

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
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Tuesday, March 30, 2021

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

Prayer by Honorable Sarah Peabworth, Blue Hill.

National Anthem by Ange Pitteroff, Randolph.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, March 11, 2021 was read and approved.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-52)** on Bill "An Act To Make Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 525) (L.D. 715)

Signed:

Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

PIERCE of Falmouth
CARDONE of Bangor
CLOUTIER of Lewiston
FAY of Raymond
HYMANSON of York
MARTIN of Eagle Lake

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

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

ARATA of New Gloucester
COREY of Windham
FECTEAU of Augusta
MILLETT of Waterford

READ.

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fellow Members of the House, after a year filled with

uncertainty and heartbreaking loss, it is imperative that as elected leaders we do everything we can to ensure that Maine is on a path to strong public health and economic recovery. That is our job here today.

We can see brighter days are ahead. A third of Mainers are now vaccinated, businesses are cautiously reopening schools and are bringing students back onto their campuses and into classrooms. As a Legislature, we must acknowledge that the many changes and sacrifices that Maine people have had to make to get through this time and we must do everything in our power to continue this positive path forward.

Today, we are voting on a budget that ensures we are taking care of the State business and Maine people so our State can continue on this path. That is our responsibility as elected officials. We are operating in unique times and we have a duty to step up, as the Maine people have. With that in mind, the Appropriations Committee began reviewing the biennial budget in January, holding public hearings, and has proposed this biennial budget ahead of schedule to cover the current services of the State, keep our books balanced, provide certainty and predictability for our summer tourism season, give needed funds to help our schools plan for fall. It is a baseline budget, current services. We have not added any new services or initiatives. We are making certain critical services can continue to operate.

This budget ensures Maine people can continue to rely on rural hospitals, nursing homes, health clinics during a public health crisis. It supports our continued effort to combat the opioid crisis as well. It ensures that we are able to keep our children safe. It supports Maine's teachers and school districts as they prepare to reopen for in-person learning in the fall. This is one of the most important ways we can support our school districts who have helped provide normalcy for Maine children during this difficult year. The budget prioritizes the safety of Maine children and families from violence. It funds criminal domestic violence and sexual assault services and supports the needs of protection of workers.

The budget also keeps our promise of some tax relief. It extends the homestead exemption that many families depend on and it tells the Maine people and municipalities they can count on the revenue sharing at 3.75 percent to stabilize property taxes and fund essential services. There are no new taxes.

In this time of turmoil, as leaders, we must rise to the occasion. In the face of the pandemic, where we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel, we must not let up. Not if we want Maine to have a strong successful recovery. We are called upon to provide all the security and stability we can in this moment. Mr. Speaker, I urge this Body to do the right thing so Maine people and communities can continue to rebuild in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a crucial moment in our State's recovery from the pandemic, we have put forth a budget that meets that moment and I ask you and my fellow Representatives to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to express my strong opposition to the pending motion and to do so in a way that does not personalize or demonize any of my fellow colleagues because I think so much needs to be said before we entertain this budget, before we leave here this week.

I'd like to speak briefly about how we got here, what this budget does and doesn't contain, and how it bodes for the future for us working together. I think the latter point is perhaps the most prevailing and compelling one I would like to stress this morning.

First of all, I'd like to speak about it in terms of the process, the product, and the future. And I think the process is the key piece that evolved in this very short span of time that all of you need to know and the failed communications that occurred during that interim period. It was on Wednesday, the 17th of March, that my colleague, the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce, who I've worked with closely, get along well with, and totally respect, along with our Senate colleagues in the Chairs and Leads Forum met in the horseshoe at 228 for about an hour. And we talked very carefully, very appropriately, and very much in a detailed way about what the future holds for LD 220, then before us and not yet through the report-back process. And we looked at three months of calendar time; March, April and May. We looked at weekly schedules through the early part of April. And we plotted out what we know to be the events that will influence how we proceed in an orderly way, in traditional manner, on a biennial budget. We, for example, acknowledged that as of today, right today, the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission is reviewing its work in trying to define and analyze the shape of the economy, how it's proceeding and what it holds for the future. Four weeks from Friday, the Revenue Forecasting Committee will be meeting to update revenues. Based on what we are all aware of, it is likely that it will be a positive increase in projected general fund revenue. Sometime between mid-May and mid-June, the U.S. Department of Treasury will have analyzed the American Rescue Plan Act in terms of the discretionary money that will be forthcoming to Maine, how it can be used and when it will flow.

So, that three-month calendar was a serious look at where are we today on the 17th of March and where will we be as we work our way forward. Very clearly, we picked the 27th of May as the report date for the biennial budget. Giving us time to get the new revenue forecast, to receive any change packages that might come from the administration, and to act appropriately in the normal way where we look at the report-backs, we deliberate on them, we move them in line by line, reject those that aren't appropriate and amend those that need amendments.

That was all plotted out to be done as of that Wednesday, two weeks ago from tomorrow. Between that Wednesday and the end of the day on Saturday, the whole budget process took a 180-degree turn in a manner that was unknown to those of us on the minority side in the Appropriations Committee, nor were we even aware that it was happening. I began to get a sense of concern when I got a text from the Senate Chair on Sunday night, the 21st; could you and Senator Davis meet with us in the Chairs and Leads meeting on Monday, the 22nd? I answered; of course. And we did. All of a sudden, at 12:15, the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce and her colleague, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen, made these comments; we have had discussions with our leadership and with the Office of the Chief Executive and we are intending to report out a so-called bare bones budget on this coming Thursday, that's Thursday, the 25th of March. We need to do so for some of the reasons that the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce just mentioned. Namely, predictability, communications, pandemic relationships, etcetera. Brand-new news to us, we had had no

word whatsoever between the 17th and the 22nd to let us know as coequal members of the Appropriations Committee that this was even in the pipeline for discussion.

So, here we are and we look at the motion that's been made, what it represents, how it got to this point, and what has happened in the interim. First of all, when we got the message, we immediately said we need to share this with our leadership and our committee members as well because this is a complete reversal of what we have been planning on. We learned before we even got a chance to talk with our leaders that press releases had already been written not only by the presiding officers and the chairs of Appropriations, but the Chief Executive, even before we came back down from briefing our leaders.

Needless to say, that has communications at the worst level of personalizing, respecting, and communicating objectively to your fellow members, causing great concern and in the process postponing, if not outright cancelling, the report-back from our largest policy committee which was scheduled for last Tuesday and postponing, if not cancelling, our first attempt at deliberating on the budget feedback from the policy committees which were scheduled for last Thursday, the same day that the State and Local Government Committee was to deliver their report, the last of the 16. So, the schedule has been totally updated and revised to accommodate what is clearly; anyone could interpret this but I think I would like to say it my way; the message on the 22nd was; we have a pathway to a majority budget. Driven by political motivation, I am not one to assign blame to my fellow Democrats on AFA. I respect all of them. I don't think this was done by internal design but by external direction.

Here we are and here I am trying to make sense of what should we do today and how will it influence what we do in the days, weeks and months that follow. My first attempt was to say gee, we haven't even had lip service to the policy committee report-backs. So, I checked on our Joint Rules and I find that there is a provision in Joint Rule 314.6, and I will quote it verbatim. It says the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs shall consider the report-backs from the policy committees' (plural possessive) in the course of their deliberation on budget matters. I want you all to know not one single step has been taken in regard to considering, by the committee, those report-backs through which all of you contributed with many hours of work in your own committees to try to give us your recommendations, nor have we done any deliberating on any of those reports.

So, in my amateurish way, I would make the case, and I don't ask you, Mr. Speaker, for a ruling, but I would say that provision of the Joint Rules had been totally ignored, leading me to conclude and wonder if this budget report is even properly before us. However, let me proceed to say that I think there is a misunderstanding that this is a replica of the budget that was passed two years ago by two-thirds and that it really covers everything. Nothing could be further from the truth. This budget includes a sum total of 282 million dollars of one-time cuts and/or savings, thereby taking advantage of anything and everything we could lapse or cut in order to put together a papered-over biennial budget that was a skeleton at best, because that skeleton includes only 12 new items. Let me just give you a sense of what they are. The Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce referred to some of them.

The first two, teacher retirement and general-purpose aid at 22 million, 500 per year. Must do's, we don't have a choice. Thirdly, the homesteader's exemption which we approved in

the 129th and we have a cost associated with both years of the biennium. Nursing facility rebasing and hospital tax rebasing; small pieces offset by bigger cuts. Four rate increase proposals funded only in the first year for rates that are already in place, leaving them unfunded in the second year. Moving a program started in the Fund for Healthy Maine two years ago for domestic violence and sexual assault to the general fund because, frankly, we haven't dealt with the Fund for Healthy Maine, we haven't moved money to make it balance, we haven't talked about it, so, we're moving it into the general fund. Creating six assistant park rangers and continuing a bunch of limited-period positions. There are thousands of lines, split positions, reclassifications, reorganizations, governor's initiatives, proposed changes that have come from the committees. I could go on and on and on and say to you, honestly, we have not even given lip service to the rest of the budget.

So, how does that position us for the period between now and the revenue forecast and that latter period when we ultimately will know what we have to work with from the American Rescue Plan Act. First of all, it means that were this bill to pass today and tomorrow in its current form, it will require a substantial overlay to fill in the gaps of those non-general fund points that I made that have totally been ignored. Secondly, we will be asked, and I think we should accept the challenge, to work together to prioritize how we would deal with the revenue forecast that's coming. It will be here in about five weeks and it will include some one-time money and some ongoing money. We ought to be talking to each other right now about how we would prioritize what we can do with one-time money, what we should prioritize for ongoing money. We're closing that door by what we're talking about doing here today and tomorrow. Because it sounds like, feels like, you don't want the input from the minority party or from those unenrolled members who are sitting here in the audience this morning. It sounds like my way or the highway. I don't assign that to you individually because I don't think you in your individual seats and roles and thoughts that planned it out this way. I think you've kind of been maneuvered into thinking well, this is a good thing to do because maybe bipartisanship is a little messy, maybe it's time to exercise power because you have the votes, maybe it's time to say that maybe we can demonize those Republicans by saying they're all about shutting down government. Nothing could be further from the truth.

So, with that as background, and with real concern for the future, which I will comment later on in the course of the discussion, I would like to invoke House Rule 503 and move that LD 715 and all of its accompanying papers be committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in order to allow them to do their work, and I ask for a roll call on that motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative MILLETT of Waterford moved that the Bill and all accompanying papers be **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

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 New Gloucester, Representative Arata.

Representative **ARATA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Joint Rules are very clear. It says that AFA shall consider the policy committees' budget recommendations.

We follow rules for even minor issues such as removing our jackets or eating or drinking in the chamber in order to conduct government business in an orderly and respectful manner. The problem with this budget transcends partisanship. Your committee work and therefore, the voices of all of your constituents have not been considered. Across Maine school boards, selectmen, budget committees and town councils have a proper process and procedure that they follow. Let us set a good example and vote yes on this motion because this farce cannot become our new normal. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madison, Representative Ducharme.

Representative **DUCHARME**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of Representative Millett's motion.

I stand before you today as a kind of a legacy of a former Member of the House and to get there I need to tell you how that happened. Last night, I had an incident with my car. I'm all right, everything's all right except my car has an issue, so, I had to bring my wife's car today. When I got in my wife's car today, I was thinking last night about how today was going to go and I had pretty much had my mind made up, you know, this is how I want to do things and so forth. And I got in my wife's car this morning and something changed my perspective. It didn't change how I'm going to react, but it changed my perspective about this whole thing. Because anybody that knows me knows I'm a fighter. If I believe in something, I will fight. What happened to my car last night was the result of somebody who really wanted a fight with me and I walked away. Regardless, because my car was disabled, I had to take my wife's car. In my wife's car was this medallion hanging from the mirror. Now, you probably can't see it on that side of the aisle --

The **SPEAKER**: The Member will defer. The Chair will remind all Members that you are not permitted to use props on the floor of the House.

The Chair reminded all Members that no props were allowed during the floor debate.

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

Representative **DUCHARME**: I'm sorry for that. Thank you. My medallion has a picture of my father-in-law. My father-in-law was Representative Richard "Spike" Carey. He served in this Body from 1967 to 1978 and then he came back and served in the other Body from 1992 to 2000. My father-in-law was a lifelong member of the other party. Many here remember him. I spoke with Representative Martin earlier and he remembers him and several others. The long of the short of it is Spike didn't care who proposed something or where it came from. What he cared about was doing the right thing for the people of Maine. And there were many times when Spike voted with the party that he didn't belong to because it was the right thing for the people of Maine. I think we're called today to look at our hearts and do the right thing for the people of Maine.

For many, many years, we've had rules, we've had processes. I served on the Board of Selectmen in Madison and for 10 years serving on the Board of Selectmen, we waited for the State to figure out what they were going to do with the budget and we knew we had to react accordingly. So, there is no inherent fear in the municipalities, to my knowledge,

because I haven't heard from anybody and I know a lot of them, that the State's not going to do the right thing. So, there's no real reason to drive this thing through. The only reason to drive it through is because it can be done and maybe because it can be done, it really shouldn't be done. That's why the rules are there. I would implore you to look into your heart. Do the right thing for the people of Maine. Don't worry about your party label, do the right thing for the people of Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind Members to direct comments through the Chair. Also a reminder that when referring to Members of the Body, it's from, town, Representative their name.

A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Commit the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 21

YEA - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, FecteauJ, Foster, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

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

ABSENT - Bailey, Costain, Faulkingham, Gifford, Greenwood, MillettR, O'Connor, Prescott, Riseman.

Yes, 64; No, 78; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

64 having voted in the affirmative and 78 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **COMMIT** the Bill and all accompanying papers to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs **FAILED**.

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

Representative **LIBBY**: On December 2nd, I was sworn in as State Representative for Minot and Auburn. Several weeks later, we received our committee assignments and I learned I had been placed on the Judiciary Committee. To be honest, I was taken aback. With my background as a long-time ICU nurse, I had expected to be assigned to a health care committee. I'm not a lawyer and many of the topics we handle in Judiciary are new to me. So, it has been with great surprise over the intervening months that I learned that I truly enjoy representing my district on the Judiciary Committee. Even the steep learning curve has been invigorating, as I gain a new understanding of topics that I'd previously never given a second thought.

I have found my Judiciary colleagues on both sides of the aisle to be thoughtful, inquisitive, compassionate and

respectful. I believe I can speak for all of us when I say that our entire committee cares a great deal for our State and for the Maine citizens that we represent. Nowhere has this been more evident than in the time our committee spent addressing the Indigent Legal Services portion of the biennial budget. And I don't think it comes as a great surprise to this Body that our State has not been fulfilling its constitutional obligations to provide indigent legal services to those less fortunate in the pursuit of justice. While I may be a fiscal conservative, I hold the Constitution as my ultimate guide as a legislator.

Our committee has worked diligently for months to come to an understanding of the needs of Maine Indigent Legal Services moving forward. We have attempted to balance the substantial financial needs while providing previously lacking accountability. Together, we came up with a largely unanimous report for the Appropriations Committee that looked nothing like the Chief Executive's proposed MCILS budget, what would bring about the accountability we sought and move toward fulfilling our constitutional obligations.

I know that our Judiciary Committee was not the only committee spending the last several months working together in good faith to provide reports to the Appropriations Committee. These reports are critical to the formation of a biennial budget that reflects the current needs of our State, not the needs of 18 or 21 months ago. I imagine that Maine's Indigent Legal Services is not the only organization with needs that are drastically different from their needs of 2019.

It has been argued that the political parties that comprise the Maine Legislature lack the ability to work together to pass a biennial budget. That couldn't be further from the truth. Just weeks ago, we worked together to pass a supplemental budget that will meet the needs of Maine people. The result of hard work and compromise, that budget passed by overwhelming majority. Just as when we came together as a Body with the supplemental budget, and when the Judicial Committee worked together on our report, our Legislature has all the tools it needs to pass a biennial budget that will meet Maine's complex needs over the next two years.

To pass a biennial budget in this rushed fashion while disregarding crucial committee reports and pending revenue forecasting, is to do a disservice to Maine people. Our constituents deserve to have their voices heard on this budget and that cannot happen in a process that skips over the usual budget process. I ask my colleagues to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 715 and, instead, commit to work towards a budget that truly reflects the current needs of our State.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I've been in the Legislature now, this is my seventh year, and in the 129th I had the pleasure of being assigned to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee and it's been a real joy and here I am again this year in that same committee. During that timeframe, a lot of bipartisan legislation has passed through. We work very hard in that committee to be bipartisan in what we do. We don't always accomplish it, but a great deal of the time, we do. This year was no different. We were working through legislation, we also have been working through the budget. We turned around and we've really been digging down on it, doing our due diligence in what needed to be done and different things that we wanted to work on to try to make our State a better place to live in, work, and play, from our part of the budget. And as we were delivering a

portion of our report to the AFA committee, little did I know at that time, that there was a news conference going on that's saying that all the work that we had done was really for naught because I have no idea what is going to be taking place with the budget that we have in front of us today to vote on and moving forward.

I feel today, Mr. Speaker, that the residents in my five towns, Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Mexico and Peru have absolutely no voice in what is taking place here today and because of that, I will not be voting in favor of this motion and I would urge everyone in this auditorium today, which is our chamber today, to really think real long and hard as to are you and me, are we representing and having everybody in our State to have a voice in the crafting of this budget and going through the different things; the procedure that the budget should go through, the deliberation, the debate, the negotiation, all of those things. And, if we're not, sometimes if you're in doubt, the best answer is no. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wells, Representative Roche.

Representative **ROCHE**: Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. It is an absolute honor to speak to such a great group of people representing Maine and all its citizens. I will admit to some nerves, but being a football coach, pep talks and motivational speeches are part of the job.

I can't help but think back to an invitation by the NFL to speak to team owners and coaches. Wow, do you realize how intimidating it is to talk about teamwork in front of Coach Bill Belichick? Almost as intimidating as talking in front of a political legend as the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

When leaving the house this morning, I told my wife I'm going to speak today. Her first words of advice were; be kind. I responded like any other good partner with yes, honey, and I threw out the speech that I wrote last night. I'm a rookie, albeit an old one. I've been told I am naïve. If being naïve means believing in government to do the right thing, then I am guilty. Last week, I saw the back-to-basic budget that could be passed by majority today. My first thought was this is a brilliant political move and may be legal. It looks to have some good things in it and probably a budget that could pass with bipartisanship but we won't have the chance to do that. It comes with no input by one side. It will be done without representation.

Being a brilliant political move does not make it right. This was done by a small group, while those of us who are part of a representative government have had no say. Is this right? Ethical? Moral? I'm not sure. See, when this old guy from Wells ran, he thought of all the excitement of working together. I always tell my teams that coming together for one cause and working hard to reach a goal is the best feeling in the world. I remember the pride of walking to the State House. I know my dad, whose entire life was spent serving this country and his government, first as fighting the Nazis and then as an FBI agent for 30 years, would've been proud. I am a Republican because of him. I'm a RINO, according to many. I believe in the science of masks and social distancing; shocking, I know. I also wear a seatbelt. And I believe the government since our forefathers have done these things to protect us. I am a Reagan Republican, maybe a Collins one, for a Maine reference.

Mr. Chair, I watched with such great pride your speech on the first day. We should work together. I actually used it in my class. We have an opportunity to do what you said, and work together. We just sang our nation's song together. Can't we come together to work on a budget that we can all believe in? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Blier.

Representative **BLIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, I'm happy to be here today and when I walked into this room, the great Representatives from Eagle Lake and St. Agatha asked me if I'm going to do the right thing. And my assumption is they're asking me to vote for this budget. So, I want to turn that back to them; are you going to do the right thing? Are you going to allow me to have a voice in this budget? Are you going to allow me to speak for my constituents and the other half of your constituents that you're silencing their voices? That is the right thing.

I don't want to stop this State from operating. I don't want to shut the State down. I want to pass a budget. But I feel as though we should have a voice as well. So, let's all do the right thing and work together. That's what's important here today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buxton, Representative Carlow.

Representative **CARLOW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today in opposition to the manner in which this budget was produced.

This is a rushed and deeply partisan proposal for which no public input was given and no effort made to negotiate in good faith with the minority party in the way that has been done for decades. I believe that what the majority party is proceeding to do is beneath the institution we serve and I know that the people of Maine expect and deserve better.

Mr. Speaker, the day this Legislature was sworn in, you said that we were partners and not partisans. Those were your exact words. When I heard this, I became optimistic that this session, despite the challenges presented by the coronavirus, would produce bipartisan legislation that benefits the entire State.

When we came to a virtually unanimous consensus over the supplemental budget, my impression of your leadership was validated. Republicans and Democrats in both Chambers put their heads together and created a good deal for the Maine people. When I heard that the majority party had decided to move forward in this way, I was shocked and dismayed. The refusal of the majority party to even attempt negotiation is a step backward for bipartisanship and reveals a profound lack of integrity. Today --

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair will remind Members not to question the motives of other Members of this Body.

The Chair reminded CARLOW of Buxton that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **CARLOW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, there is a principle at stake. The essence of our duty is to make Maine a better place to live, work and raise a family. And I believe strongly that the most prudent public policy is a product of collaboration and bipartisanship. In fact, even when acting on a bipartisan basis is most inconvenient, it is in those circumstances that it is most necessary. Today's vote is no exception. All of us were called upon to serve our

communities, we pledged ourselves to the mission of improving our State and making it a better place than where we found it.

There's a lot of work to be done and as a matter of good governance, I want to remind my colleagues that good ideas come from all sides. The refusal to negotiate is a disgraceful act and a clear contradiction to our oaths. I urge my colleagues to vote against this proposal and restore civility to the Peoples' House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also rise in opposition to the pending motion. I think we've had some very good arguments put forth as to why many of us will oppose this motion, but I'd like to add a little bit to it.

It's very disappointing that we are proceeding down this unpleasant path of adopting a majority budget. We're in this position because we have sold ourselves short in our sacred obligation to consider the peoples' business in a manner that respects all opinions, it ignores proper consideration and review of the ways we will be spending the peoples' monies. Without evidence, it's been alleged that this is the necessary path because of a threat of a government shutdown. There is a false premise that we cannot work together to construct a budget that meets the needs of Maine people. We're asked to approve a basic, bare-bones biennial budget here today without the normal, well-established process of considering policy committee reports or contemplating diverse opinions and input. This is just plain wrong. You will undermine the opportunity to work together with all cooperation in the future. We must not proceed down this path. This will set a terrible precedent of pushing through what is, quite frankly, a budget in a bullying manner. We cannot let the proper inclusive process of serious consideration become the road less traveled. We need to accept the challenge of working together to construct a bipartisan budget that all Mainers can support. I urge you to vote no on the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Honorable Women and Men of the House, I rise today in support of LD 715, the biennial budget.

As an elected Member of this Body, I believe that Maine's schools, businesses, and families deserve certainty and peace of mind as our economy reopens, which is why I support LD 715, a smart, responsible, back-to-basics state budget that pays the bills and funds existing services.

Here's what's included in this budget. Current services. Let me say that again; current services. It is substantially the same budget that we passed with bipartisan support two years ago. Here's what's not included in this budget. New services, new policies, new initiatives, new permanent positions, new sources of revenue and any use of the rainy day fund.

After a tumultuous year of tragedy and uncertainty, the Members of this Body need to set aside their egos and come together to efficiently adopt a bipartisan budget that meets the immediate needs of our State and funds the proposals we already agree on. Some have claimed that this budget somehow circumvents the traditional budget process. The truth is that the Maine Legislature didn't always pass one omnibus biennial budget, nor did it wait until the bitter end of the legislative session to do so. This proposal echoes how the Maine Legislature approached the biennial budget in the

1980s, in the mid- to late-1990s and again in the early- to mid-2000s. By taking a proactive approach, we can provide Mainers with stability as we continue to do everything we can to get folks back on their feet.

Our most recent history with budgets only emphasizes why this is the right process right now. I'd ask you to consider the following. We experienced a very real government shutdown in 2017 in the 128th Maine Legislature just four short years ago. We nearly experienced a very real government shutdown in 2019 in the 129th Maine Legislature, with only 10 Members of the minority party of this chamber voting in favor and nearly every Member of minority leadership in both chambers voting against.

In this Legislature, just a few short weeks ago, we only came to an agreeable compromise in the wee hours of the morning on the second long day of session after months of preparation, discussion and so-called working together. The last thing Mainers need right now in the midst of a pandemic are political cliffhangers due to political partisanship. This budget prevents that.

Maine property taxpayers need to know whether or not they can continue to count on the homestead exemption program. School districts across the State need to know that they will have the funding necessary to begin planning a return to in-person instruction five days a week in the fall. Maine small businesses need to know that they will have the support necessary to stay open and keep employees on the payroll through the end of the year. It is our responsibility to provide safety, security, predictability and consistency to our constituents. This budget does that and I ask my fellow Members of this Body to join me in supporting it. Thank you.

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

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Good morning to the 130th Legislature. My name is Joseph Underwood, I am from Presque Isle, and the county that I'm from is Aroostook County and I ask that all the county delegation to please vote no on this and we'd appreciate it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eagle Lake, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Members of the House, I thought at great length as to whether or not I wanted to talk about shutdowns, having been through the longest one in history, one not quite as long, but I don't want to go in that direction because that's not where I think we'll end up. But I do want to do a little bit of history here and I think that the Representative from Waterboro will also agree with me. We are here because of a change that was made in the law and the rules under which the Appropriations Committee operated. Keeping in mind that when I was first here in the Appropriations Committee, we always had two budgets. We had the regular budget which was always continuing forth with the stuff that had taken place to the previous biennium. It did not include new programs or changes to the existing programs. And then after that was enacted, we then dealt with a part two budget, which is where we are, in effect, today.

The part one, and I've been thinking about this and after all the ink that's been printed in the last couple weeks, I'm going to; maybe we ought to go back to the beginning spot because the part one budget is what we have right now before us, a continuation of what the previous two years was. And then, after that, we then would go in with the supplemental, where we added or subtracted, made changes to what, in fact, had been enacted maybe a week later, or I should say earlier,

or a month earlier. And that became what we ended up voting with as the final amendment to the biennial budget.

Somewhere along the way, and some of us bought into it, someone sold us the idea that we should do a unified budget and we threw everything together. And then is where we ended up with shutdowns. Because at that point everyone could create their own position and, in effect, created problem for everyone. That's not where we are today. What you have before you is a simple, and maybe I'm oversimplifying this, but we are simply continuing where we were for the previous two years and putting that into place and that becomes effective, hopefully, by the 1st day of the year. And, after that is effective, then we would go back and make changes, additions/subtractions, maybe based on new revenue or less revenue, new programs that the Chief Executive would present, could present, and that could become in effect the part two. And, so, if I have any say on the future of the appropriations process, I hope that we disregard the unified budget process in the future and we go back to the process that we had a number of years ago; a part one and a part two. And we would not be caught in this box here today.

So, I urge those of you that are returning to think about changing and forgetting and asking the Chief Executive to give you a unified budget, but previous Chief Executive's used to present a part one and subsequently, thereafter, came the part two once the Legislature had voted it and the Chief Executive put it into law. So, for the future, let's go back to where we were, and I think in the long run we'd be better served. Thank you.

The Speaker: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was an airline pilot and had the opportunity to travel extensively. During my travels, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting many heads of State. One such time was when I went to the inauguration of the President of Venezuela, Carlos Andres Perez. At the inauguration with me was President Ortega, President Noriega and President Castro. I also went to the Venezuelan White House and sat in the presidential chair and had talks.

Next, I went to visit the richest man in South America, Pedro Tinoco, and his wife, Carmen. He was owner of the Bank of Latino and the finance minister of Venezuela. In my talks, I want to remark that how kind, friendly, and warm these people were, just like my fellow colleagues here. One thing I find very interesting that stands out in this visit is the manner in which these men conducted business, especially finances, is exactly like what I am experiencing here in this chamber with this budget proposal.

These leaders were convinced what they were doing was the right thing. Keep in mind, two of these leaders went to prison.

This budget does not help our schools any more than the budget would in June. I am on the RSU 12 school board and we are not worried about the Maine budget. Like every year, the budget gets done. I don't think we want to follow the lead of third-world leaders who went to prison for their actions. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Stonington, Representative McDonald.

Representative **McDONALD**: Thank you. Can we please keep our budgetary concerns applicable to the State of Maine?

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my friends in the House. I rise today to offer a unique take on the situation before us. I come to it from a new perspective, as the smallest minority party in the 130th Legislature.

As the first and only Libertarian legislator in this chamber, I am a party of one. I am the extreme minority in this legislative body and from that view I can finally see the field for what it is. Too often, the two big parties are more interested in scoring points against the red team or the blue team to win the next election cycle. Oftentimes, it is more about demonstrations of raw power to mark political turf and subjugate the minority party than it is collaborative problem-solving.

This is a less-than-optimal way for Maine's deliberative Body to operate. James Madison, the father of the Constitution, once said; measures are too often decided not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minority party but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority.

Now, two of the words that I have heard the most in 2020 and 2021 are equity and inclusion. The ethos of egalitarianism seems to be a guiding hand in much of the legislation offered in the 130th. That is a good thing. Hearing and valuing all voices and viewpoints as we craft bills and vote on them is imperative and must be a consistent standard applied to all aspects of how we navigate the 130th Legislature. Do the aspects of social justice, most notably equity and inclusion, go away simply because the majority and minority disagree and one side has more votes than the other? Is inclusion only to be applied to people of a similar thought and mindset? What use is equity if it is not applied equally to all situations in this Body? Are these words I've heard so often just lip service to signal virtue or will our actions here today give them credibility, consistency and show who we truly are in this chamber?

Legislators, even at our best, are not perfect. At the very least, we must all strive to not be hypocrites. Today we must all try to be the best versions of ourselves for our constituents and our States. These perilous times demand it. We must be open to all ideas, whether they are from the conservative wing or the progressive wing of this chamber. Everyone and their respective legislative goals must be acknowledged and heard as we hammer out and pass a two-thirds budget.

A majority budget does not do that. In fact, it disenfranchises half of the districts and voters in this State. It sets an awful precedent that will lead to extreme partisanship and bitterness. Partisanship and bitterness are the last things we need as we attempt to rebuild our State from the ashes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Speaker, while the majority budget may be well-intentioned to prevent a possible shutdown in the coming months, it is not the correct course of action today. Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Independents must reason and work together. Diversity, especially diversity of thought and experience, is our strength. A majority budget ignores that and raises the black flag of hyper-partisanship that sets us on a sail on a course of disaster for our State.

Again, I urge everyone here today to be the best versions of themselves and vote honestly as your conscience guides you. For those who have held fast the ethos of social justice, equity and inclusion, I would ask you to apply that standard equally and consistently today by voting down a majority budget. Let everyone, especially those you disagree with,

voice their opinion, allow them to represent their constituents, and include them in the process of crafting a two-thirds budget. I would urge you to follow your heart and conscience and do the right thing today. Thank you for the time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues. There are many things that I wish I could say right now, but I'm going to keep this short. I'm not really a public speaker. I wish I had the eloquence of speech to draw your attention. So strong, in fact, that your cellphones would cease to distract you from my words. I wish that I had the knowledge of the representative from Waterford, Representative Millett so I could persuade you with the abundance of facts and experience and knowledge. I do not. I am a first-time Representative. However, I would be remiss at this time if I did not go on public record, standing for my constituents and stating my objection to this bill using what little voice I feel I have left at this time. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak in favor of the pending motion.

There are many reasons why it is critical for us to pass this baseline budget, but I'd like to speak about one specific reason today, and that's property tax relief for Maine families.

In my district and throughout our State, rural and urban areas, people need property tax relief. This isn't new to the pandemic and this has been the case long before I joined the Maine House of Representatives. High property taxes have caused our neighbors on Social Security to give up their homes and have caused young families to leave our communities.

Mr. Speaker, we all know how critical this issue is here in Maine. In recent years, we have made advances on this issue, but to fulfill our promise to the people of Maine to continue delivering property tax relief through the homestead exemption and providing state funding to Maine's municipalities and school districts, we need to pass this baseline budget.

I know there are a lot of other measures and legislative priorities that are not included in this first budget, but after the year of uncertainty Mainers have lived through, we must ensure that people have essential services and give Maine people, businesses, and municipalities, the certainty about their financial future. That's why I support passing this budget now and reconvening soon after to get back to work on any funding for new initiatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge my fellow colleagues of the House to support this measure. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 22

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Bailey, Costain, Faulkingham, MillettR, O'Connor, Prescott, Riseman.

Yes, 78; No, 66; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 66 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-52)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative PIERCE of Falmouth **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-55) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For all intents and purposes, the Committee Amendment H-55 strips the emergency, removes the emergency preamble. It amends page 289 by striking out all of line 42 and amends the amendment by striking out all of the emergency clause. I wanted to make that clear to the Body.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT House Amendment "A" (H-55) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52)**.

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 Adoption of House Amendment "A" (H-55) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 23

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Bailey, Costain, Faulkingham, MillettR, O'Connor, Prescott, Riseman.

Yes, 78; No, 66; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-55) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) was ADOPTED.**

Representative WARREN of Scarborough **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-58) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52),** which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN:** My name is Sophie Warren, I am the Representative from my home town in Scarborough, Coastal District 29, I have moved this amendment and I have thus far voted against this budget because I believe it is missing a fundamental component; climate change. And in light of the way this budget has been presented, I think we see a certain set of dynamics at play that make me very concerned about how we will fund the climate action plans that we must adopt. I would like to give a little more context to the emergency and crisis that I believe we face. And I knew I ran at 24 as an Independent Representative in the midst of a global pandemic, I ask for your time, I ask for your patience, I ask for your attention on this matter. I have not heard this element about how bonds will be a big part of our plan in the near term and I need us to have a transparent public-facing conversation in this State about how we move forward and I appreciate your consideration.

When I was growing up in Scarborough, I played on a variety of team sports and we would do beach clean ups, which was a huge thing for me growing up and we have Ferry Beach and Pine Point Beach and it's a really beautiful place. I think that many of us have beautiful places that we call home and a variety of things that make Maine a place worth protecting that I feel this budget and the conversation around it and how to move forward is unable to address. Look, I am 25 years old now, I can see aerial photos just the difference, 25 years ago, the shoreline is rising and the dune grass is nearly gone and that's just something right in front of us; for my community; that we can see. For me, I was fortunate to study International Relations at Brandeis University, I was fortunate to spend some time working in a few different places, including in the Middle East and I believe that in the course of years past, I witness some of the most inhumane things that human beings can do to one another and they need water and they need a place to stay and I think we can look to other places in the world today, we can understand that they are years ahead of us and that we must act and I feel fortunate in the last two years to work in the Washington D.C. office of Senator Angus King and I notice that an important part to his leadership as an Independent was to work independently to develop a perspective rounded issue to consider as thoughtful and deliberately way as possible to communicate maybe some of the nuances around an issue that hadn't been brought up or considered to that point. I have failed to say, there are for and against this budget and that you are smart and responsible. I think that everyone is good and smart and is making the best choice they can. This budget has good programs in it, absolutely. There are things that we need to do in the service of the Maine people. And I understand that those with power with make those choices and that in the course of these discussions there is an effort to make changes and those deliberations ultimately were not successful and so, this is the budget that we see before us and I believe this created a politic

dynamic and we need to consider and contend with what I think so far has been empty promises--

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair will remind the member that the pending question before us is the Adoption of the Committee Amendment the comments must be germane to the Committee Amendment and what it is doing to the underlying question.

The Chair reminded Representative WARREN of Scarborough to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **WARREN:** Thank you. I appreciated it, Mr. Speaker. I feel that so far we have a lot of great ideas, but we are not discussing how to pay for them and I don't think we have any more time to wait to have those serious conversations or not prepared to have those serious conversation, I think we need climate action; no more discussion. This amendment without any fiscal note, purposes that the Maine Climate Council will work with the finance department and comes to a series of recommendations to address in the near term climate action. What it will cost, how we consider to pay for it and where we move from here. I think at this point, we have a sense of skill, the crisis at least-- in our heads we see many things, I think we see here in Maine and in many places in the world; we have such a narrow window and I think that we need to make a commitment now as we fund a biannual budget. I hope there's more in the future, but all I can do is look today, and say what can I do today? I understand you hearing me and I am Independent and I appreciate your time and your consideration. I know this is unusual, but we will not address climate change unless we change and I just don't see that yet and I feel we have an opportunity to make a commitment and time is of the essence. So, thank you for your time, I appreciate your consideration and attention to the issue of climate change and how we could consider funding it from the source that is not partisan, but addresses climate funding at the Maine State level. Thank you.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **House Amendment "B" (H-58) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-55) 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.**

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-52) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-55) thereto and sent for concurrence.**

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

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)

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)** in the House on March 11, 2021.

Came from the Senate with the Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ.**

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 314)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-40) in the House on March 11, 2021.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-26)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 883)

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March 18, 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 March 18, 2021, 79 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 March 18, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act Regarding the Application of Certain Pesticides for Nonagricultural Use" (H.P. 836) (L.D. 1158) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Membership Requirements of the Board of Pesticides Control" (H.P. 837) (L.D. 1159) (Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'NEIL of Saco, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of 'No-knock' Warrants" (H.P. 805) (L.D. 1127) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LOOKNER of Portland, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act Relating to Personnel Working in Public Safety" (H.P. 806) (L.D. 1128) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, FAY of Raymond, NEWMAN of Belgrade, PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right to Self-defense Exists outside the Home by Removing the Requirement To Retreat" (H.P. 816) (L.D. 1138) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Prisoners and Jail Staff by Limiting Work Hours of Jail Employees" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 832) (L.D. 1154) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility" (H.P. 848) (L.D. 1170) (Sponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: NEWMAN of Belgrade, PICKETT of Dixfield, RUDNICKI of Fairfield)

Bill "An Act To Curtail No-knock Warrants" (H.P. 849) (L.D. 1171) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, POULIOT of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Excessive Telephone, Video and Commissary Charges in Maine Jails and Prisons" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 853) (L.D. 1175) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative: TUCKER of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act To Restrict Maine Law Enforcement Participation in Federal Firearm Confiscation or Buy-back Programs without Legislative Approval" (H.P. 857) (L.D. 1179) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CONNOR of Lewiston, COSTAIN of Plymouth, LANDRY of Farmington, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PICKETT of Dixfield)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Composition of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission" (H.P. 870) (L.D. 1192) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide Exemptions from Certain Teacher Certification Examination Requirements" (H.P. 827) (L.D. 1149) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, ROCHE of Wells, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Resolve, To Require Maine Postsecondary Educational Institutions To Review the Level of Student Debt and Develop Plans To Limit Student Debt (H.P. 830) (L.D. 1152) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Teacher Certification during Staffing Shortages" (H.P. 847) (L.D. 1169) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation" (H.P. 850) (L.D. 1172) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, HALL of Wilton, HARNETT of Gardiner, HEPLER of Woolwich, MARTIN of Sinclair, MELARAGNO of Auburn, PIERCE of Falmouth, TUCKER of Brunswick)

Bill "An Act To Require a Course Regarding the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine To Be Taught to High School Seniors" (H.P. 864) (L.D. 1186) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HARRINGTON of Sanford, JOHANSEN of Monticello, O'CONNOR of Berwick, ORDDWAY of Standish, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 866) (L.D. 1188) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, OSHER of Orono, SALISBURY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes" (H.P. 867) (L.D. 1189) (Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Annual Fund Balance for Public School Districts" (H.P. 876) (L.D. 1198) (Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton) (Cosponsored by Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Establish a Public Registry for Automated Telephone Calls and So-called Robocalls" (H.P. 808) (L.D. 1130) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Bill "An Act To Support the Provision of Universal, Affordable Broadband Internet" (H.P. 868) (L.D. 1190) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Time-of-use Rates (H.P. 869) (L.D. 1191) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Wood-fired Combined Heat and Power Program" (H.P. 880) (L.D. 1202) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone" (H.P. 839) (L.D. 1161) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Pollution by Prohibiting Metallic Mineral Mining" (H.P. 841) (L.D. 1163) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: BAILEY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act Regarding Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Those Services" (H.P. 813) (L.D. 1135) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Authorize and Regulate Visitation of Essential Caregivers at Long-term Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 817) (L.D. 1139) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FAY of Raymond, HASENFUS of Readfield, MORALES of South Portland, PERRY of Calais, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville)

Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 825) (L.D. 1147) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MEYER of Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Increase Broadband Access in Private Nonmedical Institutions (H.P. 826) (L.D. 1148) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Ensure MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Home and Community-based Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Are Adjusted in Accordance

with Increases in State and Municipal Minimum Wage" (H.P. 835) (L.D. 1157) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Treat in Maine Those Children with Behavioral Health Needs Currently Treated Outside the State (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 851) (L.D. 1173) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Intranasal Naloxone Hydrochloride for Syringe Services Programs" (H.P. 855) (L.D. 1177) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Require Continued MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities for Bed Hold Days during Hospitalizations and Therapeutic Leaves of Absence (H.P. 875) (L.D. 1197) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Service Contracts Act To Include Motor Vehicle Theft Protection Programs and Warranties" (H.P. 819) (L.D. 1141) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

An Act To Eliminate Insurance Rating Based on Age, Geographic Location or Smoking History and To Reduce Rate Variability Due to Group Size (H.P. 828) (L.D. 1150) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Lower Out-of-pocket Prescription Medicine Costs by Requiring Health Insurers To Offer Plans with No Deductibles" (H.P. 829) (L.D. 1151) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Fairness in Auto Insurance Claims" (H.P. 854) (L.D. 1176) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages" (H.P. 872) (L.D. 1194) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GEIGER of Rockland, PERRY of Calais, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act Regarding Targets for Health Plan Investments in Primary Care and Behavioral Health" (H.P. 874) (L.D. 1196) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MEYER of Eliot, TEPLER of Topsham, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Restrict Combustion Engines on Webber Pond in Bremen" (H.P. 831) (L.D. 1153) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (BY REQUEST)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 809) (L.D. 1131) (Sponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To License Operators of Personnel Hoists" (H.P. 846) (L.D. 1168) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, CUDDY of Winterport)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code Regarding Certain Conditions of Release and the Maine Criminal Code Regarding Warrantless Arrests" (H.P. 812) (L.D. 1134) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect Tenants from Unnecessary Evictions" (H.P. 821) (L.D. 1143) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, KESSLER of South Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Advance Health Care Directives" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 822) (L.D. 1144) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Burden on Courts and Promote the Resolution of Civil Cases" (H.P. 838) (L.D. 1160) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BAILEY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Housing Based on a Person's Participation in a Rental Assistance Program" (H.P. 858) (L.D. 1180) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Bring Gender Parity to Corporate Boards" (H.P. 878) (L.D. 1200) (Sponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Relating to Fair Chance in Employment" (H.P. 845) (L.D. 1167) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Engage Stakeholders in an Examination of Fair Chance Housing Policy Options (H.P. 879) (L.D. 1201) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Ocean Waters and Support Regulatory Oversight and the Long-term Health of the Aquaculture Industry" (H.P. 824) (L.D. 1146) (Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals) (Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Allow Commercial Lobster License Holders To Possess a Marine Harvesting Demonstration License" (H.P. 860) (L.D. 1182) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 815) (L.D. 1137) (Sponsored by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency" (H.P. 820) (L.D. 1142) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

(Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DRINKWATER of Milford, JAVNER of Chester, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, POULIOT of Kennebec)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Amending the Pardon Powers of the Governor (H.P. 865) (L.D. 1187) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Media Literacy for Legislators and Legislative Staff" (H.P. 877) (L.D. 1199) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Relating to the Valuation of Retail Sales Facilities" (H.P. 807) (L.D. 1129) (Sponsored by Representative MATLACK of St. George) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representative: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Renovation of Available Housing Stock" (H.P. 810) (L.D. 1132) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Promote Fairness in Income Tax Rates by Making Them More Progressive" (H.P. 814) (L.D. 1136) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, EVANGELOS of Friendship, MORALES of South Portland, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices" (H.P. 818) (L.D. 1140) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax on Maine Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" (H.P. 823) (L.D. 1145) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, DUNPHY of Old Town, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Errors in Employment Tax Increment Financing Benefits" (H.P. 834) (L.D. 1156) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Dedicate a Percentage of the Sales and Use Tax on Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts to the Highway Fund" (H.P. 840) (L.D. 1162) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, ORDWAY of Standish, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Mars Hill)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans by 50 Percent" (H.P. 844) (L.D. 1166) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CUDDY of Winterport, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Send Separate Tax Bills for Municipal, County and School Taxes" (H.P. 852) (L.D. 1174) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes on the Primary Residence of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled Due to Service-connected Disabilities" (H.P. 859) (L.D. 1181) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Taxation Certain Out-of-state Pensions" (H.P. 862) (L.D. 1184) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Bill "An Act To Distribute Tax Revenue To Offset Costs Incurred by Adult Use Marijuana Host Municipalities" (H.P. 863) (L.D. 1185) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax" (H.P. 871) (L.D. 1193) (Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOORE of Augusta, FAY of Raymond, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue" (H.P. 873) (L.D. 1195) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: JOHANSEN of Monticello, MEYER of Eliot, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Application of the Excise Tax on Noncommercial Watercraft Temporarily in the State" (H.P. 881) (L.D. 1203) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Transportation Laws" (H.P. 811) (L.D. 1133) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Establish a License Plate in Support of Multiple Sclerosis Programs" (H.P. 861) (L.D. 1183) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Define Leadership Political Action Committee" (H.P. 803) (L.D. 1125) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process" (H.P. 804) (L.D. 1126) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MORIARTY of Cumberland, WOOD of Portland, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits" (H.P. 833) (L.D. 1155) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, COREY of Windham, FECTEAU of Augusta, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, WARREN of Scarborough, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Application Period for Absentee Ballot Requests and Allow Early Processing of Absentee Ballots" (H.P. 842) (L.D. 1164) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CRAFTS of Newcastle, GERE of Kennebunkport, HASENFUS of Readfield, LOOKNER of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, SHEEHAN of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Provide Secured Drop Boxes for Absentee Ballots" (H.P. 843) (L.D. 1165) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor, TUTTLE of Sanford)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Consideration of a People's Veto at a Presidential Primary (H.P. 856) (L.D. 1178) (Sponsored by Representative COREY of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, LIBBY of Auburn, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock, ROSEN of Hancock)

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. 906)

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

March 22, 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 March 22, 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 March 22, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Resolve, To Facilitate the Modernization and Streamlining of the Utility Pole Attachment Process (H.P. 894) (L.D. 1219) (Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Allow Lemonade Stands and Other Food and Nonalcoholic Beverage Sales by Minors" (H.P. 905) (L.D. 1234) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting North of U.S. Route 2 from the New Hampshire Border to Bangor, North of Route 9 from Bangor to the Canadian Border and within That Portion of the White Mountain National Forest inside the State" (H.P. 887) (L.D. 1212) (Sponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish)

Bill "An Act To Provide the Option of Online or Telephonic Tagging of Harvested Big Game Animals" (H.P. 888) (L.D. 1213) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Require Vehicle Safety within the Funeral Industry" (H.P. 889) (L.D. 1214) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield)

Bill "An Act To Require the Acceptance of Cash for In-person Retail Transactions" (H.P. 892) (L.D. 1217) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Services Provided by Barbers and Master Barbers" (H.P. 903) (L.D. 1232) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representative: RIELLY of Westbrook)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Employment by Sealing the Records of Persons Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Crimes" (H.P. 885) (L.D. 1210) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MORALES of South Portland, PICKETT of Dixfield, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Resolve, To Require the Attorney General To Provide an Update on Maine's Implementation of the Federal Law Called 'Savanna's Act' (H.P. 893) (L.D. 1218) (Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe)

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions" (H.P. 896) (L.D. 1221) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph G.)

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Examine Restorative Justice (H.P. 897) (L.D. 1226) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients" (H.P. 900) (L.D. 1229) (Sponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of Madison, KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Concerning Climate and Community Investment Projects" (H.P. 902) (L.D. 1231) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Determine How Many Employees of Large Companies in Maine Receive Public Benefits" (H.P. 904) (L.D. 1233) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

State and Local Government

Resolve, To Require the State Auditor To Report on Corrective Actions Regarding the Administration of Federal Grants (H.P. 890) (L.D. 1215) (Sponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison)

Bill "An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of Emergency Declared by the Governor" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 895) (L.D. 1220) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Promote Transparency and Public Safety When Public Servants Request Towing Services" (H.P. 899) (L.D. 1228) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham)

(Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2021-22" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 884) (L.D. 1209) (Submitted by the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 891) (L.D. 1216) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" (H.P. 898) (L.D. 1227) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Enhance Traffic Safety with Regard to the Operation of Bicycles on Public Ways" (H.P. 901) (L.D. 1230) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich)

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. 913)

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

March 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 March 23, 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 March 23, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Provision of Adequate Personal Protective Equipment to Firefighters Who Are Women" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 911) (L.D. 1245) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Establish More Transparency, Due Process, Education and Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and Certain Maine Businesses" (H.P. 907) (L.D. 1241) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Extend Electronic Proof of Registration to All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft" (H.P. 910) (L.D. 1244) (Sponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington) (Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of China)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, To Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities (H.P. 912) (L.D. 1246) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Taxation Out-of-state Pensions" (H.P. 909) (L.D. 1243) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASON of Lisbon, Senator: WOODSOME of York)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Appropriate Oversight of Maine's Medical Marijuana Program" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 908) (L.D. 1242) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec)

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. 924)

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

March 24, 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 March 24, 2021, 14 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 March 24, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Officers with Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Clearance To Carry a Concealed Weapon" (H.P. 916) (L.D. 1250) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, STETKIS of Canaan)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Limit the Cost of a 4-year Degree Offered in this State and Implement Provisions Designed To Reduce Student Debt" (H.P. 914) (L.D. 1248) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Augusta, PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Add a Faculty Member and Nonfaculty Staff Member to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System" (H.P. 919) (L.D. 1253) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New Types of Schools and Programs" (H.P. 926) (L.D. 1259) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FECTEAU of Augusta, MASON of Lisbon, STEARNS of Guilford)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Family Day Care Providers by Increasing the Number of Children Allowed To Be Cared For without Obtaining Certification" (H.P. 918) (L.D. 1252) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group Convened by the Emergency Medical Services' Board Related to Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services by Health Insurance Carriers and To Improve Participation of Ambulance Service Providers in Carrier Networks" (H.P. 925) (L.D. 1258) (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 668, section 5.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability" (H.P. 920) (L.D. 1254) (Sponsored by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MADIGAN of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Evictions until 90 Days after the End of the Governor's Declaration of Emergency" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 921) (L.D. 1255) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MELARAGNO of Auburn, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Promote the Sustainability of Unemployment Insurance by Linking the Duration of Benefits to the State's Average Unemployment Rate" (H.P. 927) (L.D. 1260) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Wilton, HANLEY of Pittston, MORRIS of Turner, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GUERIN of Penobscot)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules" (H.P. 922) (L.D. 1256) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, BERRY of Bowdoinham, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RIELLY of Westbrook, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Encourage Charitable Giving" (H.P. 917) (L.D. 1251) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, HANLEY of Pittston, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Inclusionary Zoning in Municipalities by Increasing Revenue Sharing" (H.P. 923) (L.D. 1257) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BAILEY of Gorham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KESSLER of South Portland, MORALES of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook)

Bill "An Act To Improve Camping Opportunities in Maine by Exempting Certain Campground Rental Fees from the Sales and Use Tax" (H.P. 928) (L.D. 1261) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Testing and Safety of Marijuana and Marijuana Products" (H.P. 915) (L.D. 1249) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

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. 946)

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

March 25, 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 March 25, 2021, 17 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 March 25, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program" (H.P. 938) (L.D. 1278) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: ANDREWS

of Paris, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Bolster Rural Economies" (H.P. 940) (L.D. 1280) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, LANDRY of Farmington, PERRY of Calais, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Prevent Underage Tobacco and Nicotine Access and Use" (H.P. 942) (L.D. 1282) (Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discriminatory Practices in Certain Health Insurance Policies" (H.P. 941) (L.D. 1281) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, To Prevent Economic Hardship as a Result of COVID-19 Restrictions (H.P. 935) (L.D. 1275) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, FOSTER of Dexter, GRIFFIN of Levant, HANLEY of Pittston, MORRIS of Turner, PICKETT of Dixfield, POIRIER of Skowhegan, WHITE of Mars Hill)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish Resentencing Units in the Attorney General's Office and All Maine Prosecutorial Districts" (H.P. 930) (L.D. 1270) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Establish Conviction Integrity Units in Maine" (H.P. 933) (L.D. 1273) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Preserve Fair Housing in Maine" (H.P. 929) (L.D. 1269) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PERRY of Calais, SYLVESTER of Portland, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage" (H.P. 939) (L.D. 1279) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, ROBERTS of South Berwick, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding 2021 Municipal Elections and Town Meetings" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 934) (L.D. 1274) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HARNETT of Gardiner, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Remove Sales and Use Taxation on Monetary Metals" (H.P. 937) (L.D. 1277) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law To Encourage Public Access" (H.P. 943) (L.D. 1283) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Automobile Insurance and Employment by Clarifying Driving Records" (H.P. 931) (L.D. 1271) (Sponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, FECTEAU of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Limits on the Number of Taste-testing Events for Beer, Wine and Spirits" (H.P. 932) (L.D. 1272) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) Bill "An Act To Ensure All Legal Voters Are Able To Participate in Elections" (H.P. 936) (L.D. 1276) (Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, RIELLY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws" (H.P. 944) (L.D. 1284) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan)

Bill "An Act To Require an Official Declaration of War or a Congressional Action To Call Out the State Militia before the Maine National Guard Is Released for Combat Duty" (H.P. 945) (L.D. 1285) (Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred)

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. 951)
**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 26, 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 March 26, 2021, 4 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 March 26, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety To Apply for an Exemption from Background Checks for Holders of Concealed Weapons Permits (H.P. 947) (L.D. 1286) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding Interconnectivity of Small Electric Distributed Generation Resources" (H.P. 949) (L.D. 1288) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Unlicensed Persons To Sell Caskets To Bury Human Remains" (H.P. 948) (L.D. 1287) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Cut Property Taxes for Maine Residential Homeowners" (H.P. 950) (L.D. 1289) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

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. 982)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

March 11, 2021
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002
Dear Clerk Hunt,
Enclosed please find my official certification to the 130th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region".
Sincerely,
S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 80,506 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 21, 2021, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region".
I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 63,067.
I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the eleventh day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the accompanying Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region"

(I.B. 1) (L.D. 1295)

Was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 120)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

March 8, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Fecteau:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Aroostook County Commissioners on February 26, 2021:

Leo Trudel of Stockholm

The County asks that this nomination be considered to continue serving a new four-year term that began March 14, 2021 through March 13, 2025. This position is scheduled to be filled by Aroostook County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA 683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Suzanne M. Gresser
Executive Director

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 124)

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

March 17, 2021

The Honorable Robert Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have rescinded my appointment of Representative Kathy Downes of

Bucksport from the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, effective immediately.

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

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

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 125)

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

March 17, 2021

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I am

appointing Representative James Thorne of Carmel to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, replacing Representative Kathy Downes of Bucksport, effective immediately.

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

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

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 126)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 16, 2021

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

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have

appointed Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec to serve as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, replacing Senator Joseph Rafferty of York County. In addition, I have appointed Senator Hickman to serve on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, replacing Senator Susan Deschambault of York. These appointments are effective immediately.

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

Sincerely,
S/Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 127)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 16, 2021

The Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 371, I have appointed Senator Susan Deschambault of York to the Government Oversight Committee, replacing Senator Eloise Vitelli of Sagadahoc. This appointment is effective immediately. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 128)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 16, 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 Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Joseph Rafferty of York as the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, replacing Senator Matthea Daughtry of Cumberland. Senator Daughtry will remain on the committee but will no longer serve as Chair. This appointment is effective immediately. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,

S/Troy Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 129)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 16, 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 10, MRSA, §11, I am pleased to appoint Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission. With this appointment, he will serve in seat number 1 representing a member of the majority party of the Senate. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 132)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 25, 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 20-A MRSA c. 437, I am pleased to appoint the following Senators to the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force, effective the date of this letter:

Senator Joseph Rafferty of York County

Senator David Woodsome of York County

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 133)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 25, 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 Craig Hickman of Kennebec to the Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council, replacing Senator Nathan Libby of Androscoggin. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 134)

**SENATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

March 25, 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 20-A MRSA c. 437, I am pleased to appoint Rosa Redonnet to seat number three on the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force. With this appointment, she will be serving as a representative of the University of Maine system, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 119)

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

March 19, 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, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:
on March 10, 2021

William N. Lund of Portland for reappointment as Superintendent, Bureau of Consumer Credit.

Pursuant to 9-A MRSA §6-103, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

the Honorable Gay Grant of South Gardiner for appointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1602, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Valerie Laure Bilogue Minkala Epse Tayong of Presque Isle for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee and Kossi Gamedah of Falmouth for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Joseph R. Hanslip of Sanford, Sari S. Greene of South Portland and Noel C. March of Hampden for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after

review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Glenn W. Burroughs of Winthrop, Ronald P. Green Jr. of Plymouth, Richelle R. Wallace of Auburn for reappointment and Serina DeWolfe of Windham, Lynne Gaudette of Biddeford and Penny Picard of Palmyra for appointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, these reappointments and these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

James I. Cohen of Portland and Carol Murray of Sanford for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

the Honorable Robert E. Mullen of Norridgewock and the Honorable Daniel I. Billings of Southport for reappointment as Justices of the Maine Superior Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §101, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

the Honorable Andrew Benson of Athens, the Honorable Barbara Raimondi of Brunswick and the Honorable Eric Walker of Belmont for reappointment as Judges on the Maine District Court.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §157, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Mark A. Brunton of China, Kenneth Williams of Damariscotta, Richard Metivier of Lewiston, Bryan H. Noyes of Freeport for reappointment and John H. Kimball of Norway for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §17102, these reappointments and this appointment are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

on March 12, 2021

Sarah LeClaire, Esquire of Woodland for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Steven Tatko of Willimantic and Samantha Horn of Readfield for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10308, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Shawn J. Sage of Hollis for reappointment and Michael Gawtry of Yarmouth, Eric Ward of Greenville Junction and Jennifer A. Geel of East Machias for appointment to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §10151, this reappointment and these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Lois Skillings of Brunswick, John Moncure of Harpswell, John Peters of Harpswell, for reappointment and Ann Marie Swenson of Scarborough, for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-I, these reappointments and this appointment are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

on March 16, 2021

the Honorable Julie Ann O'Brien of Augusta for appointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §4561, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Kristin ("Togue") E. Brawn of Cape Elizabeth, Matthew E. Moretti of Cape Elizabeth, Ronald A. Trundy of Stonington, Peter C. Mourmouras of Biddeford for reappointment and Joselyn Runnenbaum of Bath, Robert Begin of Boothbay Harbor, Dana Hammond II of Bristol, John Bigelow Marsh III of Bremen, Curtis D. Haycock of Milbridge, the Honorable Abden Simmons of Waldoboro, Michael R. Danforth of Brewer and James Arsenault of Dresden to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, these reappointments and appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

on March 17, 2021

Vaughan J. Woodruff of Pittsfield, Adria Horn of Pittston, Allyson Coombs of Brunswick, Michael W. Bennett of Hampden, the Honorable John L. Patrick of Rumford, Meryl Fogg (AKA Ryan) of Falmouth and Timothy Templet of Cumberland Foreside for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Jeanne T. Gibson of Winthrop and Andrew Wells of Durham for appointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

on March 18, 2021

Ronald W. Schneider, Jr., Esquire of Wells for reappointment and the Honorable Donald G. Alexander of Winthrop, Matthew Morgan, Esquire of Topsham, and Meegan Burbank, Esquire of Jefferson for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this reappointment and these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

on March 22, 2021

Cordelia Pitman of Portland for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §401, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 121)
MAINE DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD
333 CONY ROAD
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau,
Enclosed for your review is the calendar year 2019 Audit Report of the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, prepared by Austin & Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. We are pleased to offer it for your consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact either Austin & Associates or myself. Austin & Associates can be reached at their office in Auburn at 783-9111 and I can be reached at our office in Augusta at 287-3621.

Sincerely,
S/Sarah J. Littlefield
Executive Director

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 122)
MAINE DAIRY & NUTRITION COUNCIL
333 CONY ROAD
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau,
Enclosed for your review is the calendar year 2019 Audit Report of the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council, prepared by Austin & Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. We are pleased to offer it for your consideration.

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Sincerely,
S/Sarah J. Littlefield
Executive Director

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 123)
STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 30, 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

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L.D. 324 An Act To Limit Public Land Ownership in Maine

L.D. 457 An Act To Provide Free State Park Passes to Persons with Disabilities

L.D. 561 Resolve, To Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities

Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 390 An Act Regarding the Mapping of Shoreland Zones

Health and Human Services

L.D. 302 An Act To Eliminate the Working Cars for Working Families Program

L.D. 357 An Act To Repeal the Working Cars for Working Families Program

L.D. 396 An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Assistance with Applications for Basic Necessities To Prevent Children Being Removed from Parental Custody

L.D. 510 Resolve, To Reduce Stigma Regarding Substance Use Disorder by Requiring the Use of Respectful Language in the MaineCare Benefits Manual and Other Department of Health and Human Services Publications

L.D. 637 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 21: Rules for the Provision of Room and Board Payments for Residential Programs Serving Children, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 699 An Act To Create a Kinship Care Navigator Program within the Department of Health and Human Services

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 10 An Act To Allow Resident Hunters To Harvest 2 Bears per Bear Hunting Season

L.D. 212 An Act To Support Senior Hunting by Allowing Lifetime Licensed Hunters over 65 Years of Age To Automatically Receive an Antlerless Deer Permit

L.D. 294 An Act To Simplify the Any-deer Permit Distribution System by Including the Ability To Purchase Additional Permits

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

L.D. 531 An Act To Help More Students Attain a College Credential by Strengthening the Maine State Grant Program

Judiciary

L.D. 124 An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning the Priority of Appointment of Personal Representatives under the Maine Uniform Probate Code

L.D. 237 An Act To Allow Veterans To Opt Out of Jury Duty

L.D. 310 An Act To Establish Equitable Education Requirements for Judges

Transportation

L.D. 354 An Act To Require Motor Vehicle Inspections Every 2 Years

L.D. 431 An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected

L.D. 490 An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State

L.D. 565 An Act To Study the Fee Structure for Motor Vehicle Inspections as It Relates to the Viability of Inspection Stations

L.D. 712 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement for an Inspection for a Noncommercial Vehicle Less Than 20 Years Old

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 664 An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Program (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 732 An Act To Refund 50 Percent of 2020 State Liquor Licensing Fees to Nonprofit Organizations (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 823 An Act To Reduce State Licensing Fees for Maine Bars and Restaurants by 50 Percent for a 12-month Period

L.D. 1037 An Act To Enable Nonprofit Organizations To Offer Raffle Tickets by Mail

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 130)

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

March 25, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Deschambault of York, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 15 An Act To Amend the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act To Ensure Government Transparency and To Protect the Privacy and Safety of the Public

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Tucker of Brunswick, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 279 An Act To Protect Persons Detained or Committed in a Correctional or Detention Facility from Excessive Telephone or Video Charges

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. 92 An Act To Amend the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program (EMERGENCY)

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Grohoski of Ellsworth, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 260 An Act To Clarify the Establishment, Collection and Use of Certain Fees for Nonwetland Habitat Mitigation Required by the Department of Environmental Protection for Project Permitting

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Tepler of Topsham, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 1000 An Act To Change Licensure Requirements for Foreign-trained Dentists

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

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 131)
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 30, 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 nominations:

on March 24, 2021

David Keaton of Caribou to the State Board of Education.
This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

Shawn Sage of Hollis to the IF&W Advisory Council.
This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Timothy Templet of Cumberland Foreside to the State Workforce Board.
This nomination is currently 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: (S.P. 48)

MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 12, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:
On January 11, 2021, 38 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 11, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey a Parcel of Land in Augusta to the Maine Veterans' Homes (S.P. 38) (L.D. 30) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law" (S.P. 41) (L.D. 33) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund" (S.P. 42) (L.D. 34) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Interagency Sharing of Information and Academic Research by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Confidential Information in Wood Processor and Forest Landowner Reports" (S.P. 43) (L.D. 35) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Timber Harvesting'" (S.P. 44) (L.D. 36) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of Maine National Guard Facilities" (S.P. 10) (L.D. 3) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics" (S.P. 28) (L.D. 21) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Require Annual Information Reporting by the Maine Information and Analysis Center" (S.P. 19) (L.D. 12) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Coordinate the Delivery of Individuals Committed to the Department of Corrections" (S.P. 20) (L.D. 13) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create an Alert System To Notify the Public When a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability Is Missing" (S.P. 36) (L.D. 28) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Promote Renewable Energy by Authorizing a Power-to-fuel Pilot Program" (S.P. 16) (L.D. 9) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs" (S.P. 15) (L.D. 8) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York)

Bill "An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban" (S.P. 47) (L.D. 39) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Representative: TUELL of East Machias)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program (S.P. 24) (L.D. 17) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, STOVER of Boothbay, PLUECKER of Warren, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death" (S.P. 32) (L.D. 24) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Timing of an Appeal of a Finding Regarding Involuntary Mental Health Treatment at a Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institution" (S.P. 46) (L.D. 38) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 29) (L.D. 1) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act" (S.P. 11) (L.D. 4) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board" (S.P. 12) (L.D. 5) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code" (S.P. 13) (L.D. 6) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Submitted by the

Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 33) (L.D. 25) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Dentist To Administer Botulinum Toxin and Dermal Fillers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 34) (L.D. 26) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact" (S.P. 39) (L.D. 31) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Allow Resident Hunters To Harvest 2 Bears per Bear Hunting Season" (S.P. 17) (L.D. 10) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center" (S.P. 14) (L.D. 7) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Reciprocity for Licensure of Professional Engineers" (S.P. 18) (L.D. 11) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws" (S.P. 25) (L.D. 18) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 26) (L.D. 19) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2021 and 2022 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 27) (L.D. 20) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 30) (L.D. 22) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Amend the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act To Ensure Government Transparency and To Protect the Privacy and Safety of the Public" (S.P. 22) (L.D. 15) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Provide an Immediate Opportunity To Appeal for a Juvenile Bound Over into Criminal Court" (S.P. 35) (L.D. 27) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, WARREN of Hallowell, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco,

MORALES of South Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren)
Bill "An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings" (S.P. 40) (L.D. 32) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Apprenticeship Program to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972" (S.P. 37) (L.D. 29) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 45) (L.D. 37) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency" (S.P. 21) (L.D. 14) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta and Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans" (S.P. 31) (L.D. 23) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board" (S.P. 23) (L.D. 16) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 66)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 19, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 19, 2021, 11 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 19, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate and Other Synthetic Herbicides for the Purpose of Silviculture" (S.P. 58) (L.D. 125) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Grants for Professional Development in Computer Science Instruction (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 60) (L.D. 127) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Require a Background Check for High-risk Health Care Providers under the MaineCare Program" (S.P. 51) (L.D. 121) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Resolve, To Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants (S.P. 64) (L.D. 129) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Lower Health Care Costs through the Establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care" (S.P. 49) (L.D. 120) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, MELARAGNO of Auburn)

Bill "An Act To Protect Home Ownership" (S.P. 52) (L.D. 122) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland and Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, MORALES of South Portland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow a Journeyman Electrician To Supervise Three Helper Electricians" (S.P. 59) (L.D. 126) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning the Priority of Appointment of Personal Representatives under the Maine Uniform Probate Code" (S.P. 56) (L.D. 124) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022" (S.P. 54) (L.D. 123) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "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) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create Appropriate Standards for the Secretary of State To Follow When Approving the Assignments of Vanity Registration Plates" (S.P. 65) (L.D. 130) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 75)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 21, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 21, 2021, 5 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 21, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Investment in Innovation by Maine Businesses To Produce Nationally and Globally Competitive Products and Services" (S.P. 73) (L.D. 169) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, DILL of Penobscot)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide" (S.P. 74) (L.D. 187) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Allow Participants in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program To Qualify for MaineCare Transportation Services" (S.P. 68) (L.D. 166) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Limit Late Medical Billing to 6 Months" (S.P. 69) (L.D. 167) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide a Tax Break for Businesses That Employ People with Disabilities" (S.P. 72) (L.D. 168) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 100)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 25, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 25, 2021, 23 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 25, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 93) (L.D. 204) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BERNARD of Caribou and Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission" (S.P. 92) (L.D. 203) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, PERRY of Calais)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services (S.P. 84) (L.D. 196) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds (S.P. 85) (L.D. 197) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, CRAVEN of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions" (S.P. 88) (L.D. 199) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: STEARNS of Guilford) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction (S.P. 83) (L.D. 195) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads" (S.P. 80) (L.D. 192) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies" (S.P. 77) (L.D. 189) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Corrections Officers Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan" (S.P. 78) (L.D. 190) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

State and Local Government

Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County (S.P. 81) (L.D. 193) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry" (S.P. 76) (L.D. 188) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, TERRY of Gorham, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MATLACK of St. George, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes" (S.P. 79) (L.D. 191) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York)

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) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATLACK of St. George, OSHER of Orono, BICKFORD of Auburn)

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" (S.P. 90) (L.D. 201) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, BAILEY of York, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ROBERTS of South Berwick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program" (S.P. 97) (L.D. 229) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: TERRY of Gorham)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Refuse To Issue or To Recall a Vanity Registration Plate with Vulgar, Obscene, Contemptuous or Profane Language" (S.P. 89) (L.D. 200) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor (S.P. 95) (L.D. 227) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, CARDONE of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Allow Travel in a Center Lane of a Restricted Highway" (S.P. 96) (L.D. 228) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Allow Low-beam Headlights on Motorcycles To Flash during Daytime Hours" (S.P. 98) (L.D. 230) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DOUDERA of Camden)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 82) (L.D. 194) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, ANDREWS of Paris, DOLLOFF of Milton Township) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting (S.P. 91) (L.D. 202) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, HARNETT of Gardiner, MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 94) (L.D. 205) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Establish Open Primaries" (S.P. 99) (L.D. 231) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, RISEMAN of Harrison, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, WARREN of Scarborough)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 112)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 27, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 27, 2021, 10 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 27, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 101) (L.D. 240) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission" (S.P. 103) (L.D. 242) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Education System" (S.P. 108) (L.D. 247) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding Rural Water Districts" (S.P. 106) (L.D. 245) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine" (S.P. 111) (L.D. 249) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, FOSTER of Dexter)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law" (S.P. 105) (L.D. 244) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act Regarding the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund" (S.P. 107) (L.D. 246) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MILLETT of Waterford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health" (S.P. 110) (L.D. 248) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee" (S.P. 104) (L.D. 243) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs" (S.P. 102) (L.D. 241) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 122)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 28, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 28, 2021, 6 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 28, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State" (S.P. 118) (L.D. 268) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries" (S.P. 121) (L.D. 270) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: STEARNS of Guilford, SAMPSON of Alfred)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care" (S.P. 114) (L.D. 265) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, WHITE of Waterville, PERRY of Calais)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters" (S.P. 120) (L.D. 269) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate" (S.P. 115) (L.D. 266) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail (S.P. 116) (L.D. 267) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 128)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 1, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 1, 2021, 4 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 1, 2021, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Continuances for Protection from Abuse Hearings" (S.P. 127) (L.D. 291) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Income Tax Law with Federal Law To Exempt Paycheck Protection Program Loans from Being Considered Taxable Income" (S.P. 124) (L.D. 288) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ROBERTS of South Berwick, HALL of Wilton)

Bill "An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years" (S.P. 126) (L.D. 290) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Secretary of State To Reject Certain Vanity License Plate Requests" (S.P. 125) (L.D. 289) (Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: COREY of Windham)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 149)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 4, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 4, 2021, 16 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 4, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 129) (L.D. 304) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds" (S.P. 146) (L.D. 339) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Advance Career and Technical Education Opportunities in Maine" (S.P. 140) (L.D. 313) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, POULIOT of Kennebec, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HARRINGTON of Sanford, WHITE of Waterville)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Encourage Research To Support the Maine Offshore Wind Industry" (S.P. 142) (L.D. 336) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy, Utilities and Technology" (S.P. 143) (L.D. 337) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs" (S.P. 147) (L.D. 340) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Licensed Maine Guide To Hunt Big Game" (S.P. 135) (L.D. 309) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish Equitable Education Requirements for Judges" (S.P. 136) (L.D. 310) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford, Representative: MILLETT of Waterford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Include Forest Rangers and Forest Fire Prevention Specialists in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters" (S.P. 131) (L.D. 305) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, WOODSOME of York, CURRY of Waldo, DIAMOND of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: STEARNS of Guilford, NADEAU of Winslow)

Bill "An Act To Address the Windfall Elimination Provision" (S.P. 148) (L.D. 341) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative" (S.P. 145) (L.D. 338) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Promote Research and Development in the State by Increasing and Marketing the Research Expense Tax Credit" (S.P. 134) (L.D. 308) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, BICKFORD of Auburn)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Require Third-party Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges" (S.P. 137) (L.D. 311) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 138) (L.D. 312) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 132) (L.D. 306) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 133) (L.D. 307) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 153)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 5, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:
On February 5, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on February 5, 2021, as follows:

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Require Timely Billing for Health Care Services" (S.P. 150) (L.D. 367) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 170)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 8, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:
On February 8, 2021, 14 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 8, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Reduce from 8 Weeks to 6 Weeks the Age at Which a Rabbit May be Sold" (S.P. 169) (L.D. 381) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation" (S.P. 155) (L.D. 370) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York)

Bill "An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 157) (L.D. 371) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure" (S.P. 159) (L.D. 373) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MELARAGNO of Auburn, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, WHITE of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Criminalize Recording an Incident in Progress but Failing To Report the Incident Immediately to the Appropriate Authority" (S.P. 152) (L.D. 369) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Change the Statutory Cap on Virtual Public Charter School Enrollment" (S.P. 168) (L.D. 380) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care" (S.P. 158) (L.D. 372) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MEYER of Eliot)

Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program (S.P. 164) (L.D. 376) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Proof of Financial Responsibility with Respect to Motor Vehicles" (S.P. 151) (L.D. 368) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Spouses To Apply for Temporary Occupational Licenses and Certifications" (S.P. 160) (L.D. 374) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: BAILEY of Gorham)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Create Greater Accountability in the Office of County Sheriff" (S.P. 163) (L.D. 375) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, CYRWAY of Kennebec, BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 165) (L.D. 377) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Commission" (S.P. 167) (L.D. 379) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 166) (L.D. 378) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, FARRIN of

Somerset, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 176)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 9, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 9, 2021, 5 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 9, 2021, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Relating to Solar Energy Installation" (S.P. 174) (L.D. 426) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding Solar Project Licensing" (S.P. 175) (L.D. 427) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Bariatric Care in Nursing Homes" (S.P. 171) (L.D. 423) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Restore Short-term Health Insurance" (S.P. 172) (L.D. 424) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Establish a State Unemployment Program for Self-employed Workers and Independent Contractors (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 173) (L.D. 425) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representative: CUDDY of Winterport)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 188)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 11, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 11, 2021, 7 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 11, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Healthy Soils Program" (S.P. 179) (L.D. 437) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Approval for Certain Leases of Public Lands" (S.P. 177) (L.D. 471) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representative: O'NEIL of Saco)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Increase Public Safety by Adding a Position to the Computer Crimes Unit of the Maine State Police" (S.P. 181) (L.D. 438) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Provisions Concerning the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault" (S.P. 182) (L.D. 439) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Conserve the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark" (S.P. 183) (L.D. 440) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PIERCE of Falmouth, RECKITT of South Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Applications, Permits and Fines" (S.P. 178) (L.D. 436) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Allow a Veteran Who Was a Member of the Military Reserves or Served in the National Guard To Qualify for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" (S.P. 187) (L.D. 470) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 202)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 17, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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

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

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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

Energy, Utilities and Technology

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

Environment and Natural Resources

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

Health and Human Services

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

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

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

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

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

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

Judiciary

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

Taxation

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

Transportation

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

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 230)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 22, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 22, 2021, 21 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 22, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs to the Board of Pesticides Control and the Posting of Inspection Results for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public" (S.P. 209) (L.D. 524) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives:

MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, O'NEIL of Saco)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards" (S.P. 204) (L.D. 521) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code" (S.P. 223) (L.D. 536) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Representative: RECKITT of South Portland) (Submitted by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2.)

Bill "An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Do a Thorough Background Check of Applicant Officers and To Require the Release of Records, Including Sealed Records, to the Requesting Agency" (S.P. 227) (L.D. 539) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Advance Energy Storage in Maine" (S.P. 213) (L.D. 528) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senator: LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, WOOD of Portland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Restore the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program" (S.P. 216) (L.D. 529) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program" (S.P. 220) (L.D. 533) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth, MEYER of Eliot, CRAVEN of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Cap Interest Rates for Consumer Debt" (S.P. 205) (L.D. 522) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs" (S.P. 207) (L.D. 523) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Consolidate Patient Bills by Directing Health Insurers To Collect Copayments and Deductibles" (S.P. 217) (L.D. 530) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Help More Students Attain a College Credential by Strengthening the Maine State Grant Program" (S.P. 218) (L.D. 531) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages" (S.P. 222) (L.D. 535) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BAILEY of York, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Establish a Conditional Presumption of Compensability for Certain Employees in Cases of Impairment from Hypertension or Heart Disease" (S.P. 228) (L.D. 575) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax" (S.P. 212) (L.D. 527) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative: COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Lower Income Taxes for Middle-income Families in Maine" (S.P. 219) (L.D. 532) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, ROEDER of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss" (S.P. 221) (L.D. 534) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Trailers Sold to Out-of-state Entities from Sales and Use Tax" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 226) (L.D. 538) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans" (S.P. 229) (L.D. 576) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, BRYANT of Windham)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Dedicate Sections of Maine's Interstate Highway System to Fallen State Troopers" (S.P. 224) (L.D. 537) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space" (S.P. 210) (L.D. 525) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Require an Affidavit for Every Independent Expenditure Influencing an Election and To Penalize the Use of Mistruths" (S.P. 211) (L.D. 526) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: KINNEY of Knox)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 243)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

February 25, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On February 25, 2021, 10 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on February 25, 2021, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program" (S.P. 236) (L.D. 597) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, WADSWORTH of Hiram, STEARNS of Guilford, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Prevent Pollution from Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs" (S.P. 241) (L.D. 602) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DUNPHY of Old Town, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, HEPLER of Woolwich, DOUDERA of Camden, LOOKNER of Portland, GEIGER of Rockland)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Ensure That Access to Oral and Facial Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Maine Remains Viable (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 232) (L.D. 595) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WHITE of Mars Hill, McCREA of Fort Fairfield)

Bill "An Act Regarding Indices of Vital Records" (S.P. 240) (L.D. 601) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Require Coverage for Certain Ultrasound Exams" (S.P. 238) (L.D. 599) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services" (S.P. 239) (L.D. 600) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, LIBBY of Auburn)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy" (S.P. 242) (L.D. 603) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, BRENNER of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, PERRY of Calais)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair Texture or Hairstyle" (S.P. 237) (L.D. 598) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, SANBORN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland,

Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Labor and Housing

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) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, BRENNAN of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads" (S.P. 234) (L.D. 596) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 257)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 1, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 1, 2021, 12 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 1, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider and To Amend the Definition for Those Products That Are Heated" (S.P. 244) (L.D. 630) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Implement Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for Educators (S.P. 247) (L.D. 633) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools" (S.P. 250) (L.D. 636) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DUNPHY of Old Town, PAULHUS of Bath)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Cap the Value of Contracts for Renewable Resources and Distributed Generation Resources" (S.P. 248) (L.D. 634) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, STETKIS of Canaan, FOSTER of Dexter)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Conversion of Children's Private Nonmedical Institutions to Qualified Residential Treatment Programs as Required by Federal Law" (S.P. 246) (L.D. 632) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program" (S.P. 245) (L.D. 631) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, BROOKS of Lewiston, MATHIESON of Kittery)

Bill "An Act To Expand and Promote Telehealth Services" (S.P. 255) (L.D. 649) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Repeal the Requirement To Obtain a Permit before Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device" (S.P. 249) (L.D. 635) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Improve the Lives of Maine Workers by Supporting Apprenticeships That Lead to Good-paying Jobs" (S.P. 253) (L.D. 648) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers" (S.P. 251) (L.D. 646) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" (S.P. 252) (L.D. 647) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Allow the Sale of Raffle Tickets Online" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 256) (L.D. 671) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 275)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 2, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 2, 2021, 15 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 2, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 267) (L.D. 680) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Viability of the Northern Maine Electric Transmission Grid" (S.P. 270) (L.D. 682) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B" (S.P. 263) (L.D. 676) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CONNOR of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act Regarding Timelines for Permitting by the Department of Environmental Protection" (S.P. 265) (L.D. 678) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 261) (L.D. 674) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, WARREN of Hallowell, MEYER of Eliot)

Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 272) (L.D. 684) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Create the Insulin Safety Net Program" (S.P. 260) (L.D. 673) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Unsupported Price Increases on Prescription Medicines by Creating an Independent Review Process" (S.P. 262) (L.D. 675) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo,

BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act To Increase Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency" (S.P. 274) (L.D. 686) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System" (S.P. 266) (L.D. 679) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, O'CONNOR of Berwick)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Removal Process of Individuals from Certain Facilities Not Governed By Title 14 of the Maine Revised Statutes" (S.P. 268) (L.D. 681) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Nonprofit Corporations To Hold Meetings Electronically" (S.P. 271) (L.D. 683) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland, Representatives: WHITE of Waterville, DUCCHARME of Madison)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations by Amending the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws" (S.P. 264) (L.D. 677) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, RAFFERTY of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, PAULHUS of Bath)

Transportation

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Building a Trail on the Mountain Division Rail Line (S.P. 258) (L.D. 672) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative ORDWAY of Standish and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, BAILEY of Gorham)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 273) (L.D. 685) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: KINNEY of Knox)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 286)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 3, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 3, 2021, 9 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 3, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Directing State Agencies That Maintain Public Lands for Recreation To Make Certain Information Readily Accessible to the General Public (S.P. 279) (L.D. 728) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Allow the Purchase of Health Insurance across State Lines" (S.P. 278) (L.D. 713) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits" (S.P. 281) (L.D. 730) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

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) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, BAILEY of York, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, COSTAIN of Plymouth, O'CONNELL of Brewer)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Provide Transparency Regarding State Contracts during a State of Emergency" (S.P. 280) (L.D. 729) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Constitutional Officers To Be Elected by Statewide Election (S.P. 285) (L.D. 733) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: COREY of Windham, DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Establish a Program To Assist Regional Firefighter Training Programs, To Provide Tax Credits to Businesses That Employ Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons and To Provide Benefits to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons" (S.P. 283) (L.D. 731) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,

Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, DILLINGHAM of Oxford)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Requirement for an Inspection for a Noncommercial Vehicle Less Than 20 Years Old" (S.P. 277) (L.D. 712) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Refund 50 Percent of 2020 State Liquor Licensing Fees to Nonprofit Organizations" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 284) (L.D. 732) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative: DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 271)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

March 12, 2021

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it referred Bill "An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense" (H.P. 613) (L.D. 845) to the Committee on Transportation in non-concurrence.

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.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared" (H.P. 955) (L.D. 1299)

Sponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, BERRY of Bowdoinham, HEPLER of Woolwich, MATLACK of St. George, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

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

Bill "An Act To Allow the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard To Request Quick Response Funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund after Receiving Authorization from the Governor"

(H.P. 964) (L.D. 1308)

Sponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funds for Community-based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Services and To Reduce by Half the Funding for the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency"

(H.P. 954) (L.D. 1298)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Sale, Purchase and Use of Fireworks in the State"

(H.P. 963) (L.D. 1307)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, HEPLER of Woolwich, RECKITT of South Portland, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Who Signs and Swears to a Certificate Stating the Results of a Breath-alcohol Test"

(H.P. 969) (L.D. 1313)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Protect Firearm Use and Possession Rights during a State of Emergency and Require a Two-thirds Vote by the Legislative Council To Declare or Extend a State of Emergency"

(H.P. 971) (L.D. 1315)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program"

(H.P. 972) (L.D. 1316)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, CUDDY of Winterport, FAY of Raymond, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Senator: CURRY of Waldo.

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 Maximize Service to Students by Adopting Conditional Allowances for Participation by Families of School Board Members in School Activities"

(H.P. 975) (L.D. 1323)

Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROCHE of Wells, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Career Advancement and Navigation Initiative in the Department of Education To Lower Barriers to Career Advancement"

(H.P. 981) (L.D. 1329)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, RIELLY of Westbrook, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: BAILEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Create Education Choices by Creating Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students"

(H.P. 994) (L.D. 1343)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Augusta, PICKETT of Dixfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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 Include Crisis Response Services in Emergency Services Offered through the E-9-1-1 System"

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1306)

Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Require Dispatch Units To Employ a Person with a Social Work Background"

(H.P. 970) (L.D. 1314)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Electricity Customers from Threats of Disconnection in the Wintertime"

(H.P. 980) (L.D. 1328)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding Net Energy Billing Limits"

(H.P. 983) (L.D. 1332)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

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 Support Transitional Housing for Persons Experiencing Abuse, Dangerous Living Conditions, Economic Insecurity Due to Divorce or Separation, Chronic Homelessness, Substance Use Disorder or Mental Disorders"

(H.P. 957) (L.D. 1301)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Streamline Requests for Housing Assistance"

(H.P. 961) (L.D. 1305)

Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief from Audit Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities during a State of Emergency" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 977) (L.D. 1325)

Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers" (H.P. 984) (L.D. 1333)

Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services during a Public Health Emergency" (H.P. 995) (L.D. 1344)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Protect Medicare Beneficiaries from Surprise Medical Billing" (H.P. 992) (L.D. 1341)

Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth.

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.

Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Certain Behavioral Health Professionals (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 958) (L.D. 1302)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.
Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

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

On motion of TEPLER of Topsham, the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Protection for Tractors When Using Public Ways" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 973) (L.D. 1321)

Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

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

On motion of TEPLER of Topsham, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Educational Opportunities for Family Members of Deceased Veterans, First Responders and Health Care Workers" (H.P. 953) (L.D. 1297)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Address Systemic Racism and Improve Economic Prosperity" (H.P. 965) (L.D. 1309)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program" (H.P. 979) (L.D. 1327)

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAY of Raymond, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Guarantee Housing Rights during a State of Civil Emergency" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 952) (L.D. 1296)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representative: TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Judicial Discretion in Sentencing" (H.P. 959) (L.D. 1303)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, LOOKNER of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Records" (H.P. 966) (L.D. 1310)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct an Assessment of Human Trafficking in the State (H.P. 976) (L.D. 1324)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, RECKITT of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund" (H.P. 978) (L.D. 1326)

Sponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor.
Bill "An Act To Discontinue the Use of the Terms 'Handicap,' 'Handicapped' and 'Hearing Impaired' in State Laws, Rules and Official Documents" (H.P. 987) (L.D. 1336)

Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DODGE of Belfast, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws"

(H.P. 991) (L.D. 1340)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Allow Rental Housing Owners To Apply for Emergency Rental Relief Assistance (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 974) (L.D. 1322)

Sponsored by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BLIER of Buxton.

Bill "An Act To Protect Employees' Exercise of Workplace Rights"

(H.P. 989) (L.D. 1338)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, GERE of Kennebunkport, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act To Clarify That Municipal Firefighters, Volunteer First Responders and Substitute Teachers Are Excluded from Maine Earned Paid Leave"

(H.P. 990) (L.D. 1339)

Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness"

(H.P. 956) (L.D. 1300)

Sponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the State Employee Health Commission"

(H.P. 967) (L.D. 1311)

Sponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, LIBBY of Auburn, MATHIESON of Kittery.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Accessory Dwelling Units and Allow Accessory Dwelling Units where Single-family Houses Are Allowed"

(H.P. 968) (L.D. 1312)

Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono.

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

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 Create the Career and Technical Education Workforce Fund"

(H.P. 960) (L.D. 1304)

Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development through Increased Film Incentives"

(H.P. 985) (L.D. 1334)

Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: FECTEAU of Augusta, ROEDER of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: BAILEY of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Exemption from the Sales Tax for Basic Needs Products and Offset the Loss of Revenue"

(H.P. 986) (L.D. 1335)

Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATLACK of St. George, SACHS of Freeport, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences"

(H.P. 988) (L.D. 1337)

Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GERE of Kennebunkport, HYMANSON of York, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Lodging and Other Goods and Provide Funding for Tax Abatement and Rental Relief"

(H.P. 993) (L.D. 1342)

Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 882) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, FECTEAU of Augusta, HEPLER of Woolwich, SALISBURY of Westbrook)

JOINT RESOLUTION, RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF TEACHERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of Maine; and

WHEREAS, teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for their selfless dedication to community service and the futures of the children of Maine; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the extraordinary role teachers and other education staff play in the lives of Maine students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased and dramatically changed the duties of teachers and other education staff; and

WHEREAS, despite school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers and other education staff have stepped up in new ways to support their students and communities, including by coordinating remote learning, supporting the mental health of students, providing meals to students in need and distributing technology to students; and

WHEREAS, this implementation of adaptive responses to the emerging education challenges serves to protect young people's educational opportunities during and following the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 recognize the roles and contributions of the teachers and other education staff in building and enhancing the civic, cultural and economic well-being of Maine and in supporting students' opportunity to learn during the challenging crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.

READ.

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

Representative TERRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and colleagues in the House, I'd like to start by letting you all know that the idea for this resolution came from the superintendent of schools in my district.

Each year, we meet to discuss the school's needs and nearly every time, as we likely all hear, the largest needs have to do with funding. This year when we met, the first thing our superintendent said was that she wanted to make sure that the people of Maine knew about the amazing job school staff have done during the pandemic and hope that we could give public recognition for this because, as we all know, during normal times working in a school is a demanding job. Teachers spend multiple hours outside the classroom developing lesson plans, grading students' work, coming up with engaging activities and even sometimes buying school supplies for their students. School nurses anticipate breakouts of strep throat and pop quiz fever while they're also providing a safe place for kids to go when they're feeling unwell. Maintenance staff work their schedules around daily lessons, recess, and parent-teacher meetings, always managing to get the school fixed and clean just in time for kids and teachers to arrive. Support staff spend time chasing down students and teachers to make sure everyone is where they need to be and they have everything they need to be successful. But, as we know, these are not normal times. Support staff are sending extraordinary amounts

of learning resources home with kids, tracking down students is infinitely more challenging as they have internet connections and varying home life circumstances to contend with. Facilities technicians spent this last year hunting down materials to keep our kids safe by making classroom adjustments with equipment that was nearly impossible to find and ready those rooms for remote technology. Custodial staff broadened their scope of practice not only to remind our kiddos to clean up after themselves, but now also to focus on the critical work of keeping our schools cleaned and sanitized to a degree not dissimilar from research laboratories.

The value of this work and the care and precision that involves has increased exponentially. Our kids' lives and wellbeing now depend on this work in ways unimaginable just over a year ago. Teachers have had to completely rearrange schedules and come up with four separate lessons and plans versus the regular one-class syllabus that they usually do. They've had to counsel children way beyond what they ever signed up for and they've had to keep track harder than ever to make sure students didn't fall through the cracks and have had to fight to make sure kids keep up with grade-level expectations. All of this while frequently being away from students for lengthy periods of time. These new responsibilities have been heaped on our school workers all the while managing the impacts of the pandemic in their own lives and the lives of their families and loved ones. They've done their level best to keep students engaged, educated, and safe in a time when uncertainty rages around them and despair seems like a much easier option. But they have persevered and we will be forever in their debt. So, it's with my deepest gratitude that I put forward this joint resolution.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Statute

Representative HARNETT for the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee" (H.P. 996) (L.D. 1345)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Statute

Representative HARNETT for the **Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Fees Charged for Responding to Public Records Requests"

(H.P. 997) (L.D. 1346)

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

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

Sent for 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:

(S.P. 38) (L.D. 30) Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey a Parcel of Land in Augusta to the Maine Veterans' Homes Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-24)**

(S.P. 44) (L.D. 36) Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Timber Harvesting'" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)**

(S.P. 93) (L.D. 204) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)**

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 67) Bill "An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 35) (L.D. 69) Bill "An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 239) (L.D. 335) Bill "An Act To Clarify Requirements for Criminal History Record Checks Pursuant to the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 416) Bill "An Act Regarding the Production and Sale of Birch Syrup and Birch Syrup Products" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 346) (L.D. 472) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Major Substantive Rule of the Treasurer of State (EMERGENCY) Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 420) (L.D. 577) 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 (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 451) (L.D. 615) Bill "An Act To Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 51) (L.D. 85) Bill "An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)**

(H.P. 59) (L.D. 93) Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Quality Rating System for Child Care Services" Committee on

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-51)**

(H.P. 72) (L.D. 106) Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing Statutes" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)**

(H.P. 108) (L.D. 152) Bill "An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)**

(H.P. 142) (L.D. 207) 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 (EMERGENCY) Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-44)**

(H.P. 226) (L.D. 322) Bill "An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks and Historic Sites" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)**

(H.P. 330) (L.D. 454) Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities by Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement Paid to Municipalities" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43)**

(H.P. 421) (L.D. 578) 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 (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)**

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

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

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

**ENACTORS
Acts**

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023

(H.P. 525) (L.D. 715)
(H. "A" H-55 to C. "A" H-52)

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **SET ASIDE**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just three weeks ago, I addressed this Body on the occasion of our coming together to pass a supplemental budget, the second near-unanimous supplemental budget of my tenure as a Republican leader. In total since becoming leader, we are three for three in passing bipartisan budgets, even if by a slim margin; a streak that apparently will end today.

Despite this record of working together, the decision has been made that we must move forward immediately with a budget based on fears and referencing the action of past legislative bodies. Over the course of one week, we were provided with a one-page summary of what would become the proposal before us. Informed that we could support it or not but it is what would be passed. This past Thursday, the finalized budget proposal was provided to the Appropriations Committee and voted on without a public hearing. Now, four days later, here we are poised to pass it on majority lines.

Two weeks ago, the Appropriations Committee set their schedule with a goal of moving a budget out of the committee following the expected revenue forecasts at the end of May. There was no mention by the chairs of Appropriations at the meeting just two weeks ago that we needed to move with great haste to provide predictability. One only needs to look to the schedule set by the majority to see today's claims of urgency are nowhere to be seen. Just two weeks ago, there was silence from the Chief Executive as the Appropriations Committee set their agenda for the coming two months. But here we are, discussing action on an incomplete budget under the guise that it's what our constituents demand.

Where was the need for predictability when our businesses were being forced to close their doors, some forever, due to ever-changing regulations not based on statistical data? What about the predictability for our parents, students, and teachers on everything from school days to afterschool activities? Where was the predictability for our citizens going months without unemployment and desperate to know how they would feed their families and pay their bills? Where is the predictability for the citizens of Maine when we return and put forth additional spending in upcoming supplementals?

As my colleague from Waterford pointed out, comments have been made that Republicans supported this budget last session. What makes this budget different from the last is that it was complete. The last biennial accounted for the policy committee views in accordance with our rules and this does not. It accounted for all state revenues and was a bipartisan negotiation. This is not and was not. A lot has changed since 2019 and saying that what was done two years ago is appropriate for today's COVID world is self-evidently false. And here we are, everyone knowing what is about to happen, knowing that with this vote the people in 400 towns and cities represented by the minority are silenced, that session will be over and the future of working relationships are in question, and yet it's going to happen anyway.

I fear it isn't for predictability that the majority is willing to pay such a high cost, but rather I feel it allows for the opportunity to operate in the forthcoming emergency session without regard for the views of the minority and all subsequent supplemental budgets and other important matters before the

House, there will be no cause to include the minority. The Chief Executive said to me that this budget is a starting point, but the starting point should never be the ending of debate. I am concerned that a precedent is now being set in how a majority budget can be used to avoid deliberating and negotiating with the minority, especially when the statements earlier today from a member of Appropriations calling for a return to the days of offering numerous budgets.

With this forced vote on an incomplete but majority budget, we are ending bipartisanship in this chamber. The few members in my caucus that served in the 129th Legislature that voted for the last biennial budget will be voting against enactment of the proposal before us today. With this vote, we are ending the voice of the minority in negotiations. I had hoped we would be able to allow the Appropriations Committee to return to negotiations but unfortunately that did not happen. I had hoped we would step back from the edge of partisan turmoil and come together in the coming weeks to do the hard and aggravating work of negotiating a complete biennial budget. That is what I believe was the responsible thing to do, the right thing to do. We are putting an end to the hope that Mainers have for us and that we should hold for ourselves that through all the difficulties and stresses of budget negotiations and debate, we are able to serve our communities and govern together. The members of the caucus I represent will not vote for what we believe to be a bullied budget. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Corey.

Representative **COREY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, when 2020 became 2021, I had hoped that this legislative year would bring about a renewed desire for bipartisanship and moderation. At a time when Appropriations should have been meeting openly and transparently, some met quietly, crafting a budget, bypassing the voices of a cross-section of Mainers, going forward without minority members.

While I would like to believe this is the byproduct of the isolation we now conduct the peoples' business in; sadly, I know it's the winner-take-all moment that has poisoned contemporary politics.

During my legislative service, I've chosen to look at policy and vote based on merit. I have avoided making decisions based on process concerns, but when a process is designed to silence, end collaboration, and avoid consensus, I have to speak up. With that said, this is an incomplete budget document. Budgets should be collaborative bills and this belief has caused me to support every budget since assuming office. I'm in my fourth term. Even when members of my own party pushed it to the very end, shutting down government a few years ago, I did not participate. You can check the record. I believe in cooperation between the parties, which is why I refuse to endorse a majority budget in any way through my votes. The reason for advancing a majority budget is pure science fiction, where some members of the Legislature must possess a time machine and can say with almost absolute certainty that the minority party will create last-minute instability when it matters most to Mainers. Of course, this imaginative claim has been and will continue to be said to avoid accountability for the support of LD 715 today. It's a futuristic fantasy, but nothing will stop those who espouse it from trying.

Really, the minority party, and by extension the institution, are harmed in two ways. One, the minority party is being smeared with conjecture, a made-up, ugly narrative. Two, a majority budget and a series of subsequent supplementals is a

means to bypass the voices of a cross-section of Maine people. These are Mainers that both Republicans and unenrolled Members represent.

Once we each complete our service to the people of Maine, most of us will be forgotten. All that will remain are tiny photos of ourselves in the back of the Legislature where we served on the wall in the back of the House Chamber. More than anything, we're here to be good stewards of the institution, to provide a legacy of bipartisanship which is necessary to meet the needs of Maine's people. Mainers have been through enough hardship already. We have time still to push the reset button and show our constituents over the next few months we can work together, restore civility, craft a budget, and put them first. I'm calling on my colleagues to reconsider their actions and return to the table. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to echo the comments of my good friend from Windham. As, like my good friend from Windham, in my fourth term, I have never opposed a final budget when push came to shove. That's seven years and many of us in this chamber can remember some very tumultuous times, when that was not an easy decision. We can remember days in late June when the prospect of a government shutdown was looming and there were those of us on my own side of the aisle who were emphatically and decisively opposed to it, much to the consternation of others.

I do not regret that decision then. I do have to regret this one today. Because this is an avoidable situation. We could take a few steps back, cool down, chill out, go back to the drawing board and come up with a true bipartisan budget. And I say that as one who has, again, supported every bipartisan budget in my time here. We could do that. It's still not too late, although it is getting later and less and less likely, we could do that, and we should do it. Because we are trying to preserve this institution. The institution is not the civic center that we're standing in or a chamber across the river or down the road, it's the legacy of 200 years of legislators.

Now, folks that are more well-spoken than I have given you a history lesson, Mr. Speaker, and given a history lesson both today and throughout the course of this, and we seem to have some divergent views by some very intelligent gentlemen. And the irony of history, being a history major, is that no two people see history quite the same way. But one thing I think we all need to pride ourselves in is the history of this institution and the precedent that we will be setting by doing what we're doing today. It's not the way we do business. It is not the way Maine does business. I know the Chief Executive responded saying this is Maine and not Washington. Well, this is a time when we can be Maine and we can get back together and can get things done. So, I regrettably will be voting today in opposition to this majority budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in my time running for office, my slogan always was that I would come and run the State House like your house. And my wife and I, we have a modest home and we live there and we make decisions together. We have a budget we look over every week, every month, every year, we make plans. And neither

one of us lords over the other one and determines what happens in that home. To do so would be almost a form of abuse, to bully the other partner into accepting a budget by only half the home having a say in that.

So, having said that, I think that it's important to remember, and these words have been spoken before, that a house divided against itself cannot stand. So, I'm asking you here today to rethink what I've said and not divide this house and follow my vote and reject the upcoming motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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. 24

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Alley, Bailey, Bickford, Costain, MillettR, Prescott, Riseman.

Yes, 77; No, 67; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 7 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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)** on Bill "An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics"

(H.P. 13) (L.D. 47)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

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

The same Representative **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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative **JAVNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Honorable Colleagues of the House. This bill seeks half a million dollars in support of what it states as being the State's free health clinics. In this last year, our taxpayers have been burdened by many different things, and these are nonprofit health clinics that are seeking half a million dollars in support from my friends and neighbors and I just cannot at this time ask them to consider to do that and, besides, it's a misnomer in the title. These aren't health clinics that service our whole State, they are located in very specific areas. 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. 25

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, 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, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

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

ABSENT - Alley, Bailey, Bickford, Cebra, Collamore, Costain, Doudera, MillettR, Prescott, Riseman, Stover.

Yes, 78; No, 62; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)** 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-50)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Coequal Branches of Maine Government by Ensuring the Legislature Has Access to Necessary Information"

(H.P. 79) (L.D. 113)

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
GREENWOOD of Wales
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)** 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)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Senator:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Assist Certain Businesses in the State That Sell Prepared Food or Alcohol"

(H.P. 96) (L.D. 140)

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 to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow Signs in a Public Right-of-way To Be Removed by the Landowner"

(H.P. 139) (L.D. 186)

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 to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Mars Hill

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Remove the Authorization for Temporary Signs To Be Placed in the Public Right-of-way"

(H.P. 279) (L.D. 395)

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 to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Mars Hill

READ.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Contests, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

(H.P. 95) (L.D. 139)

(C. "A" H-16)

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. 101 voted in favor of the same and 36 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, 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)

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**.

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

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **FINAL PASSAGE** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Ordered)

Acts

An Act To Require the Department of Education To Report Annually on Summer Educational Programs

(H.P. 10) (L.D. 44)

(C. "A" H-15)

An Act To Invest in the Stewardship and Management of Properties Acquired with the Proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 65)

(C. "A" H-34)

An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt

(H.P. 52) (L.D. 86)

(C. "A" H-28)

An Act To Amend the Removal Process Applicable to the Position of State Supervisor of the Forest Protection Unit of the Bureau of Forestry

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 90)

(C. "A" H-33)

An Act To Clarify Maine's Statutes Related to the Licensing of Child Care Providers

(H.P. 64) (L.D. 98)

An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty

(H.P. 77) (L.D. 111)

(C. "A" H-11)

An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

(H.P. 114) (L.D. 158)

(C. "A" H-12)

An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members

(H.P. 126) (L.D. 173)

An Act To Recognize "My Sweet Maine" as Maine's Song of the 21st Century

(H.P. 162) (L.D. 232)

An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services

(H.P. 175) (L.D. 254)

(C. "A" H-14)

An Act To Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act

(H.P. 304) (L.D. 420)

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, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

(H.P. 102) (L.D. 146)

(C. "A" H-36)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Evaluate Existing Accommodations Available to Persons Who Are Visually Impaired To Access Prescription Information

(H.P. 125) (L.D. 172)

(C. "A" H-13)

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**.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Statement of Purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 To Include Emergency Responses That Do Not Require Transportation"

(S.P. 391) (L.D. 1290)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Increase High School Graduation Rates for Students Experiencing Education Disruption"

(S.P. 424) (L.D. 1318)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Reduce Fire Response Time by Eliminating Standardized Dispatch Protocols for Fire 9-1-1 Calls"

(S.P. 399) (L.D. 1291)

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 Improve Access to Certain Injectable Medications for Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder"

(S.P. 413) (L.D. 1293)

Bill "An Act To Regulate Insurance Carrier Concurrent, Prepayment and Postpayment Review"

(S.P. 423) (L.D. 1317)

Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Shareholders of Banks and Members and Corporators of Credit Unions To Hold Virtual Meetings"

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1320)

Bill "An Act To Make Individual and Small Group Health Insurance More Affordable in Certain High-premium Counties"

(S.P. 428) (L.D. 1331)

Bill "An Act To Clarify That Commercial Service Contracts Are Excluded from the Service Contracts Act"

(S.P. 429) (L.D. 1347)

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 Regarding the Parental Right To Direct the Health Care of Children"

(S.P. 405) (L.D. 1292)

Bill "An Act To Prevent Discrimination against Domestic Violence Victims"

(S.P. 422) (L.D. 1294)

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Registered Dispensaries and Rules under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and the Definition of 'Resident' in the Marijuana Legalization Act" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 425) (L.D. 1319)

Bill "An Act To Join the National Popular Vote Compact"

(S.P. 427) (L.D. 1330)

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.P. 388)

MAINE SENATE 130TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

March 18, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 18, 2021, 37 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 18, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects" (S.P. 355) (L.D. 1094) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase 4 Nursing Simulators for Use by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System" (S.P. 356) (L.D. 1095) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Expand the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy To Include 6 Members of the Public Who Are Not Employed as Any Type of Law Enforcement Personnel and To Require a Public Review of the Training Syllabus" (S.P. 353) (L.D. 1092) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, SYLVESTER of Portland, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, PLUECKER of Warren, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools" (S.P. 377) (L.D. 1114) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Support Rural Maine Residents through the Winter by Providing Rebates for Backup Power Generators" (S.P. 359) (L.D. 1098) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support the Continued Access to Solar Energy and Battery Storage by Maine Homes and Businesses" (S.P. 361) (L.D. 1100) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act To Create Needed Broadband Infrastructure in Rural Maine through the Establishment of a Satellite-based Broadband Grant Program" (S.P. 368) (L.D. 1107) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, CARLOW of Buxton)

Resolve, To Require Review of the Outcomes of Utility Restructuring and Electricity Generation Divestiture (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 379) (L.D. 1116) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, FOSTER of Dexter)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Increase Municipal Oversight in the Site Location of Development Laws" (S.P. 350) (L.D. 1089) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Development of State or Regional Significance That May Substantially Affect the Environment'" (S.P. 358) (L.D. 1097) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Equitably Fund Legal Fees for Progressive Treatment Programs (S.P. 351) (L.D. 1090) (Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility" (S.P. 352) (L.D. 1091) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes (S.P. 374) (L.D. 1112) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERRY of Calais)

Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 376) (L.D. 1113) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications" (S.P. 378) (L.D. 1115) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Prevent Excessive Prices for Prescription Drugs" (S.P. 380) (L.D. 1117) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, DOUDERA of Camden, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Limit Credit Card Fees by Requiring Monthly Credit Card Billing" (S.P. 382) (L.D. 1119) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden)

Bill "An Act To Allow Dentists To Receive Continuing Education Credits for Uncompensated Volunteer Work" (S.P. 383) (L.D. 1120) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Supreme Judicial Court Concerning Electronic Records and Filing" (S.P. 357) (L.D. 1096) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Update the Law Governing Preliminary Injunctions in Judicial Separation and Divorce Actions" (S.P. 363) (L.D. 1102) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative CARDONE of Bangor and Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Civilian Employees Who Work for the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and Computer Crimes Unit" (S.P. 362) (L.D. 1101) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees" (S.P. 364) (L.D. 1103) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Convene a Working Group To Investigate Public Pension Options (S.P. 366) (L.D. 1105) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, FECTEAU of Augusta, BRENNAN of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit an Employer from Charging an Employee for Direct Deposit for Wages" (S.P. 367) (L.D. 1106) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Own Property To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues" (S.P. 349) (L.D. 1088) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds" (S.P. 370) (L.D. 1108) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Authorize a Memorial to the Victims of COVID-19" (S.P. 386) (L.D. 1123) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BALDACCI of Penobscot, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, MATLACK of St. George, PLUECKER of Warren)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Promote Reliable Rural High-speed Internet" (S.P. 381) (L.D. 1118) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Increase the Time for Which a Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Is Valid" (S.P. 365) (L.D. 1104) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: MARTIN of Sinclair)

Bill "An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards" (S.P. 371) (L.D. 1109) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority To Manage Electric Bicycle Access to Off-road Trails" (S.P. 372) (L.D. 1110) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Promote Public Safety by Allowing Lighted Signs on Certain Vehicles" (S.P. 385) (L.D. 1122) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: MARTIN of Greene, MARTIN of Sinclair, PERKINS of Oakland, WHITE of Waterville, O'CONNELL of Brewer, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Change the Threshold for Creating a Specialty License Plate from 2,000 Prepaid Orders to 1,000 Prepaid Orders and To Extend by One Year the Time Allowed for Gathering Signatures" (S.P. 387) (L.D. 1124) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Expand the Options for Shipping Wine Directly to Customers" (S.P. 354) (L.D. 1093) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, DOUDERA of Camden, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville, McDONALD of Stonington, GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Election Reform" (S.P. 360) (L.D. 1099) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes" (S.P. 373) (L.D. 1111) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Create an Open and Streamlined Primary System" (S.P. 384) (L.D. 1121) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED**

ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 401)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 22, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On March 22, 2021, 9 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 22, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission" (S.P. 392) (L.D. 1206) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act To Maintain the Current Level of Education Funding" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 393) (L.D. 1207) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Amend the State's Electronic Waste Recycling Law" (S.P. 394) (L.D. 1208) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine" (S.P. 389) (L.D. 1204) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Allow Crematories Using Chemical Dissolution Processes in Facilities Other Than Cemeteries" (S.P. 396) (L.D. 1223) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Authorize Remote Participation in Maine State Cultural Affairs Council Meetings" (S.P. 397) (L.D. 1224) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Provide Dignity for Fetal Remains by Requiring Their Interment or Cremation" (S.P. 398) (L.D. 1225) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, LANDRY of Farmington, DRINKWATER of Milford, NADEAU of Winslow)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes of Seniors in an Amount Equal to the Cost of Education" (S.P. 395) (L.D. 1222) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equitable Taxation of Off-track Betting Facilities" (S.P. 390) (L.D. 1205) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 409)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 23, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:
On March 23, 2021, 6 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 23, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Connect Maine with a World-class Internet Infrastructure" (S.P. 402) (L.D. 1235) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: SKOLFIELD of Weld)

Judiciary
Bill "An Act Authorizing the Attorney General To Enter into Contingent Fee Agreements" (S.P. 403) (L.D. 1236) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters" (S.P. 406) (L.D. 1238) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford)

Labor and Housing
Bill "An Act Establishing Employers' Right To File a Complaint To Enforce Payment of Workers' Compensation Premiums" (S.P. 407) (L.D. 1239) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, WARREN of Scarborough)

Resolve, To Review Barriers to Regional Solutions for Housing Choices (S.P. 408) (L.D. 1240) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, MORALES of South Portland, BAILEY of Gorham, SUPICA of Bangor)

State and Local Government
Bill "An Act To Allow the Governor To Declare a Limited State of Emergency for Federal Aid Purposes" (S.P. 404) (L.D. 1237) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative FECTION of Augusta)

The Following Communication: (S.P. 411)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 24, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:
On March 24, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on March 24, 2021, as follows:

Taxation
Bill "An Act To Place a Moratorium on Property Revaluations for Tax Purposes during a State of Emergency" (S.P. 410) (L.D. 1247) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot)

Sincerely,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The Following Communication: (S.P. 421)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 25, 2021
Hon. Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature
Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:
On March 25, 2021, 7 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.
Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 25, 2021, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology
Bill "An Act To Allow Owners and Renters To Use Future Electric Bill Payments To Finance Heat Pumps" (S.P. 415) (L.D. 1264) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their Lifespans (S.P. 412) (L.D. 1262) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, FAY of Raymond)

Bill "An Act To Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services" (S.P. 414) (L.D. 1263) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Resolve, To Provide Medicaid Rate Increases for Professionals Working with Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (S.P. 418) (L.D. 1267) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: LEMELIN of Chelsea)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Improve the Value of Dental Insurance" (S.P. 417) (L.D. 1266) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, BROOKS of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town)

Bill "An Act To Provide Greater Access to Treatment for Serious Mental Illness by Prohibiting an Insurance Carrier from Requiring Prior Authorization or Step Therapy Protocol" (S.P. 420) (L.D. 1268) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: HYMANSON of York, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Waterville, COPELAND of Saco, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Control the Means of Hunting Coyotes" (S.P. 416) (L.D. 1265) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MATHIESON of Kittery, GEIGER of Rockland, OSHER of Orono)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 369)

JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MAINE AND TAIWAN AND SUPPORTING BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

WHEREAS, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) share a vibrant bilateral relationship marked by a mutually beneficial partnership, supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy, and our countries now enjoy the strongest relations ever; and

WHEREAS, President Tsai Ing-wen has worked tirelessly to ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's 23.5 million people and promote international standing and has expressed commitment to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State, Department of Commerce and Department of Agriculture clarified United States policy regarding Taiwan in a formal letter sent to governors of all 50 states dated November 21, 2019 stating that "expanding relations with Taiwan in areas such as trade, education, investment, and tourism is fully compatible with and supports U.S. policy and can be beneficial to your state or municipality"; and

WHEREAS, President Tsai has expressed Taiwan's desire to reach a bilateral trade agreement with the United States, and the 116th United States Congress's Public Law 116-135, "Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019," affirms that the United States should engage in strengthening bilateral trade and economic relations with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, New England exported more than \$1 billion in goods to Taiwan in 2020, of which Maine exported \$52 million in goods, mostly in computer and electronic products, fish and other marine products, machinery and chemicals, making Taiwan Maine's 12th largest export market in the world and the 7th largest export market in Asia in 2019, and Taiwan and the United States seek to increase trade and investment through a bilateral trade agreement, resulting in even greater Maine exports to Taiwan, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interests and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, making its inclusion in international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization imperative for the best interests and safety of the international community. In addition, Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is important to the global effort to combat climate change; 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, reaffirm the friendship between Maine and the Republic of China (Taiwan), and we continue to support efforts to further strengthen United States-Taiwan and Maine-Taiwan trade and investment relations and support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and agreements, including the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United States Framework Convention on Climate Change, and encourage the further exploration of ways to strengthen and promote bilateral exchange between Maine and Taiwan, including the possibility of signing a driver's license reciprocity agreement with Taiwan, which would lead to a further increase in trade and people-to-people exchanges; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Janet Mills, Governor of Maine, the Honorable Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Jonathan Sun, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, Massachusetts.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**. **READ** and **ADOPTED** in 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. 81) (L.D. 193) Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 88) (L.D. 199) Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 120) (L.D. 269) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 7) Bill "An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)**

(S.P. 18) (L.D. 11) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Reciprocity for Licensure of Professional Engineers" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)**

(S.P. 25) (L.D. 18) Bill "An Act To Clarify the American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-32)**

(S.P. 32) (L.D. 24) Bill "An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-38)**

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 243) Bill "An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)**

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 268) Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)**

(S.P. 145) (L.D. 338) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative" Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-31)**

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.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations"

H.P. 768) (L.D. 1034)

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

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 (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 274)

(C. "A" H-26)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town pending **FINAL PASSAGE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

The Same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-57)** which was **READ** by the Clerk

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

Representative TEPLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This simply removes the emergency from this measure and also changes the report-back date to the HCIFS committee to January 1, 2022.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-57)** was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-57)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Definition of "Timber Harvesting"

(S.P. 44) (L.D. 36)

(C. "A" S-25)

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 19 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund

(S.P. 93) (L.D. 204)

(C. "A" S-23)

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 22 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Pursuant to the Constitution
Public Land**

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey a Parcel of Land in Augusta to the Maine Veterans' Homes

(S.P. 38) (L.D. 30)
(C. "A" S-24)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of Article IX of the Constitution, 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 10 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 314)
(S. "A" S-26)

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.

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

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to read a couple of letters that were handed to me by some really young people who have already started their careers in activism and I'd like to speak on the record.

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed on the record.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: Sorry, the Chair is in error. The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I have a couple of letters from some young activists standing out front right now and they had asked if we could read them out so that the Body can hear them since they can't hand out the number of letters that they need to to each one of us.

This one starts out with; I want to go to school. I want to go to school because I'm not getting enough education and I want to get smarter. With remote learning, I am getting done at 11:30 and in school we end at 2:30. There is a big difference in that also when I am in school, I learn more than remote learning. Another reason why I want to see my teacher more and my friends. Also, how come we are not open fulltime and most other places are and it's over the same virus is the same for all of us. That is why I want to be in school for fulltime. Riley, age 10.

I'm Bailey. I'm not learning anything in homeschooling and miss my friends and my teacher. I thought I was going back to school in 2021. I don't like homeschooling. I want to see my teacher. I want to see my friends, I want to learn more. Berkley, age 6.

I don't like seeing my teacher on my iPad. I like school, I'm only five years old. Abby. I want my mom back. I deserve a quality education. Thank you very much.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 435)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all matters not finally disposed of at the time of adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature in the possession of the Legislature, including working papers and drafts in the possession of nonpartisan staff offices, gubernatorial nominations and all determinations of the Legislative Council regarding after-deadline bill requests and policies be held over to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature in the posture in which they were at the time of adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that any public hearing, work session or other meeting to conduct the business of the Legislature that is scheduled at the time this order is passed is hereby authorized to occur.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center

(S.P. 14) (L.D. 7)
(C. "A" S-34)

An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Reciprocity for Licensure of Professional Engineers

(S.P. 18) (L.D. 11)
(C. "A" S-33)

An Act To Clarify the American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws

(S.P. 25) (L.D. 18)
(C. "A" S-32)

An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death

(S.P. 32) (L.D. 24)
(C. "A" S-38)

An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions

(S.P. 88) (L.D. 199)

An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 243)
(C. "A" S-35)

An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State

(S.P. 118) (L.D. 268)
(C. "A" S-37)

An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters

(S.P. 120) (L.D. 269)

An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

(S.P. 145) (L.D. 338)
(C. "A" S-31)

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 Name a Mountain in Oxford County
(S.P. 81) (L.D. 193)

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

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc of that Body, informing the House that the Senate was ready to adjourn without day.

The Speaker appointed Representative DUNPHY of Old Town on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct an Assessment of Human Trafficking in the State

(H.P. 976) (L.D. 1324)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 30, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws"

(H.P. 991) (L.D. 1340)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 30, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Create the Career and Technical Education Workforce Fund"

(H.P. 960) (L.D. 1304)

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in the House on March 30, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines, Require Legislative Approval of Certain Transmission Lines and Facilities and Other Projects on Public Reserved Lands and Prohibit the Construction of Certain Transmission Lines in the Upper Kennebec Region"

(L.B. 1) (L.D. 1295)

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in the House on March 30, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 375)
JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 recognize March 2021 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 400)
JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO DESIGNATE A STATE FUNERAL FOR THE LAST LIVING WORLD WAR II MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, World War II, the most widespread war in history, lasted from 1939 until 1945; and

WHEREAS, the United States entered the war in 1941, following an attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese fighter planes; and

WHEREAS, over 16 million Americans served their country and the Allied powers over the course of the war; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who served our country in World War II have been collectively called the "greatest generation" for their selfless sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration that is awarded by the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is presented by the President of the United States in the name of the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is conferred only upon members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or while serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States was not a belligerent party; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded since its creation in 1861; the Medal of Honor was awarded to 473 Americans during World War II; and only 2 of those 473 Americans are still alive today; and

WHEREAS, each of these courageous servicemen, Charles H. Coolidge of Tennessee and Hershel Woodrow Williams of West Virginia, risked his life while serving his country with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity and therefore deserves the gratitude of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has the sole authority to designate a state funeral for a person who has rendered distinguished service to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, historically, the President of the United States has designated state funerals for former presidents, generals and other extraordinary Americans; and

WHEREAS, our Nation is currently divided and yearns for a unifying national event; and

WHEREAS, holding a state funeral for the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient would provide a deeply meaningful way for the American people to unite and honor all 16 million members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served from 1941 to 1945; 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, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon her Excellency, Governor JANET T. MILLS, and inform her that the House was ready to receive any communication that she may be pleased to make:

Representative PIERCE of Falmouth
Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake
Representative HYMANSON of York
Representative FAY of Raymond
Representative CARDONE of Bangor
Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston
Representative MILLETT of Waterford
Representative ARATA of New Gloucester
Representative COREY of Windham
Representative FECTEAU of Augusta

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

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Thursday, March 11, 2021, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 206) (L.D. 293)
(C. "A" H-27)

In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-27)**.

TABLED - March 12, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

PENDING - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-56)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-56)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake moved that the House stand **ADJOURNED WITHOUT DAY**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADJOURN WITHOUT DAY**.

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. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I understand the procedural piece that we're following to allow the majority budget that was passed to be able to start the clock, but I think that we send a false message

to the people of Maine that adjourning without day normally means that we are done with our work, and we know that we are not, with a carryover of the bill that we just passed, with an unknown number of bills that are still working through committees and bills that are still sitting in the Revisor's office. It's a disservice, I think, to the people that we represent to give them the impression that we have completed our work when we know that we have not. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Corey.

Representative COREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to pose a question through the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative COREY: Considering we have not finished our work, how many bills are in the Revisor's Office waiting for reference in committee or in possession of the House or Senate at this time?

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

Representative KINNEY: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I stand in opposition to the pending motion.

As the question was posed from the Representative from Windham and no one willing to answer that question, we have an unknown amount of work that still needs to be done and as the Representative from Oxford mentioned, we know that we have not finished our work and we are giving a false impression to the people of the State of Maine who elected us to do our work and I hope you would follow my light in opposition to the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Warren.

Representative WARREN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to restate that we are planning to end this session. It is the hottest year on record. I'm a young person in the State of Maine, I represent my home town, which is a coastal district and one of many frontline communities here in Maine. I feel this Body has abdicated its responsibility my entire life. I'm 25 years old. We are out of time. We must begin to think differently, boldly. We must move from empty promises.

Asking to wait even one more day, I think, all actions that we take from this point certainly when it comes to a biennial budget, I think the young people of Maine and for the future our State we just cannot conduct business as usual. We must push and fight and consider and discuss these things openly where we go from here, especially if you're passing a majority budget, taking all these extreme measures, and leaving out one huge one if we're anticipating to fund many of these measures by bonds and you have indicated you don't believe that's possible in the near-term.

We are out of time and I understand a lot of the messaging around this has been we're the adults in the room, but I feel I'm standing with a different generation, this is an existential threat and we can be smart and responsible, but this is not it. Thank you, I appreciate your time and consideration and the good work I know you're trying to do on this issue.

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

Representative FAULKINGHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I come to the microphone for a Point of Order.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative FAULKINGHAM: Will the Clerk of the House read the definition of *sine die* from the State of Maine Legislature Glossary of Terms?

The SPEAKER: Can the Member state the purpose of this request?

Representative FAULKINGHAM: It's germane to the vote.

The SPEAKER: Pursuant to Mason's Manual Section 201; Adjournment When There Is No Provision for Future Meetings. When no provision has been made as to the time of reconvening and the adoption of the motion to adjourn would have the effect of dissolving the Body, the motion is, in fact, a motion to dissolve or to adjourn *sine die*, which is a main motion, it is subject to all the rules applicable to main motions. In this situation, a motion to fix the time to which to adjourn takes precedence of the unqualified motion to adjourn or the unqualified motion may be amended to fix a time of reconvening. This situation will rarely, if ever, arise in legislative bodies.

The Chair referenced *Adjournment When There Is No Provision for Future Meetings* in *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, Section 201 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Adjourn Without Day. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 26

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MartinT, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS.

ABSENT - Alley, Bailey, Bickford, Cebra, Costain, Doore, Evangelos, Grignon, Haggan, Harrington, Lookner, MillettR, Ordway, Prescott, Riseman, WhiteD.

Yes, 75; No, 60; Absent, 16; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 16 being absent, and accordingly the House adjourned without day at 8:42 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, 2021.