

**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 31, 2023

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Ophelia Hu Kinney of HopeGateWay in Portland.

MS. KINNEY: Dear One, companion, this we know. Before us are our children, our grandchildren. At our back are our forebearers, those we know and do not. In our midst are our neighbors, one another, for whom this work exists and only with whom this work can be accomplished. We are entrusted to each other, ordained for this time and place out of eons of stardust to near collisions and coincidences coded as miracles. We are gifted to each other because synergy takes place where we are gathered. This is the way of the universe whose laws we cannot escape. We exist in a current of time and its path is ours to determine and yet its direction unwavering is justice. Its direction is life as currents do, as rivers flow. May we today not think so highly of our station that we squander the everyday tendency we have for tenderness. May we today not think so little of our station that we leave our duties unfulfilled. May we today be vessels for the deepest needs and noblest dreams of those who wished us into this Chamber and those who did not and yet we still call neighbor and beloved, for they are. What is the value of another after-hours phone call, an early morning commute, a tired but listening ear, a compromise, a sleepless night, a headline that doesn't quite capture the nuance of what takes place here? Well, may we then consider the sacred mundanity of a beaver building a dam; a woodpecker heralding its return to its post; the loyalty of all snow, all water to the earth and to its source; the rhythm of all things that form the symphony of our state. There is value immeasurable in our daily yesses, our commitment to that current of justice, slow and mercurial as it may sometimes seem. Even in the silence we can turn our attention to our breath, which is made possible by the mundane, small daily yesses, the yesses of our largest of pines and our common plantae and dandelions. We belong to a people who have been here for decades, some for centuries, some who have newly arrived on our shores. We belong to a people in whose image we see ourselves and to a people who are different from us, like the shore is from the ocean. We belong to a parcel of the earth that has been here for decades, for centuries, and that is renewing on our shores. We belong to a parcel of the earth in whose image we find ourselves and to the earth that is different from us, like one hand holding another. We belong to it all, not it to us. We belong. Thank goodness. Thank you. We belong. May it be so. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Eric L. Brakey of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis"
H.P. 147 L.D. 226

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 42

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

January 25, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §20065, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Colleen Madigan of Waterville to the *Substance Use Disorder Services Commission*, effective immediately.

Representative Madigan will continue to serve on this commission as a member of the House of Representatives who is also a member of the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 38

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

January 24, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Michael Wiers of St. Albans to the Maine Milk Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Michael Wiers of St. Albans for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 39

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

January 24, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Barry W. Norris of Union to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am nominating Barry W. Norris of Union for reappointment to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §261-A, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 40

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

January 24, 2023

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

Re: Reappointment of Dr. Richard A. Cook, of Hermon to the Maine Milk Commission

Dear President Jackson:

I am nominating Dr. Richard A. Cook, of Hermon for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

Pursuant to Title 7, MRSA §2952, this reappointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 35

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
19 UNION STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 19, 2023

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

I am pleased to provide you with the Maine Human Rights Commission's report of quasi-independent state entity activity for the preceding year, as required by 5 M.R.S. §12023. The Maine Human Rights Commission ("MHRC") is committed to ensuring that its governing body has all the information needed to oversee the MHRC's activities and expenditures responsibly.

For the 2022 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), the MHRC reports as follows:

A. All procurements exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived under the policies adopted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §12022(3), including procurements exceeding \$10,000 that were made under contracts previously entered into for which competitive procurement was not required.

Answer: None.

B. All persons to whom the MHRC made contributions greater than \$1,000 and the total amount contributed to each.

Answer: None.

C. Changes made in the preceding year to the written policies and procedures required by 5 M.R.S. §12022 or to the procedures used by the MHRC to monitor compliance with those policies and procedures.

Answer: None.

We believe that the MHRC is in full compliance with the spirit and letter of 5 M.R.S. §§12021-12024, and thank the Legislature for its attention to this matter. Should you or another member of the Legislature require additional information, or have a question, about the above report, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Amy M. Sneirson
Executive Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 36

**MAINE VENTURE FUND
SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH BOARD**

February 1, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached Report to Legislature for FY 2022 on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 37

**MAINE MUNICIPAL AND RURAL
ELECTRIFICATION COOPERATIVE AGENCY**

January 23, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Scott M. Hallowell
MMRECA

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 41

MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

January 23, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke
Chief Executive Officer

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 43

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 25, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Alice Herrick
Director of Fiscal Operations for Maine Maritime Academy

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 44

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 25, 2023

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Talbot Ross and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with

college personnel. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 45

**STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F
LIMESTONE, ME 04750**

January 24, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 46

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**

Honorable Members of the Legislative Council, 131st Maine Legislature;

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following report and schedule:

- Communication with Those Charge with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements
- Management Representation Letter

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap, CIA
State Auditor

January 24, 2023

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 47

**STATE OF MAINE
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET**

To: The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Members of the 131st Senate
The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
Members of the 131st House of Representatives

From: S/Darryl Stewart, Deputy State Budget Officer

Date: January 25, 2023

Subject: Federal Mandates

Title 5, section 1670 requires the State Budget Officer to submit, to all members of the Legislature, a list of any new laws, regulations or other actions that may require the State to comply with any new federal mandate in the current or next biennium.

Federal mandates are programs/activities that the federal government requires an agency or state to participate in whether funded or not. The United States Congressional Budget Office defines a federal mandate as:

- Any provision in legislation that, when enacted, would do one of the following:
 - Impose an enforceable duty on state, local, or tribal governments or on private-sector entities;
 - Reduce or eliminate an authorization of appropriations to cover the costs of complying with existing mandates;
 - Increase the stringency of conditions that apply to the provision of funds to state, local, or tribal governments through certain large mandatory programs or make cuts in federal funding for those mandatory programs if the affected governments lack the flexibility to alter the programs.
- "Enforceable duty" is interpreted to mean actions by public and private entities that would be either required or prohibited. Duties that arise from conditions of federal assistance or that are tied to participating in voluntary federal programs are not considered mandates unless they are one of the large mandatory programs as noted above.

The State Budget Officer has reviewed the new federal requirements submitted by state agencies and departments in accordance with Title 5, section 1670 and finds that none of them meet the above definition. Hence, there are no new laws, regulations or other actions resulting in new federal mandates to report at this time.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Drought Relief and Other Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers"

S.P. 136 L.D. 315

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Governing Pari-Mutuel Pools on Harness Racing" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 132 L.D. 311

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra and Representatives: HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, MORIARTY of Cumberland.
Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation"

S.P. 174 L.D. 367

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Improve Recruitment and Retention of First Responders"

S.P. 147 L.D. 326

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping"

S.P. 130 L.D. 271

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding Safe Schools"

S.P. 138 L.D. 317

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham,
CYRWAY of Albion, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset.

Bill "An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center"

S.P. 141 L.D. 320

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook,
Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times"

S.P. 156 L.D. 335

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, LYMAN of Livermore Falls,
MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase Consumer Choice and Reduce Motor
Vehicle Emissions in Maine"

S.P. 125 L.D. 266

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Consideration of Electricity Rate
Increases"

S.P. 146 L.D. 325

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Provide Maine Ratepayers with Equitable Access
to Interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources"

S.P. 148 L.D. 327

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Bill "An Act to Require the Nonwires Alternative Coordinator to
Review and Analyze Plans to Build, Upgrade or Replace a
Substation"

S.P. 164 L.D. 357

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank
Laws"

S.P. 140 L.D. 319

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and
Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to
the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency
Requirement for General Assistance Programs"

S.P. 127 L.D. 268

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford and Senators:
GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford,
LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of
Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of
Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the
Perinatal Workforce to Include Professionals Such as Community
Health Workers and Doulas and to Provide MaineCare
Reimbursement for Services"

S.P. 133 L.D. 312

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.

Bill "An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine"

S.P. 149 L.D. 328

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and
Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: MADIGAN of
Waterville.

Bill "An Act to Protect the Homes of Individuals Placed in Long-
term Care by Excluding the Individuals' Primary Residences in
Eligibility Considerations"

S.P. 154 L.D. 333

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment,
Recovery, Prevention and Education"

S.P. 160 L.D. 353

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, KEIM of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Restrooms Are Available for Use During Business Hours at Certain Drive-through Restaurants" S.P. 165 L.D. 358

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Address Department of Health and Human Services Assistance Call Wait Times" S.P. 166 L.D. 359

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Reimbursement for Electronic Consultations Through Medicaid" S.P. 168 L.D. 361

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of General Assistance as a Replacement for Available Resources" S.P. 171 L.D. 364

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Private Insurance Coverage for Donor Breast Milk"

S.P. 126 L.D. 267

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville and Senator: RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Health Care for All Maine Residents" S.P. 150 L.D. 329

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Dog Breed Discrimination by Insurance Companies"

S.P. 157 L.D. 350

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York. Cosponsored by Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, STOVER of Boothbay.

Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Birth Control by Making Certain Contraception Available over the Counter" S.P. 158 L.D. 351

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FREDERICKS of Sanford, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SHAW of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan" S.P. 169 L.D. 362

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Regarding Circumstances Under Which an Automobile Insurer May Decline to Renew a Policy" S.P. 175 L.D. 368

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances" S.P. 178 L.D. 371

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Improve Compliance with Maine's Implied Warranty Law"

S.P. 144 L.D. 323

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Promote Workforce Development" S.P. 173 L.D. 366

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction"

S.P. 151 L.D. 330

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Sentence Review Panel of the Supreme Judicial Court"

S.P. 170 L.D. 363

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Help Retired Federal Employees"

S.P. 129 L.D. 270

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Consistency in Retirement Plans for Certain Law Enforcement Officers"

S.P. 134 L.D. 313

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, RAFFERTY of York, Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

Bill "An Act to Examine Hazardous Occupations for Minors"

S.P. 137 L.D. 316

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland,
Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, ROEDER of Bangor.

Bill "An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Temporary Workers"

S.P. 142 L.D. 321

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Improve the Unemployment Insurance System"

S.P. 143 L.D. 322

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Prevent the Wrongful Firing of Maine Workers"

S.P. 145 L.D. 324

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Increase Enforcement and Accountability for Wage and Hour Violations"

S.P. 179 L.D. 372

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Maine Workers"

S.P. 180 L.D. 373

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine"

S.P. 135 L.D. 314

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: LOOKNER of Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development"

S.P. 163 L.D. 356

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish the Maine Mariculture Development Collaborative"

S.P. 159 L.D. 352

Presented by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Protect Marine Resources in Maine"
S.P. 177 L.D. 370

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock"

S.P. 128 L.D. 269

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, LEE of Auburn, MILLETT of Waterford, RISEMAN of Harrison.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Engineers on Public Works Projects over \$100,000"

S.P. 161 L.D. 354

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter"
S.P. 167 L.D. 360

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Issuance of Driver's Licenses to Persons with Obstructive Sleep Apnea"

S.P. 131 L.D. 272

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook.

Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary 'Swampy' Worster Memorial Bridge
S.P. 139 L.D. 318

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.

Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Canaan After Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury

S.P. 152 L.D. 331

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.

Bill "An Act to Ensure the Full Value of the Balance of Registration Fees Is Retained by the Seller of Used Motor Vehicles"

S.P. 155 L.D. 334

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and Operated on Maine Roads"
S.P. 176 L.D. 369

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws"

S.P. 153 L.D. 332

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Refocus the Purpose and Duties of the Cannabis Advisory Commission"

S.P. 162 L.D. 355

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act"
S.P. 172 L.D. 365

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PLUECKER of Warren, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team, which won the State Championship. Members of the team include Ava Golder, Ben Cloutier, Sarah Mack, Gabby Thomas, Taylor Jean, Hayden LeCompte, Olivia Crowley, Ethan Rinko, Gabby Gladu, Kim McLaughlin, Adry Viles, Victoria Mpaka and Hayley Aloegnikou and coaches Michelle Crowley, Paul Dionne, Amy Dietrich, Ron Lebel and Dominic Pelletier. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

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Sponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Rotundo.

Senator **ROTUNDO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I'm honored to be able to welcome Lewiston High School's Mock Trial Team to the State House today. Our Lewiston team won the State Championship in December, besting thirteen other Maine high school teams in this year's tournament. The Mock Trial competition is one in which students take the roles of attorney and witnesses in a hypothetical criminal trial. Trials are conducted before Maine judges and attorneys who grade the students on their preparation, of mastery of facts, the law and rules of evidence, as well as their demeanor and poise. The final competition is presided over by Maine Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Valerie Stanfill, who I just learned was, years ago, an advisor to the Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team as well as Governor Mills who, at that point, was the District Attorney for Androscoggin County. Over the last five years the Lewiston High School team has completed and competed in the finals three times and won two State Championships. We're particularly proud of the performance of our team this year since most of the team members were underclassmen and many had not previously participated in the program. The program is so rigorous and demanding that it often takes students several years to attain proficiency and succeed in the State tournament. I extend my congratulations to these very accomplished team members; to the Lewiston High School teacher and Mock Trial coach, Michelle Crowley; and to the volunteer attorney coaches as well as former students who helped with the team's practice and preparation. We applaud you, celebrate your accomplishment, and wish you the very best as you represent the state of Maine in the national tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber members of the Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team. Ava, Ben, Sarah, Gabby, Taylor, Hayden, Olivia, Ethan, Gabby, Kim, Adry, Victoria and Hayley. They are joined by their coaches Michelle Crowley and Paul Dionne. I was wondering what Paul was doing here. It's good to see him. Amy Dietrich and Dominic Pelletier and also the Aspirations Coordinator, Kate Chase. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate and congratulations.

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington (Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 98

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 18, 2023 AS WORLD
AMATEUR RADIO DAY**

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides a bridge between people, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas; and
WHEREAS, amateur radio communication has evolved from crude spark-gap technology to true digital communication, integrating the use of computers and radio to communicate locally as well as worldwide, and amateur radio operators are continually pushing technical boundaries through experimentation and innovation; and
WHEREAS, on April 18, 1925, the International Amateur Radio Union was founded, which illustrates how international cooperation and communication are hallmarks of amateur radio; and
WHEREAS, the International Amateur Radio Union has given amateur radio a voice in developing international agreements that allow amateurs to communicate over international borders; and
WHEREAS, there are more than 2,500,000 amateur radio operators worldwide, with nearly 780,000 in the United States and approximately 4,500 in the State of Maine; and
WHEREAS, each year on April 18th, amateur radio operators throughout the world celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and sponsor special events to promote and publicize amateur radio; and
WHEREAS, amateur radio is a licensed service for noncommercial use and, during emergencies or natural disasters, such as the ice storm of 1998, Hurricane Katrina, the Boston Marathon bombing and countless other emergency situations, is often the only dependable way to communicate locally or internationally; and
WHEREAS, many Maine amateur radio operators serve their local and county emergency management agencies by training and holding exercises to prepare for when their skills are needed during times of emergency; and
WHEREAS, amateur radio operators volunteer their equipment and time to provide this valuable service, and Maine amateur radio operators routinely provide public service communications for such events as the Dempsey Challenge, the Trek Across Maine, the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, the New England Forest Rally, the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race, the

Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race, the Loon Echo Bike Trek, the Mount Desert Island Marathon and the Northwoods Gravel Grind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and public service provided by amateur radio operators as they celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on the 98th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the American Radio Relay League and the International Amateur Radio Union.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION**.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation Permits" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 183 L.D. 285

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Purchase Farms Contaminated with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 187 L.D. 289

Bill "An Act to Include a Tribal Member in the Baxter State Park Authority"

H.P. 192 L.D. 294

Bill "An Act Addressing Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in Maine"

H.P. 235 L.D. 384

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

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912 Scholarship Fund"

H.P. 171 L.D. 273

Bill "An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit"

H.P. 178 L.D. 280

Bill "An Act to Revise the School Funding Formula"

H.P. 191 L.D. 293

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to All Higher Education Institutions"

H.P. 207 L.D. 309

Bill "An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student"

H.P. 212 L.D. 338

Bill "An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools"

H.P. 217 L.D. 343

Bill "An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs"

H.P. 219 L.D. 345

Bill "An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools"

H.P. 222 L.D. 348

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Examine Alternative Metrics for Determining the Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula

H.P. 236 L.D. 385

Bill "An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 237 L.D. 386

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

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Electric Rate Increases Due to Renewable Energy Credits"

H.P. 195 L.D. 297

Bill "An Act Regarding the Purpose and Responsibilities of the State Regulatory System for Public Utilities"

H.P. 214 L.D. 340

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Law Regarding the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program"

H.P. 227 L.D. 376

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

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water"

H.P. 174 L.D. 276

Bill "An Act Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 175 L.D. 277

Bill "An Act Regarding Plastic Pollution"

H.P. 193 L.D. 295

Bill "An Act to Establish Statewide Standards for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances"

H.P. 202 L.D. 304

Bill "An Act Related to Water"

H.P. 204 L.D. 306

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

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders"

H.P. 180 L.D. 282

Bill "An Act to Support Young People Affected by Substance Use Disorder"

H.P. 189 L.D. 291

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Health and Human Services"

H.P. 197 L.D. 299

Bill "An Act to Establish Pilot Initiatives to Promote, Grow and Sustain Adult Day Care and Respite Programs in Maine"

H.P. 198 L.D. 300

Bill "An Act to Ensure Sufficient Rates for Behavioral Health Services"

H.P. 200 L.D. 302

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers"

H.P. 220 L.D. 346

Resolve, to Eliminate the So-called Fail First Requirement for Children's Residential Services for Certain Individuals Whose Needs Are Unable to Be Met with Home and Community-based Services by Expanding Eligibility for Those Individuals

H.P. 229 L.D. 378

Bill "An Act to Improve Rural Transportation and Access to Mental Health Care and Physical Health Care"

H.P. 240 L.D. 389

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

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Health Care"

H.P. 168 L.D. 263

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Costs for Water Used for Firefighting"

H.P. 172 L.D. 274

Resolve, to Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists

H.P. 173 L.D. 275

Bill "An Act to Require Health Plans to Cover an Annual Mental Health Wellness Examination"

H.P. 176 L.D. 278

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code as It Relates to Pet Insurance"

H.P. 188 L.D. 290

Bill "An Act to Provide Health Insurance, Reduce Administrative Burdens, Reduce Costs and Improve Health Outcomes"

H.P. 201 L.D. 303

Bill "An Act to Require That Insurance Companies Notify Workers over 65 Years of Age of Potential High Costs"

H.P. 206 L.D. 308

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

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing"

H.P. 211 L.D. 337

Bill "An Act to Require the State and Municipalities to Reimburse Landlords for Unpaid Rent During Eviction Moratoriums"

H.P. 239 L.D. 388

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reinstate a Minimum Age for Hunting"

H.P. 166 L.D. 261

Bill "An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses"

H.P. 194 L.D. 296

Bill "An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled"

H.P. 203 L.D. 305

Bill "An Act to Responsibly Regulate Recreational Boats on Maine Lakes"

H.P. 230 L.D. 379

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LAFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Ski Area Safety Plans and Reporting"

H.P. 179 L.D. 281

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute"

H.P. 182 L.D. 284

Bill "An Act to Streamline Licensing by Matching Federal Licensing Requirements for Occupations Licensed Federally"

H.P. 216 L.D. 342

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion"

H.P. 169 L.D. 264

Bill "An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities"

H.P. 177 L.D. 279

Bill "An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes"

H.P. 210 L.D. 336

Bill "An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 213 L.D. 339

Bill "An Act Regarding In-court Appearance Requirements for Persons Authorized to Serve Eviction Notices and the Process for Serving a Writ of Possession"

H.P. 221 L.D. 347

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Employers from Providing Earned Paid Leave for Certain Employees"

H.P. 199 L.D. 301

Bill "An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State"

H.P. 208 L.D. 310

Bill "An Act to Support Farm Workers and Farmers by Addressing Unionization of Farm Workers"

H.P. 223 L.D. 349

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day"

H.P. 190 L.D. 292

Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day"
H.P. 218 L.D. 344

Bill "An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation"
H.P. 231 L.D. 380

Bill "An Act to Restore Legislative Oversight of Rulemaking"
H.P. 234 L.D. 383

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

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Tax Laws"
H.P. 181 L.D. 283

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Municipal Buildings"
H.P. 184 L.D. 286

Bill "An Act to Support Parents by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers"
H.P. 185 L.D. 287

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase School Bus Safety by Requiring Monitors"
H.P. 232 L.D. 381

Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George
H.P. 233 L.D. 382

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way"
H.P. 196 L.D. 298

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"
H.P. 170 L.D. 265

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

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Maine Health Data Organization**

The **Maine Health Data Organization**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 226 L.D. 375

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation**

The **Department of Professional and Financial Regulation**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asked leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 225 L.D. 374

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Lower the State's Health Care Costs"
H.P. 205 L.D. 307

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

On motion by Senator **INGWERSEN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Relieve Student Debt"
H.P. 228 L.D. 377

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Workforce"
H.P. 167 L.D. 262

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

On motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning.