUTDOORS**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts have tremendously strained the mental health and well-being of Maine's youth and our education system, and, in response, schools have overcome challenges related to training, curriculum, space, funding, gear access, transportation and more in order to use exploring and learning outdoors to face these unprecedented physical, social and emotional challenges; and

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Maine youth were spending less time outdoors exploring, discovering and building connections to Maine's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that learning in an outdoor setting improves academic performance, increases motivation to learn and engage and increases student connection to natural resources and the community; and

WHEREAS, outdoor learning and leadership development open career opportunities in Maine's heritage natural resource, outdoor recreation and tourism industries; and

WHEREAS, the future decisions affecting the quality, quantity and use of the State's natural resources will lie in the hands of today's youth, who must understand natural systems and the interrelationships between natural and human-built systems in order to make informed decisions and take actions that will maintain a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, when the benefits of outdoor experiences are made available to all youth, stronger connections and healthier communities are built and all citizens benefit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commend Maine teachers, administrators and school districts for their innovation in using outdoor settings to increase safety for youth and staff and to meet youth physical and mental health needs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we support opportunities for all Maine youth to enjoy time outdoors to explore and to learn about and build connections to our State's natural resources, which will provide for health and well-being and will build stronger, healthier communities through upholding Maine's deep history of connection to the outdoors.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1211) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: COREY of Windham, KESSLER of South Portland, MORALES of South Portland, SUPICA of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE STRUGGLE OF MAINE RESIDENTS WITH HOUSING COSTS AND THE INADEQUACY OF HOUSING STOCK

WHEREAS, the writers of the Constitution of Maine articulated the natural rights of all Maine people as including rights of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness as well as acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and

WHEREAS, the median home price in the State has increased by 55% in the last decade due to short supply and high demand; and

WHEREAS, for 5 consecutive years, a majority of Maine households have been unable to afford the median home sale price; and

WHEREAS, for 20 consecutive years, a majority of Maine renter households have been unable to afford the median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment; and

WHEREAS, over 30,000 citizens of the State are on waiting lists to gain access to 14,000 affordable housing units in the State and only 250 new units are created each year; and

WHEREAS, 26,000 households in the State are on the Centralized Housing Choice Voucher waiting list and the wait times for those subsidies can last for years; and

WHEREAS, nearly one out of 5 homes in the State are considered vacant according to the United States Census Bureau, the highest percentage of vacant homes of any state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, hospitals are unable to discharge patients due to a lack of supportive and affordable housing placements, causing far greater expense than the cost of providing such housing; and

WHEREAS, prisons and jails are unable to discharge people into supportive, affordable housing, contributing to recidivism and causing far greater hardship and expense than the cost of providing such housing; and

WHEREAS, businesses throughout the State are experiencing difficulty recruiting and retaining workers due to the high cost and lack of available housing; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee recommends the development of robust housing policies and programs that enable Maine people to live and raise their families near their work; and

WHEREAS, this shortage of affordable housing exists in every part of the State and has a direct impact on the health and welfare of Maine people; and

WHEREAS, our ability to build a strong, prosperous State that provides opportunity for every resident is threatened by our residents' lack of access to affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize that the majority of Maine households are struggling to afford housing costs, that the current supply and condition of the State's housing stock are inadequate to meet the basic needs of the State's citizens and that action must be taken to address these issues.

READ.

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

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to express my gratitude to the legislative housing working group, who for the past six months have been dedicated to working with community service providers, persons with lived experience with homelessness and housing insecurity, housing experts and advocates to understand the many facets of the housing crisis in Maine and to design short and long-term solutions.

The body of work falls into three general categories; emergency shelter and transitional housing support for the 5,500 Maine people experiencing homelessness today, and the 21,000 Maine people who are at risk of homelessness. The second body of work is housing stability. Housing assistance for rent and mortgages, support for landlords for repairs and eviction and discrimination prevention for the 141,700 Maine people living in poverty today. And opportunity and growth, with the goal to increase the construction of affordable housing for renters and homeowners including working closely with municipalities to align land use policies with this goal.

We have learned a great deal so far and we will continue to listen to the community and work together to find the best solutions for Maine people. The Joint Resolution before us today reflects that commitment and I respectfully ask for your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I hope you'll indulge me for a few minutes in learning a little bit more about my housing story.

I've been a resident of South Portland now for going on 14 years and back in 2015, I was renting an apartment with my wife and two children and dog, 750 square feet. We made it work because it's what we could afford and then it was in a location where we could walk to the basic things that we needed because we're a one-car family. And one day I had gotten a notice to quit from my landlord. It was the time where the real estate market was really starting to get pretty hot and they could certainly fetch a lot more for rent than what we could afford. So, we had found ourselves having to find a new place to live.

Now, South Portland is more of a home than any other place I've lived in my life and I have built many great relationships with people in the community and invested a lot of sweat equity in South Portland and I love the place. But as we began looking for apartments, we found that really all that was available was at least \$500 a month more than what we could afford and there was just nothing there available at the time. So, we had to extend our search outward and had to start looking in Westbrook and Brunswick and really, that was at the point where my oldest daughter was about to start kindergarten and starting in that new chapter of life in the community. It was earth-shaking knowing that we were on the verge of having to leave the community that we have loved and invested so much in. And if it wasn't for building those community connections and a stroke of luck, we wouldn't've found a little place that was up the road at the very last minute.

But that feeling of housing insecurity is what drove me to be more of an activist to advocate for renters and to advocate for more affordable housing and that very experience really is at the root of why I am a state representative today. I would not have run if it wasn't for that experience that I had.

So, I would like for you, Mr. Speaker, and the rest of the Body here to really look at those words in this Joint Resolution

and as we are considering the nearly four dozen bills that really substantially address the housing crisis that we make it our top priority and really, to understand that it's going to require a major investment and that we really should be looking at housing as core infrastructure for guaranteeing the health and safety of the people of Maine. So, thank you for your time and indulging me in explaining a little bit more about my housing story. Thank you very much.

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

Representative **LOOKNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in favor of the motion and this resolution.

In 2017 in Portland, 40 of our neighbors experiencing homelessness perished from preventable causes. In that same year, just to compare, about 400 people in the United Kingdom perished who were also experiencing homelessness. The city of Portland is 67,000, the United Kingdom is 67 million people, so, roughly a 100 times more people died in our city of Portland than in the entire United Kingdom as a rate. So, I think that's just to demonstrate the failure of how we're not providing for our neediest neighbors.

So, in 2020, during the pandemic, when we were doing our best to keep people housed, we saw 60 people in Portland die who were experiencing homelessness. That's not to take any, you know, talk about the opioid epidemic, this is independent of that, but on top of that, you know, there's not a person in this Legislature who hasn't been affected by the opioid epidemic, hasn't known somebody who's overdosed. I've known dozens, and that's not hyperbole. And, you know, all the data shows that if we're going to help people in recovery, we need to provide housing. So, in the words of the late Jesse Harvey, a prominent activist, he said people who use drugs don't deserve to die. Well, if we're serious about that, then we're going to provide housing and get serious about this crisis.

You know, I want to say it's not just people who are really down and out who are having a hard time in this housing market. I know one couple who's experienced, or they're about to have a baby, they've been looking for a house since January and they bid in cash over \$300,000 on a number of places and they've been turned down by 14 different; they made 14 different bids and they've lost every single one and they're about to have a baby. They've been looking since January.

So, these are people, you know, there was an article also today in the Portland Press Herald about how restaurant workers and vital workers who are, you know, so central to our economy and the tourism industry, they can't afford to live, you know, places are having a hard time finding workers in and around Portland in these industries and that's because, in large part, they can't afford a place to live. You know, so, this is not just about the most destitute, the most down and out; this is about regular everyday working people who are contributing to our economy and struggling.

You know, but there are people, like I know one lady, I was volunteering at Prebble Street Resource Center a couple years ago and this lady was in her 60s from another southern Maine city. Her husband had died who was a veteran and she wasn't able to access that benefit from the VA anymore and her landlord increased her rent by \$500 from one year to the next and she found herself without a house. She was staying at the Oxford Street Shelter. I don't know what happened to her, I have no idea how she's fared through the pandemic, but, you know, we can do people better. I think it's time to recognize that this is a crisis in the State of Maine and it benefits us all to get real about it, so, let's declare it a crisis. Thank you for hearing me.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative ZAGER of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1215)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS ORGAN DONATION MONTH

WHEREAS, there are more than 108,000 Americans, with more than 6,000 in New England, who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

WHEREAS, we can all help save up to 8 people's lives and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Maine Organ Donor Registry when we apply for, or renew, our driver's licenses or by registering online at the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles website; and

WHEREAS, 99% of all people in Maine who register to become a donor do so at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles; last year, Maine met the national goal of signing up 50% of our driving population to register as donors and we are dedicated to increasing that percentage and making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through our Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Maine surgeons, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals provide life-saving organ transplant services to the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to donate life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2021 as Organ Donation Month and encourage all citizens of the State to register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver's licenses, identification cards or REAL ID cards.

READ.

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

Representative **ZAGER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Joint Resolution recognizes April 2021 as Organ Donation Month.

Teams of Maine health professionals reverently and professionally offer lifesaving transplant services but it's through generous anatomic donations that it's all possible.

Earlier this month in Portland, Secretary of State Bellows and Mayor Snyder paid tribute to organ donors and called attention to the fact that 99% of donor registrants do so at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. We all can answer the call. I ask every Members of this august house to review this Joint Resolution and spread the word about the very real and tangible way every Maine driver can help save lives and join me as an organ donor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because part of my work as a neurologist involved examining for and documenting brain death in people, patients, I had the honor to watch the caring, professionalism, and skill of the teams who carried out the decision of the organ and tissue donors and their families. I witnessed the lifesaving of those donated organs, too.

In recognition of April 2021 as Organ Donation Month, I also encourage all citizens of the State to register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver's licenses, identification cards, or Real ID cards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. March 3rd of this year, 2021, was the anniversary, the one-year anniversary of my husband's donation of a kidney to a neighbor of ours. And I don't really want to talk about my husband because he did a wonderful thing but the real amazing thing is the response of the recipient. He has gone from being a very ill man to one who is able to work every day, to play with his family and his dog, and someone who expects to be around for quite a few more years whereas before it was really a day-to-day existence. Organ donation is a wonderful thing, recipients are enormously grateful, it's a gift of life.

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend the Maine Bicentennial Commission and the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021 (S.P. 138) (L.D. 312) (C. "A" S-28)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 107 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation (S.P. 484) (L.D. 1507) (C. "A" S-60)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 6 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils (S.P. 86) (L.D. 198) (C. "A" S-36)

An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate (S.P. 115) (L.D. 266) (C. "A" S-30)

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, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

(S.P. 116) (L.D. 267) (C. "A" S-29)

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1038)

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April 5, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 5, 2021, 40 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 5, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems (H.P. 998) (L.D. 1364) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representative: WARREN of Hallowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Keep All Maine Students Safe by Restricting the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools" (H.P. 1007) (L.D. 1373) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Lifetime Substitute Teacher Certification for Established and Successful Educators" (H.P. 1013) (L.D. 1379) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Limit Homework in Public Schools" (H.P. 1017) (L.D. 1383) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine" (H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1389) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Educational Expertise and Knowledge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System" (H.P. 1025) (L.D. 1391) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: OSHER of Orono, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect a Parent's and Guardian's Right to Educational Information Regarding a Juvenile Student" (H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1393) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Create a Grant Program To Promote Innovation in Municipal Carbon Reduction Initiatives" (H.P. 1001) (L.D. 1367) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLUME of York, BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide for Timely Placement with Respect to Violent Patients in Hospital Emergency Rooms" (H.P. 1019) (L.D. 1385) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1386) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HYMANSON of York, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Require Testing of Public Drinking Water Supplies for Toxic Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and To Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels" (H.P. 1022) (L.D. 1388) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, PARRY of Arundel, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations" (H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1392) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Maximize Health Care Coverage for the Uninsured through Easy Enrollment in the MaineCare Program or in a Qualified Health Plan in the Marketplace" (H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1390) (Sponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, HYMANSON of York, ZAGER of Portland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws" (H.P. 1010) (L.D. 1376) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Require Due Process in Asset Seizure" (H.P. 1002) (L.D. 1368) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Time Period for Filing a Complaint under the Maine Human Rights Act for Discrimination Based on an Alleged Sexual Act, Sexual Contact or Sexual Touching" (H.P. 1008) (L.D. 1374) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities" (H.P. 1012) (L.D. 1378) (Sponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington)

Bill "An Act To Increase Protections for Option Contracts for the Purchase of Real Property or Rent-to-own Real Property" (H.P. 1014) (L.D. 1380) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Provide for Remote Notarization" (H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1399) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1401) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Businesses, Nonprofits, Educational Institutions and Municipalities during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1403) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Create a Commission To Develop a Comprehensive Rental Registry for Multifamily Housing" (H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1397) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, SACHS of Freeport, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Remove a Requirement Regarding Payment of Union Fees" (H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1402) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals" (H.P. 999) (L.D. 1365) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Require a Majority Vote of the Legislature for Maine To Join Any Multistate Compact" (H.P. 1000) (L.D. 1366) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act To Remove the Provision of Law Allowing a Legislator Who Resigns from Service as a Town Assessor To Continue To Serve Concurrently as a Selectman and as a Legislator" (H.P. 1021) (L.D. 1387) (Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Legislators from Legislating While Intoxicated" (H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1394) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide Stimulus for Economic Recovery by Enacting a 5 Percent Flat Income Tax" (H.P. 1003) (L.D. 1369) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Gold and Silver Transactions from State Sales and Use Tax" (H.P. 1005) (L.D. 1371) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Holiday To Help Maine Businesses Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 1015) (L.D. 1381) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, LIBBY of Auburn, MILLETT of Waterford)

Bill "An Act To Invest in Maine's Roads and Bridges" (H.P. 1016) (L.D. 1382) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Suspend Meals and Lodging Taxes until 12 Months after the COVID-19 Civil Emergency" (H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1395) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Establish Trail until Rail Corridors" (H.P. 1004) (L.D. 1370) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RIELLY of Westbrook, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Collect Data To Assess the Need and Plan for Noise Abatement by the Maine Turnpike Authority" (H.P. 1006) (L.D. 1372) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, HYMANSON of York, O'NEIL of Saco, ROCHE of Wells, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, RAFFERTY of York)

Resolve, To Ensure Proper Funding for Recreational Trails and Transportation Alternatives (H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1396) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COREY of Windham, LANDRY of Farmington, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Calais, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Change Driver's License Requirements for Obstructive Sleep Apnea" (H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1398) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Protect Towing Operators Providing Emergency Assistance by Allowing the Use of a Flashing Red Light" (H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1400) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Permit Online Absentee Voting" (H.P. 1009) (L.D. 1375) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure and the Filing of Statements of Sources of Income" (H.P. 1011) (L.D. 1377) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Bill "An Act To Adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact" (H.P. 1018) (L.D. 1384) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1088)

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April 8, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 8, 2021, 48 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 8, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters" (H.P. 1056) (L.D. 1440) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CUDDY of Winterport, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits" (H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1446) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MATLACK of St. George, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Require Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and To Establish Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates" (H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1447) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms" (H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1454) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, BELL of Yarmouth, DOUDERA of Camden, HARNETT of Gardiner, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Equitable Funding of Education Chosen by Maine Families" (H.P. 1042) (L.D. 1426) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SAMPSON of Alfred, STANLEY of Medway)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Cyberbullying of School Employees by Students" (H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1444) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Provide for Education Funding Reform for More Equitable State Support to Communities" (H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1449) (Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act To Align the Expulsion Process with School Disciplinary Policies" (H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1451) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Veterans' Organizations To Be Billed for Electricity Usage at the Same Rate as Residential Customers" (H.P. 1047) (L.D. 1431) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Update the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund" (H.P. 1048) (L.D. 1432) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Solicitation of Contracts for Distributed Resources That Use Renewable Energy" (H.P. 1051) (L.D. 1435) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council" (H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1429) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLUME of York, GEIGER of Rockland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RIELLY of Westbrook, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers" (H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1467) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, TUCKER of Brunswick, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRENNER of Cumberland)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Behavioral Health Professionals Providing Services for Children (H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1424) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representative: MADIGAN of Waterville, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Family Care of Aging Adults" (H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1427) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Nasal Naloxone in Community Settings" (H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1428) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORALES of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, TEPLER of Topsham, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Poisoning from Radon, Arsenic and Other Air or Water Pollutants by Expanding Education, Testing and Mitigation Regarding Those Pollutants" (H.P. 1053) (L.D. 1437) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Revise the Department of Health and Human Services Rehabilitation and Reunification Process" (H.P. 1076) (L.D. 1460) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Resolve, To Give Direct Service Providers Hazard Pay and To Pay Additional COVID-19 Pandemic Costs (H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1469) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, STOVER of Boothbay)

Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Providing Inpatient Care to Individuals with Acute Mental Health Care Needs (H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1470) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: WOODSOME of York)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Fairness in Communications from Pharmacy Benefits Managers" (H.P. 1066) (L.D. 1450) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham)

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Dental Hygiene by Authorizing Dental Hygienists To Perform Dental Hygiene Diagnosis" (H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1457) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Make Health Care Coverage More Affordable for Working Families and Small Businesses" (H.P. 1079) (L.D. 1463) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, MATHIESON of Kittery, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Efficiency of Certain Consumer Credit Protection Laws" (H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1466) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Clarify All-terrain Vehicle Registration Requirements and Establish Regular Maintenance of Designated State-approved All-terrain Vehicle Trails" (H.P. 1055) (L.D. 1439) (Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Declare the Natural, Inherent and Unalienable Right of Enjoying Personal Privacy (H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1438) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation" (H.P. 1071) (L.D. 1455) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act Regarding a Post-judgment Motion by a Person Seeking To Satisfy the Prerequisites for Obtaining Special Restrictions on the Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Certain Criminal Convictions" (H.P. 1075) (L.D. 1459) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Occupational Licensing Due to Criminal Records" (H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1465) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Regarding the Waiting Period for Compensation for Incapacity To Work under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992" (H.P. 1046) (L.D. 1430) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect Certain Essential Workers from Infectious Disease" (H.P. 1052) (L.D. 1436) (Sponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer)

Bill "An Act To Protect Small Employers by Prohibiting Municipalities from Adopting Ordinances Regarding Employee Work Benefits Other Than Ordinances Regarding Minimum Wage Rates" (H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1453) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Bill "An Act Relating to Heat Illness Prevention" (H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1461) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Accessibility of Affordable Housing Data" (H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1464) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force" (H.P. 1057) (L.D. 1441) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HANLEY of Pittston, MATLACK of St. George, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use by Ensuring Adequate Funding for Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Programs and by Raising the Tax on Tobacco Products and To Provide Funding To Reduce Disparities in Health Outcomes Based on Certain Factors" (H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1423) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Hallowell, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act Regarding Higher Income Tax Levels" (H.P. 1059) (L.D. 1443) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption" (H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1448) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Expand Incentives To Live and Work in Maine through a Partial Tax Credit for Certain Student Loans" (H.P. 1074) (L.D. 1458) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DODGE of Belfast, KESSLER of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Serve the Public Interest, Promote Journalism and Save Jobs by Restoring the Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Newspapers" (H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1462) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRYANT of Windham, OSHER of Orono, STEARNS of Guilford, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support All-terrain Vehicle Trail Improvement" (H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1468) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representative: MASON of Lisbon, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Transportation

Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery (H.P. 1041) (L.D. 1425) (Sponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1433) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Cosponsored by Representative: PERKINS of Oakland) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Invest in Passenger Rail Expansion" (H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1456) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Controlled Entry Areas within Retail Marijuana Stores" (H.P. 1050) (L.D. 1434) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding Publicly Financed Legislative Candidates in Competitive Primaries" (H.P. 1058) (L.D. 1442) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Require the Testing of Marijuana for Medical Use" (H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1445) (Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Advertising and Marketing of Adult Use Marijuana" (H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1452) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1117)

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 12, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 12, 2021, 22 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 12, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure" (H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1475) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Decriminalize Homelessness" (H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1478) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GERE of Kennebunkport, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LOOKNER of Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Improve Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse" (H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1486) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Sexual Misconduct and Intimate Partner Violence Policies at Institutions of Higher Education" (H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1483) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety (H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1488) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Bill "An Act To Prevent Increased Heating Fuel, Natural Gas, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Pricing in Maine by Prohibiting Adoption of Rules Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (H.P. 1108) (L.D. 1498) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, THORNE of Carmel, WHITE of Mars Hill)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Collaborate with the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Make Recommendations for In-home Rehabilitation Services (H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1477) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, DOUDERA of Camden, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, TEPLER of Topsham, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Seek a Waiver for Additional Medication-assisted Treatment for Certain Persons with Substance Use Disorder up to 30 Days Prior to Their Release from Incarceration (H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1487) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Improve Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions" (H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1490) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Clarify Surprise Billing Restrictions" (H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1481) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students" (H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1474) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HEPLER of Woolwich, MARTIN of Sinclair, ORDWAY of Standish, Senator: DILL of Penobscot)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Maine Economic Growth Council To Create and Share Measures of Progress (H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1476) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, WOOD of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Youth Impact Commission" (H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1497) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HASENFUS of Readfield, RIELLY of Westbrook, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding the Review of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force" (H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1480) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Improve Accountability in Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting" (H.P. 1109) (L.D. 1499) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Update the Classification of Service Employees" (H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1489) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, OSHER of Orono)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners" (H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1482) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Bring Equity to Maine's Tax Law by Adjusting Certain Individual Income Tax Rates" (H.P. 1110) (L.D. 1500) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Traffic Infractions Secondary Offenses" (H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1479) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Modify the Requirements for Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees" (H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1485) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Bill "An Act To Help Veterans Who Are Caregivers of Children with Special Needs and of Family Members To Optimize Their Respite Hours" (H.P. 1105) (L.D. 1495) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Board of Canvassers for Certifying Election Results" (H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1496) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative: POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1118)

**STATE OF MAINE
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April 13, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 13, 2021, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 13, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021 (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1506) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Enhance Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams for Firefighters" (H.P. 1114) (L.D. 1504) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SACHS of Freeport, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify Safety Issues in Schools with Respect to Health-related States of Emergency" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1502) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution" (H.P. 1113) (L.D. 1503) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam" (H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1505) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Protect Oral Health for Children in Maine" (H.P. 1111) (L.D. 1501) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1124)

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April 13, 2021
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:
On April 13, 2021, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 13, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Create the Office of the Education Ombudsman and To Establish a Commission To Study the Creation of a Reporting and Response System To Assist Public Schools in Addressing Incidents of Bias, Discrimination and Harassment" (H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1512) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Gorham, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Finance Distribution Investments at the Lowest Cost to Customers and To Encourage Utility Performance" (H.P. 1119) (L.D. 1511) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences" (H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1513) (Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield)

Bill "An Act To Create a People's Revisor" (H.P. 1123) (L.D. 1515) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide for Fairness in Property Taxation by Assessing a One-time Tax on Financial Assets" (H.P. 1122) (L.D. 1514) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1140)

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April 15, 2021
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:
On April 15, 2021, 15 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 15, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen University of Maine System Workforce Education and Innovation" (H.P. 1130) (L.D. 1526) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture" (H.P. 1125) (L.D. 1521) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FECTEAU of Augusta, LIBBY of Auburn, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Air Quality by Strengthening Requirements for Air Emissions Licensing" (H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1532) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine" (H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1523) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, SACHS of Freeport, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Certain Home-based Services (H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1528) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Allow Green Death Care Practices by Alkaline Hydrolysis and Natural Organic Reduction" (H.P. 1139) (L.D. 1535) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Affordable Behavioral Health Services to Individuals under 26 Years of Age" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1135) (L.D. 1531) (Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, PERRY of Calais, QUINT of Hodgdon, SACHS of Freeport, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Amend the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program" (H.P. 1137) (L.D. 1533) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SYLVESTER of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Judiciary

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create a Right to Privacy (H.P. 1133) (L.D. 1529) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Aldermen, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor" (H.P. 1126) (L.D. 1522) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Allow People To Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling" (H.P. 1134) (L.D. 1530) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax" (H.P. 1128) (L.D. 1524) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax Plastic Bags Required by a Municipal Solid Waste Management Program" (H.P. 1129) (L.D. 1525) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Preserve and Protect the State's Rail Corridors" (H.P. 1138) (L.D. 1534) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State" (H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1527) (Sponsored by Representative ROCHE of Wells) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, CROCKETT of Portland, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STEARNS of Guilford, Senators: LUCHINI of Hancock, WOODSOME of York)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: (H.P. 1161)

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April 20, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 20, 2021, 20 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 20, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Forest Advisory Board" (H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1549) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Provide Reentry Services to Persons Reentering the Community after Incarceration" (H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1552) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Repeal and Replace the Kittery Water District Charter" (H.P. 1147) (L.D. 1542) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act To Provide Climate Change Transition Assistance for Maine's Energy-intensive Businesses" (H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1554) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MARTIN of Sinclair, PAULHUS of Bath, Senator: DILL of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Fund Broadband Internet Infrastructure for Marginalized Groups in the State" (H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1555) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESSLER of South Portland, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reduce Hunger and Use Food Scraps in Farming and Energy Production" (H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1540) (Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, BLUME of York, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, OSHER of Orono, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money" (H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1541) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, KESSLER of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, SKOLFIELD of Weld, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reductions Associated with Significant Development Projects" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1545) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LANDRY of Farmington, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve and Modernize Home-based Care" (H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1543) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAY of Raymond, HYMANSON of York, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Promote Intergovernmental Coordination Regarding Age-friendly State Initiatives" (H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1547) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: SHEEHAN of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay, TUELL of East Machias, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Alleviate the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Public Health Outcomes" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1548) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products" (H.P. 1155) (L.D. 1550) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PIERCE of Falmouth, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment" (H.P. 1158) (L.D. 1553) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care" (H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1539) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Credit and Debit Card Merchant Fees" (H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1544) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, ROEDER of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Ban the Sale of Cosmetics That Have Been Tested on Animals" (H.P. 1156) (L.D. 1551) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HEPLER of Woolwich, MEYER of Eliot, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of People Who Are LGBTQ in Maine" (H.P. 1143) (L.D. 1538) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Prevent Homelessness by Establishing the Rental Relief Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority" (H.P. 1151) (L.D. 1546) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda" (H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1536) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Restore Funding to the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery" (H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1537) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1173)

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April 23, 2021
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:
On April 23, 2021, 11 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 23, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy" (H.P. 1162) (L.D. 1565) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, MAXMIN of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Equitably Fund Maine's Climate Change Mitigation Efforts" (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1567) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)
Resolve, To Analyze the Impact of Sea Level Rise (H.P. 1169) (L.D. 1572) (Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents" (H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1570) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1573) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Support for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism with High Behavioral Need" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1574) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Administer a Fund for Live Entertainment Venue, Performer and Worker and Public Art Recovery Grants (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1163) (L.D. 1566) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, LANDRY of Farmington, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act" (H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1568) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, RECKITT of South Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Unemployment Insurance System To Better Serve Maine Workers" (H.P. 1168) (L.D. 1571) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, GERE of Kennebunkport, HEPLER of Woolwich, McDONALD of Stonington, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Regarding an Excise Tax on Water Extracted for Commercial Bottling" (H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1569) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, RISEMAN of Harrison, WOOD of Portland, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Election Laws" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1575) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, PIERCE of Falmouth, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, WOOD of Portland, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.
Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 135)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

April 7, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Senator Jeff Timberlake to the Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 145)

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

April 28, 2021

Dear Members of the 130th Legislature,

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, the President of the Senate and I directed the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to conduct a poll, pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Article 4, Part Third, Section 1, to see if membership was in favor of returning for a special session.

The results were that a majority of each political party were in favor of reconvening for a special session. Therefore, the House and Senate will convene on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 for the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 136)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066
Letter of Transmittal**

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Janet T. Mills

Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The audit was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of Federal

financial assistance. During fiscal year 2020, \$4.6 billion in Federal financial assistance was expended by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit. Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2020 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap

State Auditor

March 31, 2021

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 137)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
82 STATE HOUSE STATION, ROOM 107 CROSS BUILDING
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0082**

March 18, 2021

The Honorable Nathan Libby, Senate Chair

The Honorable Genevieve McDonald, House Chair

Members of the Government Oversight Committee

82 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate

Members of the 130th Maine Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House

Members of the 130th Maine House of Representatives

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995(4), I respectfully submit the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as an independent, non-partisan resource is meant to support the important role of legislative oversight and to help improve the performance of State government. The staff of OPEGA and I continue to be committed to serving Maine's legislators and citizens as a trusted source of objective, credible information.

Sincerely,
S/Lucia A. Nixon
Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 138)

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

April 28, 2021
Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Dunphy of Old Town, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 165 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Necessary Maintenance and Upgrades for State Parks and Historic Sites

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Tucker of Brunswick, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 87 An Act To Implement the State Climate Action Plan, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Enhance Maine's Economy

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative McDonald of Stonington, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 502 An Act To Broaden the Definition of 'Working Waterfront' with Respect to Land Use Planning

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Crockett of Portland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 134 An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Award under the Maine State Grant Program

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has approved the request by the sponsor, Speaker Fecteau of Biddeford, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 1304 An Act To Create the Career and Technical Education Workforce Fund

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 139)

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

April 28, 2021
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 under Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, Governor Janet T. Mills has withdrawn the following nomination:

April 16, 2021

Michael W. Bennett of Hampden to the State Workforce Board at the request of the nominee.

This nomination was pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 140)

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
78 EXCHANGE STREET
BANGOR, MAINE 04401**

TO: Hon. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
Hon. Darek M. Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Hon. Robert B. Hunt, Clerk of the House

FROM: Acting Chief Justice Andrew M. Mead

RE: 2021 State of the Judiciary Address

DATE: March 10, 2021

Thank you for your kind invitation of February 25, 2021 to deliver the 2021 State of the Judiciary Address to the members of the 130th Maine Legislature.

I accept with pleasure, and am honored to submit my State of the Judiciary Address both in hardcopy print and video versions.

The video can be accessed at the following internet address:

<https://vimeo.com/521512581/e63c061def>

I am grateful for the opportunity to briefly outline some of the many initiatives and innovations that have taken place within the Judicial Branch as we endeavor to maximize our judicial resources during this terrible pandemic. If you or any member of the Legislature would like additional information or details, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you for the important work you and your colleagues are undertaking on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

Sincerely,
S/Hon. Andrew M. Mead
Acting Chief Justice; Senior Associate Justice
Maine Supreme Judicial Court

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 141)

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

April 12, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy, I respectfully submit the 2021 State of the Academy. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the State of the Academy was pre-recorded. The link is available here: <https://bit.ly/3rWd0Yj>.

I am very pleased to tell you that at the present time, Maine Maritime Academy is in a strong and vibrant position despite the challenges of dealing with a global pandemic. We are fully operational, we have been open for business, offering in-person instruction this semester as we were last semester, and we are fully prepared to be fully operational in the upcoming fall semester. Our applications are robust and we look forward to families recognizing that the pandemic has taken a turn, that they can see glimmers of hope in the future and that college-bound high school students are making final arrangements to begin their college careers.

On the outcome side, our job placement rate continues to be exceptional. We are able to consistently place more than 90% of our graduates in jobs within their career fields within 90 days of graduation. That is a major advantage that comes with a diploma from MMA, and it adds substantial value for our students and their families who are investing in an MMA education.

Our spring semester will come to a close this week, we have already conducted our commencement and our training ship will depart for the sea-semester next week. I thank you and the 130th Maine State Legislature for your interest in and ongoing support of the Maine Maritime Academy and I stand ready to respond to any question you or your colleagues may have.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. William J. Brennan

President

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 142)

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
15 ESTABROOKE DRIVE
ORONO, MAINE 04469**

April 5, 2021

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you for inviting me to provide the Legislature and people of Maine a biannual report on the state of our public universities. While I know we all look forward to the day a report like this can

again be safely delivered in-person in the House Chamber, I am pleased to provide you a link to my recorded video address and its transcript, which can be found at www.maine.edu/sotu. I was honored to be joined in my address by University of Maine/University of Maine at Machias President and University of Maine System Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Joan Ferrini-Mundy and University of Maine School of Law Dean Leigh Saufley, as well as University of Southern Maine nursing student Monique Belisle of Winslow.

As I report in my address, we have come through a year of global pandemic that posed the greatest challenge to higher education in the last century. I'm proud to say that the success of Maine's public universities to-date has exceeded every expectation. What's more, we did it while implementing an innovative national model for unified accreditation to help our universities share resources and work together in new ways, which in turn helped to inspire one of the ten largest philanthropic gifts ever to public higher education in our county's history. At the same time, our operating budgets are severally strained due to \$100 million in pandemic-related expenses and lost revenue, and our university infrastructure is among the nation's oldest, burdened by imminent need and a deferred maintenance backlog that together exceed \$1 billion.

Looking forward - as we are always doing - we will be relentless in the pursuit of making the life-changing benefits of public higher education available to every Mainer. No one can be left behind if Maine is to move forward. We hope you will join us and that you will take the time to view my address at www.maine.edu/sotu.

With continued appreciation for our partnership with the Legislature,

Sincerely,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor

University of Maine System

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 143)

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

323 STATE STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131

April 12, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System, I respectfully submit the 2021 State of the Colleges.

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the State of the Colleges was pre-recorded. The link is available here: <http://bit.ly/StateofHigherEd2021>

During this challenging time, the people who make up Maine's community colleges have done an extraordinary job in serving our students, supporting state agencies, and assisting the state's employers and workers. We donated PPE and opened our dorms to first responders. Our COVID-19 safety badging initiative alone has made life a little safer for untold Mainers and visitors, and helped stabilize some of our key industries.

We remained focused on the success of our students, delivering hands-on training where needed, adding new learning platforms for remote students, guaranteeing technology and tech support to all students, and adjusting student supports so there was tutoring and counseling available online - and food pantry deliveries at the curb.

The good work of the community colleges in the last year has brought into focus the critical role our colleges play in their communities, in our students' lives and in providing the state with graduates armed with the skills they need to step into the modern economy, even as it shifts under our feet.

We are not done yet. We look forward to your support as we move toward ambitious, strategic goals, together.

Sincerely,
S/David Daigler
President

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 144)

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

April 28, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. 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.":

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

L.D. 728 Resolve, Directing State Agencies That Maintain Public Lands for Recreation To Make Certain Information Readily Accessible to the General Public

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

L.D. 13 An Act To Coordinate the Delivery of Individuals Committed to the Department of Corrections

L.D. 439 An Act To Amend the Provisions Concerning the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 444 An Act To Create Parity between Department of Education Recommendations and Maine Principals' Association Guidelines for Sports

L.D. 707 An Act To Promote Student Health by Requiring School Administrative Units To Offer Extracurricular Sports as a Requirement of Receiving State Education Funds

L.D. 779 An Act To Extend the Time Allowed for Selling, Distributing and Displaying the State of Maine Bicentennial Commemorative License Plate and To Allow the Maine Bicentennial Commission To Continue To Serve in 2021 (EMERGENCY)

Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 618 An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons

L.D. 743 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Species

L.D. 809 An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine

Health and Human Services

L.D. 48 Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness

L.D. 503 Resolve, To Help Children in Therapeutic Foster Care Move toward Adoption

L.D. 652 An Act To Include an Emergency Reimbursement Rate Review Process in Rate Setting by the Department of Health and Human Services

L.D. 760 An Act To Clarify the Disclosure of Records under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

L.D. 762 An Act To Clarify the Response to Truancy under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

L.D. 888 An Act To Ensure Ongoing Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

L.D. 934 An Act To Create a Family and Juvenile Mediation Program within the Department of Health and Human Services

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 295 An Act To Repeal Restrictions That Prohibit Certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from Providing Essential Health Care Services

L.D. 599 An Act To Require Coverage for Certain Ultrasound Exams

L.D. 617 An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs

L.D. 694 An Act Concerning Business Interruption Insurance (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 713 An Act To Allow the Purchase of Health Insurance across State Lines

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 544 An Act To Eliminate Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

L.D. 862 An Act To Protect Consumer Property by Requiring Liability Insurance for Snowplow Vehicles and Vehicles Used in Landscaping or Gardening

L.D. 1232 An Act To Clarify Services Provided by Barbers and Master Barbers

L.D. 1421 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Update Its Current Priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's Allowable Grant Requests To Include Support of Population Growth Strategies around the State in Concert with the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy (EMERGENCY)

State and Local Government

L.D. 755 An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation

L.D. 876 An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government

L.D. 889 An Act Concerning Proportional Representation

- Taxation
- L.D. 217 An Act To Make Contributions Made To Pay Off School Meal Debt Tax-deductible
- L.D. 403 An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 409 An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (EMERGENCY)
- Veterans and Legal Affairs
- L.D. 53 An Act To Limit Political Advertising
- L.D. 185 An Act To Abolish Mandatory Political Caucuses
- L.D. 588 Resolve, To Study Veterans' Benefits in Maine
- L.D. 638 An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine
- L.D. 641 An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 656 An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Office of Marijuana Policy
- L.D. 685 An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1060 An Act To Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity
- L.D. 1099 An Act Regarding Election Reform

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 369)

**MAINE SENATE
130th LEGISLATURE**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

March 30, 2021
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 130th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

To the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees:

- Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong of Presque Isle for appointment
- Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary:

As a District Court Judge

- Andrew Benson of Athens for reappointment
- Barbara L. Raimondi of Brunswick for reappointment
- Eric J. Walker of Belmont for reappointment

As a Superior Court Justice

- Robert E. Mullen of Norridgewock for reappointment
 - Daniel I. Billings of Southport for reappointment
- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

To the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

- Sarah LeClaire of Woodland for appointment

To the Gambling Control Board

- Sari S. Greene of South Portland for appointment
- Joseph R. Hanslip of Sanford for appointment
- Noel C. March of Hampden for appointment

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 445)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

April 22, 2021
Honorable Ryan M. 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 130th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:

- Leo L. Trudel of Madawaska Lake for appointment, to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission
- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:
- Cordelia Pitman of Portland for appointment, to the State Board of Education

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

To the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board:

- Samantha Horn of Readfield for appointment
- Steven Tatko of Willimantic for appointment
- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:
- William N. Lund of Portland for reappointment, as the Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

To the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council:

- Eric Ward of Greenville Jct. for appointment
- Jennifer A. Geel of E. Machias for appointment
- Michael Gawtry of Yarmouth for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business:

To the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority:

- John Moncure of Harpswell for reappointment
- John Peters of Harpswell for reappointment
- Ann Marie Swenson of Scarborough for appointment
- Lois Skillings of Brunswick for reappointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary:

To the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services:

- The Honorable Donald G. Alexander of Winthrop for appointment
- Meegan Burbank, Esq. of Jefferson for appointment
- Matthew Morgan, Esq. of Topsham for appointment
- Ronald W. Schneider, Jr., Esq. of Wells for reappointment

To the Maine Human Rights Commission:

- The Honorable Julie Ann O'Brien of Augusta for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor and Housing:

To the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees:

- Kenneth Williams of Damariscotta for reappointment
- Mark A. Brunton of China for reappointment
- Richard T. Metivier of Lewiston for reappointment
- Brian H. Noyes of Freeport for reappointment
- John H. Kimball of Norway for appointment

To the State Workforce Board:

- The Honorable John L. Patrick of Rumford for appointment
- Meryl Fogg Ryan of Falmouth for appointment
- Allyson Coombs of Brunswick for appointment
- Vaughan J. Woodruff of Pittsfield for appointment
- Adria Horn of Pittston for appointment

To the Workers' Compensation Board:

- Lynne Gaudette of Biddeford for appointment
- Richelle R. Wallace of Auburn for reappointment
- Glenn W. Burroughs of Winthrop for reappointment
- Penny Picard of Palmyra for appointment
- Ronald P. Green Jr. of Plymouth for reappointment
- Serina DeWolfe of Windham for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Marine Resources:

To the Marine Resources Advisory Council:

- The Honorable Abden Simmons of Waldoboro for appointment
- Ronald A. Trundy of Stonington for reappointment
- Robert Begin of Boothbay Harbor for appointment
- Peter C. Mourmouras of Biddeford for reappointment
- Michael R. Danforth of Brewer for appointment
- Matthew E. Moretti of Portland for reappointment
- Kristin E. Brawn of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment
- Jocelyn Runnenbaum of Bath for appointment
- John Bigelow Marsh III of Bremen for appointment
- James B. Arsenault of Dresden for appointment
- Dana Hammond II of Bristol for appointment
- Curtis D. Haycock of Milbridge for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on State and Local Government:

- The Honorable Gay Grant of South Gardiner for appointment, to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Taxation:

To the Maine Board of Tax Appeals:

- Andrew Wells, Esq. of Durham for appointment
- Jeanne T. Gibson of Winthrop for appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Transportation:

To the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority:

- James I. Cohen of Portland for appointment
- Carol A. Murray of Sanford for appointment

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Dave Jackson, of Rockport, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 134)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm sure we all have quite a few people in our community who are active and doing lots of good works, but every now and then there's somebody who really rises to the top, and that is Dave Jackson. He has greatly enhanced the quality of life in our community and I just want to tell you a few things that he's done, I'm sure I will miss some of them.

He was the Community Person of the Year for Pen Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2014, he's lived in Rockport for 37 years, he's a two-time Paul Harris Fellow of Camden Rotary, he's served on the budget committee, the parks committee, the elementary school building committee, and he's had leadership roles at the opera house, Coastal Mountains Land Trust, Merryspring Nature Center, and he's been on the board of Coastal Opportunities, which assists adults with developmental disabilities for more than 30 years.

He works right now as the director of Camden Harbor Park and Amphitheater and he's the kind of person that when he sets his mind to accomplishing something, he just maintains an unwavering focus and he really demonstrated that back in 2013 when his persistence got the Camden library and amphitheater a national historic landmark.

So, I appreciate you listening. I just wanted to rise and recognize an extraordinary man who truly does embody the spirit of America with his selfless dedication to his community. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Patricia L. Hutchins, of Penobscot, on her retirement as Executive Director of the Wilson Museum in Castine after 50 years of service. Mrs. Hutchins has been an integral part of the museum and has overseen its significant growth, including the acquisition and use of the restored 18th-century John Perkins house and the creation of the Hutchins Education Center, which provides programs for adults and school-aged children. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 97)

Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Penobscot, Representative Hutchins.

Representative **HUTCHINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This sentiment that I put in for my wife is supposed to be a surprise from the board of the committee, so, all of you have to swear to secrecy. That's tough with this many people, isn't it?

But, I should mention that perhaps I could do the other sentiment as well at the same time while I'm here and that's for Bailey West of Stockton Springs, who's valedictorian for 2021 for University of Maine this year and, of course, I, being his state representative, am extremely proud of him and you can imagine how proud his parents are.

But, to get back to the sentiment for my wife, these two sentiments together work quite well because, you see, in my house, she's the valedictorian, and has been for a long time. When she first started at the Wilson Museum, she was a volunteer helping get ready for the 50th anniversary of the museum and a few years later she was hired as curator for the museum, at which point, a few years after that, she helped run the 75th anniversary of the museum. This year, as the director for the last 20 years, she's running the 100th anniversary of the museum and she thought that would be a good time to retire after that.

So, I was torn as to whether I should say anything, but after being married 54 years, you learn to kind of cover both bases. And, like I say, you have to keep it secret, and if she asks later on when that came up on the floor did you say something nice about me, so I can say both, you know, yes, I did. Thank you very much.

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

Recognizing:

Bailey West, of Stockton Springs, who has earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of the 2021 graduating class of the University of Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 117)

Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belfast, Representative Dodge, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **DODGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, in reference to LD 108, Roll Call Number 31, had I been present, I would have voted yea, please.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Crematories Using Chemical Dissolution Processes in Facilities Other Than Cemeteries"

(S.P. 396) (L.D. 1223)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Ought to Pass as Amended

Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Police Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

(S.P. 276) (L.D. 711)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-51) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-62)** thereto.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-62) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) was READ by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-62) thereto was ADOPTED.

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

The Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-62)** in concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)** on Bill "An Act To Conserve the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark"

(S.P. 183) (L.D. 440)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-55)**.

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 42

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Grohowski, Harnett, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, PerryA, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff,

Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Roche, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Tuell, Underwood.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Bickford, Cebra, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Grignon, Hasenfus, Hepler, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, PerryJ, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Thorne, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

Yes, 81; No, 49; Absent, 21; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 21 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)** 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" (S-55)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban"

(S.P. 47) (L.D. 39)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

Representative TUCKER of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, sorry for that, I kept pressing my button, Mr. Speaker, and I didn't think you saw it.

I rise in opposition to the pending motion. A year ago, the Chief Executive did us a favor by cancelling the pending legislation that would've forbid the use of plastic bags in the State of Maine and now these bills, of course this bill today, would simply extend that good idea. And the reason that I am in opposition of the pending motion is that all of the plastic bags that we will not be receiving when we purchase a product, by the way, anyone that goes in and goes shopping, they're not required to take bags home, they can simply not use them, but those that choose to take them, they can. But, now, what's going to happen is people are going to go and buy all kind of plastic bags to use in place of the plastic bags they used to receive. All you're doing is changing one thing for another. So, I ask you to use a little commonsense and follow my light and reject this pending motion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 43

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Tuell, Underwood, WarrenS.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Bickford, Cebra, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Grignon, Hasenus, Hepler, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, PerryJ, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Thorne, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

Yes, 81; No, 49; Absent, 21; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 21 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law" (S.P. 105) (L.D. 244)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment (S.P. 196) (L.D. 489)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the **RESOLUTION PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-53)**.

READ.

Representative TUCKER of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative HANLEY of Pittston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **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 Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, an amendment to the Constitution is a truly important step and should never be taken lightly or without great study and great thought. My problem with the pending motion and the way it is worded, it is so ambiguous that there's no clear right defined. It is a mishmash of hopes and dreams and, as you know, amendments as a rule work best when they are very well-defined and clear; the right to the freedom of press, freedom to worship, right to possess firearms. This bill as it's worded; I don't mean that it's not a good concept, but it is not ready at this time and I ask you to follow my light and reject it. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative **O'CONNOR**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, excuse me. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand in opposition to this motion.

This bill will inundate municipalities with responsibilities that would impede development and bring costly litigation. The bill also blurs the lines and leaves wide open claims of negligence and malfeasance from all parties. This bill actually strips the State of the tools necessary to enforce environmental laws and leaves it as vulnerable as the municipalities. Even our Commissioner of the DEP spoke in opposition to this bill for good reason; the effects and requirements and the potential consequences could go far beyond the intent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative O'Neil.

Representative **O'NEIL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of amending the Maine Constitution to create a right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.

I'm going to touch on a couple of things. The first is why put this in the Constitution at all? Our Constitution is a foundational document that sets out our values and the most important rights that we want to protect. For example, right now our Bill of Rights protects the freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, right to due process, and the right to bear arms. It doesn't recognize the foundational right to a clean and healthy environment including clean air and clean water. Such a protection is in line with our values and essential to include among our Bill of Rights protections going forward. Here's why; Article 1, which is the Bill of Rights section of our Constitution, was drafted to protect us from different ways the government could encroach upon our rights or not do enough to protect us. For example, we protect the free speech even if that speech is unpopular, hateful or ugly. That's because we've decided that the free exchange of ideas is foundational to a democratic society. That's also why we protect ourselves against

unreasonable searches and seizures; so that agencies can't come into our homes or search us without meeting a minimum protective standard. Speech protections and search and seizure protections create a backstop against government encroachments. Likewise, by protecting our right to a clean and healthy environment in the Constitution will create a parallel backstop that protects us all from something government might do that doesn't protect that right or that protects us in situations when government doesn't do enough to protect us. It's an added check on our system.

What will the amendment mean for the future? The goal is to make sure that our government's decision-making process prioritizes environmental protection and pollution prevention rather than pollution permitting and management. The amendment will fill in gaps that may exist in our environmental laws and it will strengthen environmental justice. That means it will protect our health and our future. That future focus is really important. As you know, environmental harm comes with costs, including those related to health, cleanup, decreased property values and flooding or drought. Most often those costs are borne by those who lack political power, such as low-income communities.

Protecting our right to a healthful environment will mean that the governmental decision-making process will take this right into account and consider environmental degradation as part of the process. That means everything from creating laws and regs to issuing decisions and permits. If a harmful decision is made or if government doesn't do enough to keep us safe, we'll have a backstop to protect us into the future. I just want to go off script a little bit and say that responds to any implication that we might see, private claims or claims of negligence. Senator Maxmin, who's led on this bill, has done a ton of research, spoken with a number of lawyers on this and I'm a baby lawyer myself, I'm working on it, it just would be really out of character for a court to apply this to a private party and we've gotten quite a few opinions to that effect.

So, it's hard to say exactly how this amendment will be used in the future, and that's why it is so important. I think that anyone in Maine would recognize that without a healthy environment, without clean air, clean water and stable ecosystems, we'd have trouble enjoying any other rights or freedoms.

Before I can engage in dissenting speech or seek to protect my home from unreasonable search, I need to have clean air to breathe. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 44

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood,

Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Roche, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Tuell, Underwood.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Bickford, Cebra, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Grignon, Hasenus, Hepler, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Thorne, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

Yes, 82; No, 49; Absent, 20; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 20 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolution was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolution was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Indices of Vital Records"

(S.P. 240) (L.D. 601)

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CONNOR of Lewiston
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Came from the Senate with the Majority **UGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. **READ**.

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Restore Short-term Health Insurance"

(S.P. 172) (L.D. 424)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CONNOR of Lewiston
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

Came from the Senate with the Majority **UGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**. **READ**.

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-41)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program"

(S.P. 245) (L.D. 631)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-40)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton

CONNOR of Lewiston

MORRIS of Turner

QUINT of Hodgdon

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-41)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-41)** 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" (S-41)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)** on Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Apprenticeship Program to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972"

(S.P. 37) (L.D. 29)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland

CUDDY of Winterport

GERE of Kennebunkport

PEBORTH of Blue Hill

ROEDER of Bangor

WARREN of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

DRINKWATER of Milford

MORRIS of Turner

PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-48)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)** 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" (S-48)** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 509)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources shall report out, to the Senate, a bill based on the report and recommendations of the Department of Marine Resources submitted pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 116 regarding the limited-entry lobster and crab fishing licensing system.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Expand the MaineCare Program To Cover All Citizens of the State"

(H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1608)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on April 28, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Bill "An Act To Require Telecommunications Companies To Divulge Location Information to Law Enforcement When Necessary To Respond to a 9-1-1 Call or Locate a Person in Danger"

(S.P. 492) (L.D. 1581)

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 Enhance Behavioral Health Services To Better Protect Maine Residents"

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1627)

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

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.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Private Property Protections Using Modern Technology"

(S.P. 497) (L.D. 1583)

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

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 Provide Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents"

(S.P. 483) (L.D. 1580)

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** 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.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding Nuisance Beavers

(H.P. 392) (L.D. 547)

(C. "A" H-78)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 104 voted in favor of the same and 4 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

(H.P. 363) (L.D. 500)

(C. "A" H-87)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 3 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

(H.P. 445) (L.D. 609)

(C. "A" H-75)

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

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town **REQUESTED** a roll call on **FINAL PASSAGE**.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **FINAL PASSAGE** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Requested)

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021

(H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1506)

(C. "A" H-96)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 105 voted in favor of the same and 14 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Improve Livestock and Poultry Preparation

(H.P. 32) (L.D. 66)

(C. "A" H-93)

An Act To Amend Maine's Wildlife Laws Regarding Species of Special Concern

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 88)

(C. "A" H-64)

An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program

(H.P. 85) (L.D. 119)

(C. "A" H-91)

An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response

(H.P. 93) (L.D. 137)

(C. "A" H-63)

An Act To Enable Out-of-state Certified Public Accountancy Firms To Provide Services in Maine on the Basis of Substantial Equivalency

(H.P. 124) (L.D. 171)

(C. "A" H-85)

An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws

(H.P. 158) (L.D. 223)

(C. "A" H-86)

An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees

(H.P. 177) (L.D. 256)

(C. "A" H-88)

An Act To Sustain the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program

(H.P. 189) (L.D. 273)

(C. "A" H-61)

An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 292)

(C. "A" H-62)

An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of a Federally Recognized Indian Nation, Tribe or Band in the State to the Marine Resources Advisory Council
(H.P. 240) (L.D. 342)
(C. "A" H-69)

An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council
(H.P. 259) (L.D. 361)
(C. "A" H-77)

An Act To Provide a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Cemeteries
(H.P. 285) (L.D. 401)
(C. "A" H-94)

An Act To Prohibit Hunting with a Bow on Land of Another Person within 100 Yards of a Building or Residence on That Land without Permission
(H.P. 414) (L.D. 569)
(C. "A" H-76)

An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine
(H.P. 417) (L.D. 572)
(C. "A" H-92)

An Act To Restore Eelgrass Mapping and Enhance Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping in the State
(H.P. 436) (L.D. 593)
(C. "A" H-82)

An Act To Provide Maine Residents Losing Employer-based Health Coverage with Information about Other Coverage
(H.P. 480) (L.D. 653)

An Act To Provide Funding for 2 Veteran Service Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services
(H.P. 485) (L.D. 658)
(C. "A" H-68)

An Act To Amend the Law Governing Approval Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs
(H.P. 589) (L.D. 784)

An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists
(H.P. 736) (L.D. 998)

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 Increase Public Awareness Regarding Bone Marrow Donation
(H.P. 326) (L.D. 450)
(C. "A" H-84)

Resolve, Directing the State Librarian and the State Archivist To Study Which State Agency Reports and Publications Do Not Need To Be Printed
(H.P. 409) (L.D. 564)
(C. "A" H-83)

Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard
(H.P. 461) (L.D. 625)
(C. "A" H-59)

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

An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics
(H.P. 13) (L.D. 47)
(C. "A" H-50)

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **SET ASIDE**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

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

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.

ROLL CALL NO. 45

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Roche, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Tuell, Underwood.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Bickford, Cebra, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Grignon, Hasenfus, Hepler, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Thorne, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

Yes, 81; No, 49; Absent, 21; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 21 being absent, 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**.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 51) (L.D. 121) Bill "An Act To Require a Background Check for High-risk Health Care Providers under the MaineCare Program" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 519)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.
READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 516)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S REALTORS

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of REALTORS® has more than 5,700 members actively involved in the business of real estate and it has approximately 400 affiliate members, including lenders, appraisers, title companies, building inspectors, surveyors and insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit association provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the real estate profession, serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, a healthy supply of affordable, safe, secure and high-quality residential and commercial real estate inventory statewide supports the continuing growth of Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, real estate transactions stimulate Maine's economy and include not only the money spent and reinvested in the sale price of a property but all those services and expenditures that occur in relation to a property transaction, for both a buyer and a seller; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, it is estimated that one job is generated for every 2 home sales, each home sale contributes about \$94,600 to the economy and the real estate industry accounts for 18% of the gross state product; and

WHEREAS, the real estate market in Maine is strong, as evidenced by the number of home sales increasing by 8.7% to 23,201 homes sold in 2020 with a value of \$7,200,000,000; and

WHEREAS, real estate ownership is an investment in the future and one of the best ways to build financial security through equity accumulation and for many in Maine their real property ownership represents their life savings; and

WHEREAS, expanding real property ownership will strengthen our State and its families and communities, enhance our economy and create jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its members for their positive contributions to and the significant role they play in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities and that their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Maine's 12 local association REALTOR® boards and councils.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow Students Who Experienced Significant Education Interruption as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic To Be Eligible for a Department of Education Diploma

(H.P. 229) (L.D. 325)
(C. "A" H-72)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 107 voted in favor of the same and 13 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Exempt Trailers Sold to Out-of-state Entities from Sales and Use Tax

(S.P. 226) (L.D. 538)
(C. "A" S-46)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 108 voted in favor of the same and 8 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 274)
(C. "A" H-26; H. "A" H-57)

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

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

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Remote Learning Task Force

(S.P. 168) (L.D. 380)
(C. "A" S-45)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 105 voted in favor of the same and 11 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Update the Silver Alert Program To Include Missing Endangered Persons

(S.P. 36) (L.D. 28)
(C. "A" S-43)

An Act To Create the Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund

(S.P. 42) (L.D. 34)
(C. "A" S-49)

An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation To Enter into Agreements with the United States Department of Transportation

(S.P. 63) (L.D. 128)

An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes

(S.P. 79) (L.D. 191)
(C. "A" S-47)

An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Weatherization in the Buildings Sector by Extending the Sunset Date for the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit

(S.P. 90) (L.D. 201)
(C. "A" S-56)

An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 293)
(C. "A" H-27; H. "A" H-56)

An Act Relating to Hunters Required To Hire Guides

(S.P. 135) (L.D. 309)
(C. "A" S-50)

An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 485)
(C. "A" S-44)

An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 523)
(C. "A" S-58)

An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services

(S.P. 239) (L.D. 600)
(C. "A" S-57)

An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators

(S.P. 67) (L.D. 797)

An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

(S.P. 71) (L.D. 799)

An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations

(S.P. 346) (L.D. 1078)

An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards

(S.P. 371) (L.D. 1109)

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, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Provide Annual Updates on Efforts To Consolidate the Bureau's Unconsolidated Public Lots

(S.P. 192) (L.D. 486)
(C. "A" S-54)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Needs of Persons with Low-incidence Health Conditions

(S.P. 216) (L.D. 529)
(C. "A" S-52)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Submit to the United States Secretary of Labor a Plan for a Self-employment Assistance Program

(S.P. 231) (L.D. 594)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair will advise Members that we anticipate returning on May 13th. We'll let you know if there's any changes to that, but that's the current anticipation.

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

On motion of Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, the House adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker, respectfully, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 519) and in honor and lasting tribute to Allen L. Bemis, of Corinna, Anne Kilham, of Rockport, Walter Junior Seward, of Bar Harbor, Philip M. Harrington, Sr., of Woolwich and William H. Haynes, of Waterford.