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**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

In Senate Room at the Augusta Civic Center
Wednesday
April 28, 2021.

April 22, 2021

Pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine, the Senate convened in the Senate Room at the Augusta Civic Center, Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at ten o'clock in the morning and was called to order by President **TROY D. JACKSON** of Aroostook County.

Dear Members of the 130th Legislature,

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, the Speaker of the House and I directed the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to conduct a poll, pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Article 4, Part Third, Section 1, to see if membership was in favor of returning for a special session.

Prayer by Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc County.

The results of the poll were as follows:

SENATOR VITELLI: Good morning. In gratitude for being here with you all today and in the spirit of Earth Day last week, I will share words with you from the poet Joy Harjo.

Democratic Party – 102 votes in favor (52 necessary)
Republican Party – 48 votes in favor (40 necessary)

Remember the sky that you were born under,
Know each of the stars' stories.
Remember the moon, who she is.
Remember the sun's birth at dawn,
That is the strongest point of time.
Remember sundown and the giving away to night.
Remember your birth,
How your mother struggled to give you form and breath
You are evidence of her life and her mother's and her's.
Remember your father,
He is your life also.
Remember the earth whose skin you are.
Red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth, brown earth.
We are earth.
Remember the plants, trees, animal life,
Who all have their tribes, their families, their histories too.
Talk to them, listen to them,
They are alive poems.
Remember the wind,
Remember her voice.
She knows the origin of this universe.
Remember you are all people and all people are you.
Remember you are this universe and this universe is you.
Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.
Remember language comes from this.
Remember the dance language is, that life is.
Remember.

Based on the results, the question prevailed. Therefore, the House and Senate will convene on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 for the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

QUORUM CALL

34 Senators having answered the Call, the Chair declared a quorum present.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 18

Ordered, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that in accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Lisa M. Keim of Oxford County.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to deliver the message to the Governor. The Senator was escorted to the Governor's Office.

Off Record Remarks

Subsequently, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 19

Ordered, that a message be sent to House of Representatives informing that body that in accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DAUGHTRY**, reported that she had delivered the message with which she was charged.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass as Amended

Senator **BREEN** for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 484 L.D. 1507

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-60) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

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)

In Senate, March 11, 2021, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26)**, in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

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, March 11, 2021, on motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-27)**, in concurrence.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-27) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-56)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 452

STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 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 April 5, 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 April 5, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Limit the Decibel Level of Fireworks Near Working Farms" (S.P. 430) (L.D. 1348) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Maine Criminal Code and the Maine Bail Code" (S.P. 436) (L.D. 1351) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy" (S.P. 432) (L.D. 1350) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: TUCKER of Brunswick, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Services to Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens by Eliminating the Waiting Lists for Certain MaineCare Services" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 447) (L.D. 1360) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in Dental Billing" (S.P. 431) (L.D. 1349) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Senators: MOORE of Washington, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: TEPLER of Topsham, STOVER of Boothbay, PAULHUS of Bath)

Bill "An Act To Require the Public Posting of the Costs of Medical Procedures, Services, Medications and Equipment Delivered in Hospitals and the Reporting of Those Costs upon Request" (S.P. 439) (L.D. 1353) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, ZEIGLER of Montville, COPELAND of Saco, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Require Private Insurance Coverage for Postpartum Care" (S.P. 443) (L.D. 1357) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act To Amend Telehealth Laws Regarding Out-of-state Telehealth Provisions" (S.P. 448) (L.D. 1361) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: MORRIS of Turner)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Veterans Who Are Disabled" (S.P. 441) (L.D. 1355) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Bill "An Act To Excuse Certain Marketplace Sellers and Facilitators for Failing To Collect and Remit Sales and Use Taxes on Ammunition Sales" (S.P. 449) (L.D. 1362) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: COREY of Windham)

Transportation

Bill "An Act Regarding the Placement of Temporary Signs" (S.P. 442) (L.D. 1356) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Change Driver's License Requirements Regarding Sleep Apnea" (S.P. 445) (L.D. 1359) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Regulate Sports Betting" (S.P. 437) (L.D. 1352) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Resolve, To Study the Establishment of a System of Voting by Mail (S.P. 440) (L.D. 1354) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, SANBORN of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: ZEIGLER of Montville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers" (S.P. 444) (L.D. 1358) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections" (S.P. 450) (L.D. 1363) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 473

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

April 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 April 8, 2021, 19 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 April 8, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Provide That a Forestry Operation That Conforms to Accepted Practices May Not Be Declared a Nuisance" (S.P. 457) (L.D. 1407) (Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Increase the Protection of Children from Domestic Abuse and Violence" (S.P. 458) (L.D. 1408) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Laws Protecting Members of Law Enforcement and Promote In-classroom Drug Use Avoidance Education" (S.P. 472) (L.D. 1422) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, NEWMAN of Belgrade)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Education To Provide Information to Students Allowing Them To Make Informed Choices Regarding Their Education and Professional Futures" (S.P. 462) (L.D. 1412) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford and Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Regarding High-impact Electric Transmission Lines" (S.P. 459) (L.D. 1409) (Sponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Regarding Minor Revisions to Existing Site Location Permits, Exemptions for Rerouting Storm Water and Exemptions for New Construction or Modification of an Existing Licensed Development under the Site Location of Development Laws" (S.P. 465) (L.D. 1415) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland, Representatives: RIELLY of Westbrook, SALISBURY of Westbrook)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Model Act" (S.P. 470) (L.D. 1420) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Update Its Current Priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's Allowable Grant Requests To Include Support of Population Growth Strategies around the State in Concert with the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 471) (L.D. 1421) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Limit Qualified Immunity of Law Enforcement Officers in Maine Civil Rights Act Claims" (S.P. 466) (L.D. 1416) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Support Health Care Providers during State Public Health Emergencies" (S.P. 469) (L.D. 1419) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act" (S.P. 461) (L.D. 1411) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, BALDACCI of Penobscot, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Encourage Relocation to Rural Maine" (S.P. 455) (L.D. 1406) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Incentivize the Development of the Labor Force in the Green Jobs Sector through Assistance in Repaying Student Loan Debt" (S.P. 460) (L.D. 1410) (Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: TERRY of Gorham, McDONALD of Stonington, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" (S.P. 463) (L.D. 1413) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: STEARNS of Guilford, ROCHE of Wells, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging" (S.P. 468) (L.D. 1418) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Legalize Sports Betting and Strengthen Public Education" (S.P. 453) (L.D. 1404) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: CARDONE of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering" (S.P. 454) (L.D. 1405) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: PARRY of Arundel, DOORE of Augusta, LANDRY of Farmington)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Candidates for President or Federal Office from Donating to State Political Action Committees" (S.P. 464) (L.D. 1414) (Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: COREY of Windham)

Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reform" (S.P. 467) (L.D. 1417) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 482

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

April 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 April 12, 2021, 8 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 April 12, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Exempt Land-based Aquaculture Facilities from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Requirements" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 476) (L.D. 1473) (Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to and Availability of Violence Intervention Services To Reduce Domestic Violence in Maine" (S.P. 478) (L.D. 1491) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Representatives: COREY of Windham, RECKITT of South Portland, FAY of Raymond, MORALES of South Portland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Enhance the ConnectMaine Authority's Capacity To Provide World-class Internet" (S.P. 477) (L.D. 1484) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representative: SKOLFIELD of Weld)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Establish a Stewardship Program for Packaging" (S.P. 474) (L.D. 1471) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: SKOLFIELD of Weld, DUNPHY of Old Town, WHITE of Waterville)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Create Limited Lines Self-storage Insurance" (S.P. 481) (L.D. 1494) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Administer a Fund To Provide Seasonal and Tourism Industry Recovery Grants (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 480) (L.D. 1493) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebec and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HYMANSON of York, WADSWORTH of Hiram, DODGE of Belfast, CUDDY of Winterport, WHITE of Waterville)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Require Legislative Approval for the State's Participation in Compacts, Programs and Agreements Regarding Transportation and Climate Change" (S.P. 475) (L.D. 1472) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide More Choice for Maine Consumers in the Purchase of Spirits" (S.P. 479) (L.D. 1492) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative: ANDREWS of Paris)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 488

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

April 13, 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 April 13, 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 April 13, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 484) (L.D. 1507) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Prevent Homelessness by Establishing an Eviction Mediation Program" (S.P. 485) (L.D. 1508) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, HICKMAN of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act Concerning Informed Consent of Minors' Authority to Release Health Care Information" (S.P. 487) (L.D. 1510) (Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Provide That Maine's School Bus Drivers Are Eligible for Unemployment Insurance in Certain Circumstances" (S.P. 486) (L.D. 1509) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 495

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

April 15, 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 April 15, 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 April 15, 2021, as follows:

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute" (S.P. 490) (L.D. 1517) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Increase Workplace Transparency with Regard to Arbitration Agreements, the Rights of Employees and Legal Remedies" (S.P. 493) (L.D. 1519) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: GEIGER of Rockland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District" (S.P. 494) (L.D. 1520) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Property Tax Exemption for Persons Who Are Legally Blind" (S.P. 489) (L.D. 1516) (Sponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Support Maine's Tasting Rooms and Restaurants during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 491) (L.D. 1518) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, CAIAZZO of Scarborough)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 504

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

April 20, 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 April 20, 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 April 20, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Certain Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps (S.P. 502) (L.D. 1560) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study and Recommend a Financing Model To Increase Capital Investment in Renewable Energy, Clean Energy Technology, Energy Efficiency Projects and Jobs in Maine (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 498) (L.D. 1556) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, BREEN of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Provision of Housing Coordinator Services to Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities" (S.P. 499) (L.D. 1557) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Fair Debt Collection Practices Act" (S.P. 503) (L.D. 1561) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Resolve, To Create the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 501) (L.D. 1559) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington and Senators: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, ROEDER of Bangor, BRYANT of Windham)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Require Campaign Finance Reports for State and County Candidates Other Than Governor To Be Filed on the 42nd Day before Any Election" (S.P. 500) (L.D. 1558) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, BAILEY of York)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 510

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

April 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 April 23, 2021, 3 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 April 23, 2021, as follows:

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Regarding Travel Insurance in the Maine Insurance Code" (S.P. 506) (L.D. 1563) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Unemployment Compensation" (S.P. 507) (L.D. 1564) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative: SYLVESTER of Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority" (S.P. 505) (L.D. 1562) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, O'CONNELL of Brewer)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 387

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 7, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.6, I have made the following appointment to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

Senator Craig Hickman of Kennebec

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 403

**STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 7, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Senator Jeff Timberlake to the Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 449

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

April 15, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Dunphy of Old Town, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 165 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Necessary Maintenance and Upgrades for State Parks and Historic Sites

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cathy Breen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Teresa S. Pierce
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 405

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

April 7, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. McDonald of Stonington, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 502 An Act To Broaden the Definition of "Working Waterfront" with Respect to Land Use Planning

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 425

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

April 13, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Tucker of Brunswick, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 87 An Act To Implement the State Climate Action Plan, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Enhance Maine's Economy

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 455

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 20, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Crockett of Portland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 134 An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Award under the Maine State Grant Program

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 456

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 20, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Spkr. Fecteau of Biddeford, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1304 An Act To Create the Career and Technical Education Workforce Fund

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 371

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 30, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 439 An Act To Amend the Provisions Concerning
the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 409

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 31, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 13 An Act To Coordinate the Delivery of
Individuals Committed to the Department of
Corrections

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 384

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 06, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 444 An Act To Create Parity between Department of
Education Recommendations and Maine
Principals' Association Guidelines for Sports

L.D. 707 An Act To Promote Student Health by
Requiring School Administrative Units To Offer
Extracurricular Sports as a Requirement of
Receiving State Education Funds

L.D. 779 An Act To Extend the Time Allowed for Selling,
Distributing and Displaying the State of Maine
Bicentennial Commemorative License Plate
and To Allow the Maine Bicentennial
Commission To Continue To Serve in 2021
(EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 450

L.D. 743 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Species

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

April 21, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 618 An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons

L.D. 809 An Act To Prohibit the Purging of Volatile Organic Compound Gases from Oil Tankers in the Waters of Maine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 410

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

April 07, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 385

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 06, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 888 An Act To Ensure Ongoing Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 411

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 08, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 503 Resolve, To Help Children in Therapeutic Foster Care Move toward Adoption

- L.D. 652 An Act To Include an Emergency Reimbursement Rate Review Process in Rate Setting by the Department of Health and Human Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 448

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 15, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 934 An Act To Create a Family and Juvenile Mediation Program within the Department of Health and Human Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 451

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 21, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 760 An Act To Clarify the Disclosure of Records under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

- L.D. 762 An Act To Clarify the Response to Truancy under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 452

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 14, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 48 Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton S/Rep. Michele Meyer
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 381

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

April 02, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 599 An Act To Require Coverage for Certain Ultrasound Exams

L.D. 617 An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs

L.D. 694 An Act Concerning Business Interruption Insurance (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 713 An Act To Allow the Purchase of Health Insurance across State Lines

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 386

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

April 06, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 295 An Act To Repeal Restrictions That Prohibit Certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from Providing Essential Health Care Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 423

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

April 08, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 544 An Act To Eliminate Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 413

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 08, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 862 An Act To Protect Consumer Property by Requiring Liability Insurance for Snowplow Vehicles and Vehicles Used in Landscaping or Gardening

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 453

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 21, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1232 An Act To Clarify Services Provided by Barbers and Master Barbers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 454

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 23, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1421 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Update Its Current Priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's Allowable Grant Requests To Include Support of Population Growth Strategies around the State in Concert with the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 457

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 21, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 755 An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation

L.D. 876 An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ann Matlack
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 458

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 23, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 889 An Act Concerning Proportional Representation

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ann Matlack
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 414

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

April 05, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 217 An Act To Make Contributions Made To Pay Off School Meal Debt Tax-deductible

L.D. 403 An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 409 An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Maureen F. Terry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 382

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 01, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 638 An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine

L.D. 641 An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 656 An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Office of Marijuana Policy

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 404

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 07, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 53 An Act To Limit Political Advertising

L.D. 185 An Act To Abolish Mandatory Political Caucuses

L.D. 588 Resolve, To Study Veterans' Benefits in Maine

L.D. 685 An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1060 An Act To Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Chris Caiazzo
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 447

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 15, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1099 An Act Regarding Election Reform

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Chris Caiazza
House Chair

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

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, informing the Senate that a quorum of Representatives was assembled for the consideration of such business as may come before that Body.

The Following Communication: S.C. 412

**MAINE'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
ORONO, ME 04469**

April 5, 2021

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

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you for inviting me to provide the Legislature and people of Maine a biannual report on the state of our public universities. While I know we all look forward to the day a report like this can again be safely delivered in-person in the House Chamber, I am pleased to provide you a link to my recorded video address and its transcript, which can be found at www.maine.edu/sotu. I was honored to be joined in my address by University of Maine/University of Maine at Machias President and University of Maine System Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Joan Ferrini-Mundy and University of Maine School of Law Dean Leigh Saufley, as well as University of Southern Maine nursing student Monique Belisle of Winslow.

As I report in my address, we have come through a year of global pandemic that posed the greatest challenge to higher education in the last century. I'm proud to say that the success of Maine's public universities to-date has exceeded every expectation. What's more, we did it while implementing an innovative national

model for unified accreditation to help our universities share resources and work together in new ways, which in turn helped to inspire one of the ten largest philanthropic gifts ever to public higher education in our county's history. At the same time, our operating budgets are severally strained due to \$100 million in pandemic-related expenses and lost revenue, and our university infrastructure is among the nation's oldest, burdened by imminent need and a deferred maintenance backlog that together exceed \$1 billion.

Looking forward – as we are always doing – we will be relentless in the pursuit of making the life- changing benefits of public higher education available to every Mainer. No one can be left behind if Maine is to move forward. We hope you will join us and that you will take the time to view my address at www.maine.edu/sotu.

With continued appreciation for our partnership with the Legislature,

S/Dannel P. Malloy, Chancellor
University of Maine System

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 415

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
AUGUSTA, ME 04333**

March 31, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our audit complies with 5 MRSA §243 and is also a prerequisite for the receipt of Federal financial assistance. During fiscal year 2020, \$4.6 billion in Federal financial assistance was expended by the State of Maine.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information

- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Financial Statement Findings
- Indexes to Federal Program Findings
- Federal Findings and Questioned Costs
- Corrective Action Plan
- Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

On behalf of the Office of the State Auditor, I thank employees throughout Maine Government who assisted us during the audit.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the 2020 Single Audit of the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Matthew Dunlap
State Auditor

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 416

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

March 18, 2021

The Honorable Nathan Libby, Senate Chair
The Honorable Genevieve McDonald, House Chair
Members of the Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Members of the 130th Maine Senate
3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
Members of the 130th Maine House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Government Oversight Committee Members, Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §995(4), I respectfully submit the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020. OPEGA's service to the Legislature as an independent, non-partisan resource is meant to support the important role of legislative oversight and to help improve the performance of State government. The staff of OPEGA and I continue to be committed to serving Maine's legislators and citizens as a trusted source of objective, credible information.

Sincerely,

S/Lucia A. Nixon
Director

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 417

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

April 12, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau Speaker of the House
2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy, I respectfully submit the 2021 State of the Academy. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the State of the Academy was pre-recorded. The link is available here: <http://bit.ly/3rWd0Yj>.

I am very pleased to tell you that at the present time, Maine Maritime Academy is in a strong and vibrant position despite the challenges of dealing with a global pandemic. We are fully operational, we have been open for business, offering in-person instruction this semester as we were last semester, and we are fully prepared to be fully operational in the upcoming fall semester. Our applications are robust and we look forward to families recognizing that the pandemic has taken a turn, that they can see glimmers of hope in the future and that college-bound high school students are making final arrangements to begin their college careers.

On the outcome side, our job placement rate continues to be exceptional. We are able to consistently place more than 90% of our graduates in jobs within their career fields within 90 days of graduation. That is a major advantage that comes with a diploma from MMA, and it adds substantial value for our students and their families who are investing in an MMA education.

Our spring semester will come to a close this week, we have already conducted our commencement and our training ship will depart for the sea-semester next week. I thank you and the 130th Maine State Legislature for your interest in and ongoing support of the Maine Maritime Academy and I stand ready to respond to any question you or your colleagues may have.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. William J. Brennan
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 424

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, ME 04330**

April 12, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System, I respectfully submit the 2021 State of the Colleges.

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the State of the Colleges was pre-recorded. The link is available here:
<http://bit.ly/StateofHigherEd2021>.

During this challenging time, the people who make up Maine's community colleges have done an extraordinary job in serving our students, supporting state agencies, and assisting the state's employers and workers. We donated PPE and opened our dorms to first responders. Our COVID-19 safety badging initiative alone has made life a little safer for untold Mainers and visitors, and helped stabilize some of our key industries.

We remained focused on the success of our students, delivering hands-on training where needed, adding new learning platforms for remote students, guaranteeing technology and tech support to all students, and adjusting student supports so there was tutoring and counseling available online – and food pantry deliveries at the curb.

The good work of the community colleges in the last year has brought into focus the critical role our colleges play in their communities, in our students' lives and in providing the state with graduates armed with the skills they need to step into the modern economy, even as it shifts under our feet.

We are not done yet. We look forward to your support as we move toward ambitious, strategic goals, together.

Sincerely,

S/David Daigler
President

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

SENATE PAPERS

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

S.P. 456 L.D. 1579

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DUNPHY of Old Town, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Moratorium on Offshore Wind Power Projects in Maine's Territorial Waters" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 512 L.D. 1619

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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 Require Telecommunications Companies To Divulge Location Information to Law Enforcement When Necessary To Respond to a 9-1-1 Call or Locate a Person in Danger"

S.P. 492 L.D. 1581

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Psilocybin Services Act"
S.P. 496 L.D. 1582

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Bill "An Act To Make Donated Medicines Available to Maine Patients at an Affordable Cost"
S.P. 508 L.D. 1584

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Behavioral Health Services To Better Protect Maine Residents"
S.P. 517 L.D. 1627

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, Representative: LYMAN of Livermore Falls.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Establish and Fund a Medical Professionals Health Program from Health Care Provider License Fees
S.P. 438 L.D. 1576

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Promote Individual Retirement Savings through a Public-Private Partnership"
S.P. 515 L.D. 1622

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: SANBORN of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, TEPLER of Topsham.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements"
S.P. 518 L.D. 1628

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents"
S.P. 483 L.D. 1580

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: PERRY of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Police To Enforce Court-ordered Child Custody Agreements"
S.P. 446 L.D. 1577

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Bill "An Act To Permit Remote Access for Public Proceedings"
S.P. 451 L.D. 1578

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enhance Private Property Protections Using Modern Technology"
S.P. 497 L.D. 1583

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Place a Temporary Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates and Initiate a Registration Plate Working Group (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 511 L.D. 1618

Presented by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative **MARTIN** of Sinclair and Senator: **FARRIN** of Somerset, Representative: **PERKINS** of Oakland.
Submitted by the Secretary of State and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Presented by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Presented by Senator **MAXMIN** of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senators: **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, President **JACKSON** of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **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.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Gwen Bibber Kimball, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and a native of Eastport, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on May 1, 2021. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 242

Sponsored by Senator **MOORE** of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: **TUELL** of East Machias.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. 4-57 is a sentiment that reads: 'Gwen Bibber Kimball, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and a native of Eastport, who is celebrating her 100th birthday on May 1, 2021. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.' Gwen was actually born in Eastport on May 1, 1921. She graduated from Shead Memorial High School in 1938. She also lived in West Pembroke, spending summers at their family camp on Pennamaquan Lake in Charlotte. She could be seen through the years riding in the Eastport July 4th parades as one of the oldest survivors of the Class of 1938. She currently resides with her two daughters in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Please join me in wishing Gwen Bibber Kimball a very happy 100th birthday. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 509

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources shall report out, to the Senate, a bill based on the report and recommendations of the Department of Marine Resources submitted pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 116 regarding the limited-entry lobster and crab fishing licensing system.

READ and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 516

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAINE'S REALTORS**

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of REALTORS® has more than 5,700 members actively involved in the business of real estate and it has approximately 400 affiliate members, including lenders, appraisers, title companies, building inspectors, surveyors and insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit association provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the real estate profession, serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, a healthy supply of affordable, safe, secure and high-quality residential and commercial real estate inventory statewide supports the continuing growth of Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, real estate transactions stimulate Maine's economy and include not only the money spent and reinvested in the sale price of a property but all those services and expenditures that occur in relation to a property transaction, for both a buyer and a seller; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, it is estimated that one job is generated for every 2 home sales, each home sale contributes about \$94,600 to the economy and the real estate industry accounts for 18% of the gross state product; and

WHEREAS, the real estate market in Maine is strong, as evidenced by the number of home sales increasing by 8.7% to 23,201 homes sold in 2020 with a value of \$7,200,000,000; and

WHEREAS, real estate ownership is an investment in the future and one of the best ways to build financial security through equity accumulation and for many in Maine their real property ownership represents their life savings; and

WHEREAS, expanding real property ownership will strengthen our State and its families and communities, enhance our economy and create jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its members for their positive contributions to and the significant role they play in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities and that their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Maine's 12 local association REALTOR® boards and councils.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics"

H.P. 13 L.D. 47

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-50).**

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass.**

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-50).**

Reports **READ.**

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE**: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to speak to this divided report, if I may please. This bill provides one-time funding for six free clinics currently located in Ellsworth, Lewiston, Rockland, Blue Hill, Brunswick, and Portland. While these clinics do provide important services to those they serve, my caucus feels the \$500,000 from General Fund could be used to fund direct care worker rate increases and reduce wait lists for critical services we need across the state, not in just these six

communities. We feel they search for private funding, such as donation drives or from foundations, etcetera, rather than being funded by the State. I ask you to vote no on this Ought to Pass as Amended motion and follow my light. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Oxford, Senator **KEIM**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#126)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: KEIM

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-50) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** 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

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI**: Thank you. I just would indicate this was a bi-partisan Ought Not to Pass report based on the bill asks to give the Legislature power to subpoena documents and subpoena individuals before a legislative committee. The Legislature currently already has that power if it sets up a formal legislative investigating committee. It has the power under current statute, so that is why this was a bi-partisan Ought Not to Pass report. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Assist Certain Businesses in the State That Sell Prepared Food or Alcohol"

H.P. 96 L.D. 140

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** 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

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

WHITE of Mars Hill

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** 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

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
WHITE of Mars Hill

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**
Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority
OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator **CURRY** for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Crematories Using Chemical Dissolution Processes in Facilities Other Than Cemeteries"
S.P. 396 L.D. 1223

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators"
S.P. 67 L.D. 797

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations"
S.P. 346 L.D. 1078

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **CLAXTON** for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program"

S.P. 71 L.D. 799

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **HICKMAN** for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Submit to the United States Secretary of Labor a Plan for a Self-employment Assistance Program

S.P. 231 L.D. 594

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **DIAMOND** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards"
S.P. 371 L.D. 1109

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund"
S.P. 42 L.D. 34

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-49) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-54)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-54) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-43)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-43) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator RAFFERTY for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Change the Statutory Cap on Virtual Public Charter School Enrollment"
S.P. 168 L.D. 380

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-45) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and To Address Growing Demand"
S.P. 191 L.D. 485

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-44) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Restore the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Cystic Fibrosis Assistance Program"

S.P. 216 L.D. 529

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-52)**.

Report **READ**.

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

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the group adopt the Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" for L.D. 529 and I wish to speak to that motion.

I know this happens lots of times but I think this bill is a perfect example of what happens when everybody works together to make it better. It's a demonstration of the Department working with members of the committee to come up with something that had a half-a-million-dollar price tag, to settle on one with no fiscal expense, and to broaden the coverage and attention of those with low incidence health conditions who get help from the State as we try to sort out how best to help them. It's just nice to feature when we all work together how well things progress. Thank you, Mr. President.

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-52) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Prior Authorizations for Prescription Drugs"

S.P. 207 L.D. 523

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Certified Midwife Services"

S.P. 239 L.D. 600

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-57) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DILL for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Licensed Maine Guide To Hunt Big Game"

S.P. 135 L.D. 309

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-50)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-50) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Allow Certain Police Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System"

S.P. 276 L.D. 711

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-62) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Regarding L.D. 711, this amendment adds an Emergency preamble to this bill. This is an important bill, one of the three today that the Labor and Housing Committee has reported out unanimously. The Emergency preamble will allow all police officers and other first responders in this state who are eligible for this coverage to return to participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you for recognizing me. This bill, that I introduced a while ago, would help police officers, fire fighters, and EMS first responders. Many years ago, several cities in the state opted out of the Maine State Retirement system and essentially this bill will allow many senior officers who had a short window back in 2000 or 2005 to choose to allow them to buy back into the Maine State Retirement System instead of cashing out their ICMA, or basically an IRA. This has no fiscal impact to the State. This does allow scores of officers, particularly in Bangor and Westbrook and a number of other towns, those are the two largest that I recall, to basically buy into the system and improve their retirement and I appreciate this Body's consideration. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-62) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-51) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-62) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-51) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-62)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes"

S.P. 79 L.D. 191

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-47)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-47) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-56)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-56) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Trailers Sold to Out-of-state Entities from Sales and Use Tax" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 226 L.D. 538

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-46) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of Unlawful Sexual Touching"

S.P. 291 L.D. 877

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COSTAIN of Plymouth
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
PLUECKER of Warren
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SHARPE of Durham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

RECKITT of South Portland

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Conserve the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark"

S.P. 183 L.D. 440

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin.

Senator **MAXMIN:** Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues in the Senate. I stand in support of L.D. 440. Frances Perkins was the U.S. Secretary of Labor from 1933 to 1945. She was the first female Cabinet Secretary and the driving force behind the New Deal Programs that still provide financial security for all Americans like Social Security and unemployment insurance. She held this position for 12 years, making her the longest serving Secretary of Labor in U.S. history. She is an American pioneer and she's buried near her homestead in New Castle, which is at the heart of my district. This bill provides one-time funds to the Frances Perkins Center to ensure the public has safe and accessible access to the homestead. I was proud to introduce this legislation on behalf of the Center. They have tirelessly advocated for this homestead and to honor the memory of the great Frances Perkins. The Center, which became the owner of the homestead in January 2020, is in the process of preserving the homestead for public use in perpetuity, through the renovation of the homestead, and maintenance of the property. The National Parks Service awarded a \$500,000 Save America's Treasures grant to this project in August 2020. This is a very competitive grant and it now means that the Center has to provide \$824,000 in matching funds, including in-kind service, to meet the grant requirements. The Center has already amazingly raised \$500,000 towards the match. This bill would give an additional \$100,000 from the State of Maine to help the Center fill in the rest. The State of Maine would join in partnership with the National Parks Service and Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust that holds a conservation easement on most of this property. In 2018, Maine Preservation designated the Perkins family homestead as one of the most endangered historic sites in our state. This funding would be used to make sure that the homestead is open to the public, both inside the house and around the property that goes down to the Damariscotta River, educational events will generate publicity and additional cultural interest, and the State of Maine will receive perpetual recognition at the France Perkins homestead. Please join me in voting for

this bill today in honoring one of Maine's greatest heroes. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Adoption of L.D. 440. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#127)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-55) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs"
S.P. 15 L.D. 8

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-59)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:
TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
TUELL of East Machias
ZEIGLER of Montville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:
HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **UGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today in opposition of the pending motion and would request that the Minority Report be adopted instead. The long and the short of it, this bill, while well intentioned in regards to facilitating a drug take-back program throughout the state, would have an unintended cost - an unintended consequence of shifting costs onto manufacturers of prescription drugs and would be a result - would result in increased costs of those drugs. This is true not just for the name brand and the generic drugs, but also drugs that are over-the-counter, and this is problematic as it's be increasing costs for all of our constituents, in search of a solution for a problem which really doesn't exist. We actually collect more tonnage of drugs in the state of Maine than Massachusetts, which has significantly more people in it. We're also much more rural and yet we seem to have a system that is working effectively and efficiently. That said, I know there's likely to be another amendment coming. I think that that amendment will probably improve the bill some but will still not be in a posture which I could support. So, with that, I request that you follow my light. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#128)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-63) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to speak to L.D. 8. L.D. 8 is an act to support the collection and proper disposal of unwanted drugs. As our colleague said, the bill does require drug manufacturers to create a safe, convenient, and accessible system for Mainers throughout our state to dispose of unwanted drugs. It furthers our state policy adopted in 2009 to promote product stewardship in order to protect the health and safety, as well as the welfare, of Maine residents. It is true that the bill does shift some costs to manufacturers, however those costs are currently borne by our local and county law enforcement agencies to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. In this time of tight municipal budgets, it's important to shift these costs to the manufacturers, as has been the stated state policy since 2009. There was some concern about the rulemaking process and whether the costs would be allocated properly and this amendment addresses that by ensuring that the cost is allocated among manufacturers according to revenue so that it protects particularly Mainers who rely significantly on generic drugs. Those drugs will see less of a financial impact and the more expensive boutique drugs will be - maintain their fair share of that cost of administering the program. I would just like to say, and I know that technically I am speaking on the motion to amend, but it's important to understand that most young people - their entryway to accessing these harmful drugs is through their parent's medical cabinet - medicine cabinet, and if we can give parents a way to immediately dispose of unwanted drugs it will do a lot of good for the children in our state. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-63) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-63) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-59) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-63)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban"

S.P. 47 L.D. 39

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)**.

Signed:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT**: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple of things about this. Last session when this bill came up I voted against it. I'm going to vote against it today and I just wanted to be clear with folks why that is. It's not that I don't care about the environment. I mean, I don't think this bill is really going to anything to drastically improve the environment in the state. Some folks, obviously, disagree with that. But the reality is I've heard a lot of constituents in my district who, you know, walk to the grocery store to get their groceries. They're living on a fixed income. It's a challenge for them to, you know, carry these groceries back to their apartment or their home in a paper bag. It's just not really realistic, you know. The bottom line is the reusable cloth bags are, you know, problematic. Senator Davis was talking this morning about constituent he had that was really concerned about germs that are on those bags. In the midst of what we're dealing with right now with this pandemic and, you know, the challenges around COVID, I don't think that right now is the time to be forcing people into getting, you know, reusable bags that might harbor germs and be unsafe or using paper bags which are very difficult to transport. In a lot of ways I think that this is a tax on the poor. So, Mr. President, for those reasons, I will not be supporting the Majority Report to not pass this and I hope my colleagues will vote to support those in our state with the means they need to carry things around. Thank you.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this bill was a bad idea last year and it still is, and the pandemic proved that to all of us. So what has changed to make it a good idea now? I'll tell you what I think. Nothing. I will be voting on supporting the removal of the plastic bag ban because we have proved in the last year that the reusable bags and the paper bags were not a good idea and so I hope you'll join me in supporting this removal of the plastic bag ban today because it wasn't a good idea then and it's not a good idea now.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#129)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law"

S.P. 105 L.D. 244

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#130)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment

S.P. 196 L.D. 489

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin.

Senator **MAXMIN:** Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues in the Senate. I rise today in proud support of L.D. 489, otherwise known as Pinetree Amendment. One of the questions that I get asked most often these days is: why did I run for office? I always give the same honest answer which is that I love Maine. I spent my life in Nobleboro and I love our way of life. I love my community, our kindness, our compassion, our commitment to each other regardless of party or background. I love our woods, rivers, lakes, oceans, dirt roads, and trails. I was raised outside on a farm and have known since I was little that this is what I would do with my life. As I grew older I began to understand how deeply Maine is threatened, especially our environment upon which our economy relies. The Maine that we know and love today is no longer guaranteed to be there in the future. These changes are not only devastating because of their environmental impacts, they threaten our entire economy. The livelihood of fishermen, farmers, foresters, and guides who rely on a healthy environment to make a living are under deep threat. Protecting our environment isn't just about our natural resources, it's about standing up for our economy and our constituents. For my entire lifetime I have watched the government stand by and do far too little to protect our state's resources, the foundation of our economy. For years, and some might argue decades, state and federal governments have allowed the climate crisis and environmental degradation to run rampant. These problems have only gotten worse. Who pays the price for government inaction? We do and our constituents do.

So I ran for office but when I got elected I was really stumped at what kind of legislation could match the profound economic and environmental scale and scope of the challenges that we face. We can introduce a bill but it only helps part of the problem. We know that greater environmental harm and natural greater economic upheaval are inevitable. We have also seen in recent years how quickly a new administration, Governor or President, from either party can quickly and drastically change policy courses. This political landscape is and always will be uncertain. We are lucky to have strong environmental laws in Maine right now, but they are certainly not to be taken for granted. The Pinetree Amendment is about making sure that a healthy environment is not mercy to political whim, but that it is a basic right for all Mainers.

This Constitutional Amendment adds language to Article I, the Declaration of Rights of the Maine Constitution, that guarantees a right to a healthy environment. This idea was brought to me by two constituents last year. I was immediately intrigued and I learned how this language has been used in Montana and Pennsylvania where similar language has been in place for decades to protect farmers and small towns from environmental devastation. The intent of this language is to hold government accountable, to ensure that all Mainers have a right to a healthy environment. No Governor or Legislature, no law or permit can violate that right. This is how we protect Mainers and the natural resources that our economy will rely on for generations to come. I have consulted multiple lawyers, five to be exact, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle to craft the final language that you see here today. This language has the

expressed intent of holding the government accountable. It would be a bizarre use of the language, as one lawyer put it, if it were to be used to sue a business or neighbor. This is about making sure that Mainers have a right to hold the government accountable. The rights enumerated in Article I of our State Constitution grant us religious freedom, freedom to assemble, the right to keep and bear arms, freedom of speech, and dozens more. These rights are broad so that they best protect us. They are there for us. They are not subject to political interpretation. It is now time that we also have a right to a clean and healthy environment.

When we take office as legislators, we swear to uphold the Constitution. Let us make sure that this vow includes a promise to fight for our environment, the foundation of our state. I urge you to join me in sending this crucial amendment to the people of Maine, to our constituents, so that they can finally realize their legal rights to a healthy environment, a right that each and every one of us was born with. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-53) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Indices of Vital Records" S.P. 240 L.D. 601

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
MEYER of Eliot
CONNOR of Lewiston
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Restore Short-term Health Insurance" S.P. 172 L.D. 424

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
STEWART of Aroostook

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Friends and colleagues in the Senate, I rise today to oppose the pending motion of Ought Not to Pass. The idea for this legislation was brought to me by a constituent struggling to afford health insurance, including insurance offered under the Affordable Healthcare Act. The fact is many people fall in the gap where they make too much money to qualify for a premium tax credit but not enough money to pay the monthly premiums for a health plan. These constituents of ours feel abandoned and at a loss for what to do. As a result of the current laws, my constituents are uninsured, which is exactly what the ACA was hoping to avoid. Though short term coverage is not ideal. It is often the only option available to folks. During a pandemic, it is more important than ever that our constituents have coverage and access to quality care. I know that we can all tell stories about how people use short term health insurance when it was available to get them over a period of transition in their lives. I hope that you think about these stories and vote against the pending motion. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN**: Thank you, Mr. President. I am really pleased to report and really hope that all of my colleagues in the Senate will spread the word that under recent changes to the Affordable Care Act there is no income limit on the subsidies that are available and so now, no matter what level of income you are at, if your premiums on your marketplace would be more than 8.5% of your income you are eligible for subsidies and, moreover, President Biden has extended the special open enrollment period to last for many more months and so every American who needs access to high quality affordable health care can get it and can access affordable care subsidies paid for by our federal tax dollars to help them afford it at this time. The short-term insurance plans that were regulated by our committee last session, and that this bill seeks to repeal those regulations, are not high-quality affordable health insurance. As the Consumers for Affordable Healthcare came and testified to us, they are, in fact, junk. They are policies that people pay for and think that they are getting themselves gap coverage but, in fact, what those policies do is to take your premiums and provide you with minimal useful coverage in the event that you really do have the type of catastrophic medical disaster that you were trying to cover yourself for. Your plan will be canceled in just a matter of three months if you come down with cancer while you have one of these plans and that's what we thought health insurance was for. Under the Affordable Care Act that is what health insurance is for and thanks to the Biden Administration everyone in the United States can access those high-quality plans. Please follow my light and accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass report so that we can channel folks to our high quality health insurance for all, and I also just ask that you help us spread the word to your constituents on your Facebook page, your Instagram, your social media, no matter what party you're in, that Mainers can access affordable healthcare through real health insurance plans subsidized by the Affordable Care Act. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#131)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Maine's Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program"

S.P. 245 L.D. 631

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-41)**.

Signed:

Senators:
SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-40)**.

Signed:

Senator:
STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-41)** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this bill - there actually isn't a lot of disagreement about the principle behind this bill, which is to help to fund the health insurance consumer program that is offered through the State. The difference boils down to where that money should be coming from and my colleagues on the committee felt that it was inappropriate for the funding, and I believe the amount is \$200,000 annually, to be swept out of another special revenue fund underneath the Bureau of Insurance, which is actually paid for by all folks that help - all kinds of different types of insurance carriers, including those that exist outside of health insurance. Things like unemployment insurance. Things like life insurance. And so, from a good government standpoint, we felt that there's a better way to go about trying to achieve a level of funding, which would be doing it through the General Fund and sending it to Appropriations and having them incorporate it into the biennial budget if it is to be considered a priority from this Body and the other Body in this Legislature. So, with that I would ask you to follow my light. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would agree with my friend from Androscoggin, I'm sorry, Aroostook County, excuse me, that there isn't a huge amount of disagreement on this but here's why the Majority report seeks to fund this from the Insurance Bureau. This is a consumer assistance program to help folks navigate things like denials from an insurance company, things like the very difficult process of navigating open enrollment periods and the types of subsidizes that you might be eligible for, and so it is exactly related to the regulation of those insurance companies and, in a different world, perhaps it would even live under our Insurance Bureau. Instead, here we use Consumers for Affordable Healthcare as our health insurance consumer navigators and assistance program and so it's entirely appropriate that this \$200,000 from insurance company licensing fees, not all insurance company licensing fees but \$200,000 of them, be moved over to help us ensure that all of our constituents can navigate this intentionally difficult, confusing, and problematic area of insurance. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not sure if it's a Point of Order or not, but I've been trying to get information about the two committee amendments and Committee Amendment "A" is not available either through the on-line system available in the Chamber or even on the website for the Legislature.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. I think I can answer that question, which was just stated. Committee Amendment "A" just incorporates the fiscal note into the language. When I was just looking at it, I believe that's what it does. The difference in the reports is one has it coming from a OSR report and the other one has it coming from the General Fund. I believe Report "A" is the one with OSR report, so I think it was a very minimal amendment, it's like one sentence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair appreciates the Senator Stewart's description and answer. The Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett, would you like to table this? I'll take that as no. Thank you, Senator Bennett. The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-41) Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#132)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-41)** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-41) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-41)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Apprenticeship Program to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972"
S.P. 37 L.D. 29

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#133)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-48) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies"
S.P. 77 L.D. 189

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#134)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health" S.P. 110 L.D. 248

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#135)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

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 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)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State

S.P. 118 L.D. 268
(C "A" S-37)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolve

Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County
S.P. 81 L.D. 193

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Residents Losing Employer-based Health Coverage with Information about Other Coverage"
H.P. 480 L.D. 653

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Livestock and Poultry Preparation"

H.P. 32 L.D. 66

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-93)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-93)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-93) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021 (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1116 L.D. 1506

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-96)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-96) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine"

H.P. 417 L.D. 572

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-92)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-92)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-92) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees"

H.P. 177 L.D. 256

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-88) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 363 L.D. 500

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-87)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-87) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Restore Regular Eelgrass Mapping in the State"

H.P. 436 L.D. 593

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-82)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-82) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Promote the Education of Patients by Primary Care and Urgent Care Physicians Regarding the Bone Marrow Transplant List"

H.P. 326 L.D. 450

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-84)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Wildlife Laws Regarding Species of Special Concern"

H.P. 54 L.D. 88

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-64)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-64)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-64) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws"

H.P. 158 L.D. 223

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-86)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-86) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council"

H.P. 259 L.D. 361

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-77)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-77)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-77) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding Nuisance Beavers" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 392 L.D. 547

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-78)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-78) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Hunting with a Bow within 100 Yards of a Building or Residence"

H.P. 414 L.D. 569

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program"

H.P. 85 L.D. 119

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-91)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-91) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Enable Out-of-state Certified Public Accountancy Firms To Provide Services in Maine on the Basis of Substantial Equivalency"
H.P. 124 L.D. 171

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-85)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Sustain the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"
H.P. 189 L.D. 273

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-61)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program"

H.P. 205 L.D. 292

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-62)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-62)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-62) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response"
H.P. 93 L.D. 137

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-63)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-63) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 445 L.D. 609

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-75)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-75)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-75) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Marine Resources Advisory Council"
H.P. 240 L.D. 342

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-69)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-69)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-69) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Save Money by Eliminating the Requirement That the Annual Reports of State Agencies Be Printed"
H.P. 409 L.D. 564

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-83)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Cemeteries"
H.P. 285 L.D. 401

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-94)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-94)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-94) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard

H.P. 461 L.D. 625

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for 3 Veterans Services Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services"
H.P. 485 L.D. 658

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-68)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-68) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 2:30 in the afternoon.

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

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/28/21) matter:

An Act To Require Telecommunications Companies To Divulge Location Information to Law Enforcement When Necessary To Respond to a 9-1-1 Call or Locate a Person in Danger
S.P. 492 L.D. 1581

Tabled – April 28, 2021 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending – **REFERENCE**

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

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

Sent down for 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 Establish A Maine Pesticide Sales and Use Registry"

H.P. 1188 L.D. 1599

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

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

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

H.P. 1186 L.D. 1597

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

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

H.P. 1177 L.D. 1588

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

H.P. 1181 L.D. 1592

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

H.P. 1182 L.D. 1593

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

H.P. 1193 L.D. 1604

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

H.P. 1194 L.D. 1605

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

H.P. 1196 L.D. 1607

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

H.P. 1176 L.D. 1587

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

H.P. 1185 L.D. 1596

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

H.P. 1209 L.D. 1625

Comes 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 Address Waste Associated with Solar Energy Equipment"

H.P. 1184 L.D. 1595

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

H.P. 1189 L.D. 1600

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

H.P. 1205 L.D. 1616

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

H.P. 1214 L.D. 1631

Comes 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.

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

H.P. 1190 L.D. 1601

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

H.P. 1192 L.D. 1603

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

H.P. 1208 L.D. 1624

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

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

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

H.P. 1203 L.D. 1614

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

H.P. 1212 L.D. 1629

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

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

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

H.P. 1180 L.D. 1591

Bill "An Act Regarding Criminal Records"

H.P. 1191 L.D. 1602

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

H.P. 1195 L.D. 1606

Bill "An Act To Stop Social Media Censorship"

H.P. 1198 L.D. 1609

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

H.P. 1201 L.D. 1612

Bill "An Act To Establish and Practice Restorative Justice"

H.P. 1206 L.D. 1617

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

H.P. 1210 L.D. 1626

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

H.P. 1199 L.D. 1610

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

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

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

H.P. 1187 L.D. 1598

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

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

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

H.P. 1207 L.D. 1623

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

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

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

H.P. 1178 L.D. 1589

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

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture"

H.P. 1125 L.D. 1521

Reported a recommendation of **CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERENCE**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Change of Committee

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Explore Alternative Uses of Pulpwood and To Support the Logging and Forestry Industries" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 573 L.D. 768

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

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

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

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, To Create the Study Group To Research Balancing Development and Conservation in Maine's Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 886 L.D. 1211

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 731 L.D. 993

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

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

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Data Collection Protection Act"

H.P. 669 L.D. 913

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

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

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Allow People To Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling"

H.P. 1134 L.D. 1530

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require a Background Check for High-risk Health Care Providers under the MaineCare Program" S.P. 51 L.D. 121

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 461

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 26, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 678 An Act Regarding Timelines for Permitting by the Department of Environmental Protection

L.D. 1089 An Act To Increase Municipal Oversight in the Site Location of Development Laws

L.D. 1097 An Act Regarding the Definition of "Development of State or Regional Significance That May Substantially Affect the Environment"

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 464

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 27, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 360 Resolve, To Reduce Barriers to Recovery from Addiction by Expanding Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ned Claxton
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 459

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

April 26, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 984 An Act To Allow Procurement of Surplus Lines Insurance for Commercial Forestry and Construction Equipment
- L.D. 1119 An Act To Limit Credit Card Fees by Requiring Monthly Credit Card Billing
- L.D. 1151 An Act To Lower Out-of-pocket Prescription Medicine Costs by Requiring Health Insurers To Offer Plans with No Deductibles
- L.D. 1281 An Act To Prohibit Discriminatory Practices in Certain Health Insurance Policies
- L.D. 1347 An Act To Clarify That Commercial Service Contracts Are Excluded from the Service Contracts Act

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn Senate Chair
S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 462

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 26, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1087 An Act To Save Maine Businesses

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry Senate Chair
S/Rep. Tiffany Danielle Roberts House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 460

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

April 06, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 425 Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Establish a State Unemployment Program for Self-employed Workers and Independent Contractors (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman Senate Chair
S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 463

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

April 26, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 689 An Act To Allow Trucks To Use the Leftmost Lane of a Three-lane Interstate Highway To Safely Accommodate Entering and Exiting Vehicles
- L.D. 836 An Act To Enhance Compliance with Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements
- L.D. 990 An Act Regarding Veterans License Plates

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Danny Martin
House Chair

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Establish a System of Proportional Fines and To Repeal Certain Fees and Assessments"
H.P. 1213 L.D. 1630

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY.**

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

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

H.P. 1175 L.D. 1586

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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

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

H.P. 1183 L.D. 1594

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY.**

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

Bill "An Act To Expand the MaineCare Program To Cover All Citizens of the State"

H.P. 1197 L.D. 1608

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 **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

H.P. 1204 L.D. 1615

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 **SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

H.P. 1202 L.D. 1613

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

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

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

H.P. 1174 L.D. 1585

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

H.P. 1179 L.D. 1590

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING**.

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

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Harness Racing Laws Regarding Race Dates and Pari-mutuel Pools" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1200 L.D. 1611

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Animal Welfare Laws"

H.P. 69 L.D. 103

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-65)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-65)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-65) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

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

H.P. 239 L.D. 335

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

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

H.P. 300 L.D. 416

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

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

H.P. 451 L.D. 615

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

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

H.P. 142 L.D. 207

(C "A" H-44)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

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

H.P. 346 L.D. 472

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

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

H.P. 420 L.D. 577

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

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

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon
H.P. 33 L.D. 67

An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws
H.P. 35 L.D. 69

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

H.P. 72 L.D. 106
(C "A" H-47)

An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters
H.P. 108 L.D. 152
(C "A" H-49)

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

H.P. 330 L.D. 454
(C "A" H-43)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act Concerning MaineCare Coverage for Donor Breast Milk

H.P. 51 L.D. 85
(C "A" H-45)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

H.P. 226 L.D. 322
(C "A" H-42)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Parent or Guardian of a Student Who Has Been Affected by COVID-19 To Keep the Student in the Student's Current Grade Level" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 36 L.D. 70

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**.

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study Truancy Trends in the State and Develop Recommendations for Increasing Student Attendance and Reducing Truancy

H.P. 182 L.D. 261

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-73)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-73) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Definition of 'Education Disruption' To Include States of Emergency That Limit Students' Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School Days" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 229 L.D. 325

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-72)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Daughtry.

Senator **DAUGHTRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in strong support of this bill and just to explain to folks what it accomplishes. It really is looking for a way to acknowledge the difficulties many of our students are facing during the pandemic. This applies to a very narrow group of students in alternative education and this actually came from collaboration within our school districts, as well as our Department of Education as well as administrators, to really find a solution that fits for some of our most at-risk students. I'm happy to share, you know, more but, in the interest of time, I just want to say that this is a really important bill that will make a huge difference for a small group of students who need to apply to the Department for their diploma because of disruption. It is phased out, it is only for two years, and is literally just acknowledging a small group of students. So I urge you to follow my light and thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report as Amended. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#136)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: NONE

EXCUSED: Senators: TIMBERLAKE

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide for School Choice and Online Learning Opportunities in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic"

H.P. 310 L.D. 430

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the Wabanaki Tribes to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System"

H.P. 329 L.D. 453

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-89)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-89) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Public Safety by Repealing the Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bag Ban"
H.P. 74 L.D. 108

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#137)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets"

H.P. 250 L.D. 352

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART**: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to speak in opposition to the pending motion. If we do not pass this bill insurance premiums will rise by 4%. A little background. Last year the Legislature passed PL 2019, Chapter 653, that set Maine on a path to create a State-based exchange for health insurance. Originally, the bill proposed to merge the small group of individual markets into one. Skepticism about the wisdom of such move led to the language being amended to require the Bureau of Insurance to prove that merging the markets would result in increased premiums in either the small groups or the individual markets. Over the course the last summer, two actuarial reports were conducted. The Bureau contracted with Gorman Actuarial and the other report was conducted by Milliman for the Maine Guaranteed Access Reassurance Association, otherwise known as MGARA. MGARA's charged with providing rate relief to the individual market. Insurance companies prospectively seed high risk members to MGARA which then draws federal funds for claims above the attachment point.

Since it's restart in 2019, MGARA effectiveness has resulted in an 11% decrease in premiums in the individual market. That's correct, an 11% decrease in premiums. Both actuaries showed the same thing. If we go forward with merging the small group and individual markets the average premium in the individual market will increase by 4% over where they would be if we do not merge the markets.

Based on the letter of the law, the Bureau should be looking at other options to help the small group market. Unfortunately, the Bureau decided to continue to pursue merging the markets and their decision is based on using a phony baseline of what insurance rates would be if MGARA did not exist to claim that there is a savings. One cannot help but wonder if one of the insurance companies that they oversee used similar accounting gimmicks would they be investigated for fraud? This bill is before you because we have an opportunity to save the individual markets from unnecessary rate hikes. While it is true that the Superintendent delayed the market merger one year last week, we need to enact this legislation to put a stop to any future moves to merge the markets. We must act today to ensure the stability and integrity of the individual market. The Director of MGARA testified in favor of this bill. They are concerned that the solvency of the program - of the solvency of the program should the two markets go forward. The Milliman study states that market merger would reduce MGARA's ability to deliver benefits to the individual market by a margin of approximately 30% to 50%. The reduction is passed through funds from the federal government would be reduced by \$18 million. If we do not reject this motion and fail to pass this bill, beginning in 2023 the average monthly premium for an individual policy would rise \$25 per month. For a family of four purchasing health insurance on the individual market that's an additional \$1,200 a year. That's the average. If someone has a preexisting condition, or underlying concern, it would be even more. This bill is before you because the current law is being ignored. This bill is important to ensure that the intent of the law that we passed last year is followed by the Bureau. With everything we have gone through during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that we save those individuals purchasing insurance from unnecessary rate hikes. I encourage this Body to reject this motion and move to enact this bill. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN**: Thank you, Mr. President. What my good friend from Aroostook County, I got the county right this time, mentioned in passing was that we did, in fact, pass this bill unanimously last year and we put in place a safeguard, which is to say that our Bureau of Insurance, who is much better at reading actuarial reports than our committee of legislators, none of whom is an actuary or a statistician or an insurance regulator, so when we put it in the hands of our Bureau of Insurance, whether taking into account the totality of the circumstances, it made sense to merge the markets so we gave them some language around that in the statute and, low and behold, we got actuarial studies, three of them, produced with conflicting answers on this point. We also experienced something that is unheard of really in the last 20 years of insurance premiums, which is that in the individual market in Maine the insurance premiums this year are double digit percentages lower than last year. That really scrambled the actuarial reports and the calculation because at the same time what's going on in the state of Maine is that our small group health insurance market is on the verge of a death spiral. What that means is that small businesses are struggling with double digit rate increases at the same time that our individual market is actually going down in price. That's crazy that we're seeing that happen and it's going to really impact the viability of small businesses that want to continue offering health insurance to their employees and so what the Superintendent has done in this situation where we have conflicting actuarial reports is actually to put a hold on this process. That's what we asked him to do in our legislation that we passed unanimously in this Body last year. We asked him to look at this in his professional judgment, taking into account the totality of the circumstances. The other circumstance that has changed I referenced in my earlier discussion earlier today, which is that the way that ACA premium subsidies is calculated has just changed. The federal government has made those premium subsidies much more available because there's no longer an income cap at 400%. We don't have an actuarial report to tell us what the impact of those additional federal monies, which can be recaptured and used to pay for this merged market wrap-around reinsurance program. We don't have an actuary report to tell us the impact of the American Rescue Plan and its changes to the Affordable Care Act. So we will get more studies. The Bureau of Insurance will do exactly what we asked them to do last year, which is to continue to research this and go forward when it makes sense to do so. Please follow my light and vote Ought Not to Pass.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#138)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1087

**JOINT RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING ALL MAINE YOUTH OUTDOORS**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the future decisions affecting the quality, quantity and use of the State's natural resources will lie in the hands of today's youth, who must understand natural systems and the interrelationships between natural and human-built

systems in order to make informed decisions and take actions that will maintain a high quality of life; and

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

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

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1211

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1215

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS ORGAN DONATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, there are more than 108,000 Americans, with more than 6,000 in New England, who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

WHEREAS, we can all help save up to 8 people's lives and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Maine Organ Donor Registry when we apply for, or renew, our driver's licenses or by registering online at the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles website; and

WHEREAS, 99% of all people in Maine who register to become a donor do so at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles; last year, Maine met the national goal of signing up 50% of our driving population to register as donors and we are dedicated to increasing that percentage and making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through our Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Maine surgeons, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals provide life-saving organ transplant services to the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to donate life enables

others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2021 as Organ Donation Month and encourage all citizens of the State to register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver's licenses, identification cards or REAL ID cards.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 519

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

READ and **PASSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 465

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 27, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 462 An Act To Reexamine the Relationship among
County, Municipal and State Governments

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ann Matlack
House Chair

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets"
H.P. 319 L.D. 443

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Stewart.

Senator **STEWART:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we've sort of taken an intermission between the last bill and this one, and there's some current points to be made between the two, but this speech is shorter so you'll all be glad to hear that. I speak in opposition to the pending motion and over the last year Maine small businesses have had to put up with a lot. From forced closures, masked mandates, reduced capacity limits, and a government that encouraged them to tattle on each other. It has been a season of unpredictability and Maine's small businesses deserve some measure of relief. This bill seeks to take one piece of stress off of their plate. This bill repeals language that limits the number of plans available to a small business to just twelve clear choice designed plans selected by the Bureau of Insurance. It allows them to keep the insurance plans that the currently offer to their employees. If we do not pass this bill, small businesses and their employees will see a reduction in benefits. You heard a little bit about that earlier today. While simplicity makes sense for individual shopping on the exchange, it does not make sense for small businesses. They have more complex needs and typically shop with a broker who finds a policy that works best for them and their circumstances. If we fail to pass this bill we'll force Maine's small businesses into a not-so-clear choice, a choice between offering fewer benefits to their employees or having to make cuts in other areas such as wages to pay for richer plan designs. Now is the time to help small businesses, our small business community, to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We can do that by ensuring that they can keep their healthcare plan that they currently have for their employees, plans that have been designed for them, not by government bureaucrats but by people that understand the markets and what works best for the individual businesses. I would encourage this Body to reject the pending motion and pass this bill to give our small businesses some measure of predictability and relief. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN:** (Due to technical difficulties, some remarks on this matter are not audible.)

Thank you, Mr. President. Once again we find ourselves in a position where a policy that was voted unanimously by our committee and by this Legislature just over one year ago is attempted to be repealed before it has even been implemented. I guess I would recall again my comments earlier, which is that this small group market for health insurance is on the verge of a death spiral. It's a time when we really are thinking as small business owners, boy I sure hope that exact same crappy plan I was able to offer my employees last year is still available next year even

though it's going to cost 20% more and I'm going to be able to afford it that much less and so are my employees. That's the circumstance we're in today. But I also want to go a little further than that and just say that the intent here is to repeal the part of this bill that applies to small group markets and I believe that what will happen is that the small group market piece of this is going to be delayed because the markets are not going to be merged this year. Again, that should be up to the Bureau of Insurance who has engaged an enormous amount of review, rulemaking, a stakeholder process in order to design insurance plans that can be compared apples to apples both by small business owners, who are not brokers and get these large spreadsheets of different options that are all apples to oranges, and very difficult for us to compare, as well as for individuals on the marketplace. Both of them need relief. It is a policy that we decided on just last year, hasn't been implemented yet, but with the amount of rulemaking and feedback on this topic that has been collected, now the health insurance industry is seeking to cut off via this bill. Make no mistake, the only folks who want to take away this piece of policy are health insurers themselves who want to continue to confuse us through their plan design. That's the reason you have nine million options, because confusion makes them money. So let's not fall for that and instead vote Ought Not to Pass and let our Bureau of Insurance continue to work through the process of how and when these clear-choice products that they've spent so much time developing should apply in the both the individual and the small group market. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DIAMOND**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#139)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union"

H.P. 63 L.D. 97

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-81)**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#140)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness"

H.P. 146 L.D. 211

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-74)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-74)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-74) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday"

H.P. 136 L.D. 183

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to be clear with folks, you know, just for the record where I'm coming from on this particular bill. I'm totally in favor of having Juneteenth be a holiday, State holiday, but having it required of the employer to have it as a paid holiday, I just think with all the things that are going on right now and the challenges that are out there for Maine's small businesses, it's a lot to ask right now. So I don't want this to be misconstrued as not support for Juneteenth, and I think probably most could be said the same of our caucus, but for that reason I can't support this measure. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#141)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service"

H.P. 225 L.D. 321

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** I would just note that this is well-considered by the Committee but it was a bi-partisan vote to reject the bill as it would be unnecessarily straight-jacketing legislators who are doing an enormous public service.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 232 L.D. 328

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
POULIOT of Kennebec

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-80)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** As we all know, many of our cities and towns are struggling and the State law requires that revenue sharing be funded at 5% and this bill would honor that commitment and so I urge everyone to join me in supporting this motion and further ask for a roll call vote.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't planning to speak on this because I was hoping that there may not be a roll call but since there is a roll call I will not be supporting the pending motion for the same reasons as stated in committee, which is that we currently do not reimburse municipalities at 100% for the Homestead Exemption and that is really the only true way that we can guarantee property tax relief, and I'm not suggesting that, you know, this money is spent frivolously by municipalities but we can't quantifiably say to anyone that this will definitely reduce property taxes. It could but it doesn't have a direct correlation, whereas 100% reimbursement in the Homestead Exemption, which I hope we'll get to support at some point during this session, would do that. So, I'm staying on topic of this bill, and it's for that reason that I will not be supporting the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just to be clear, this bill has nothing to do with the Homestead Exemption. I'm not opposed to reimbursing the municipalities at a higher rate for Homestead Exemption but that's not what this bill does. It's

revenue sharing, it's a vote for filling our commitment for 5%. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#142)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: POULIOT

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-80) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings"

H.P. 296 L.D. 412

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
KRYZAK of Acton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. This bill would create a huge departure from where the TIF funds are currently allowed to be used by allowing cities and towns to use that funding for building new town and city halls. It's not something currently allowed and we just thought it was going too far astray from what TIF is intended to be used for. So, I hope you will the support the motion. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report, in concurrence. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#143)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence., **PREVAILED**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting
H.P. 423 L.D. 580

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-95)**.

Signed:

Senators:
LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
FARRIN of Somerset

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

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolution **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-95) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Divided Report

Seven members of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use
H.P. 111 L.D. 155

Reported in Report **"A"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)**.

Signed:

Senators:
DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin

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

Five members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"B"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-67)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MAXMIN of Lincoln

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

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with Report "B", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, READ and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-66)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. These two reports actually are very similar. It's a Resolve directing the Board of Pesticides Control to, in the case of Report "A", the majority report, it just says that the Board must make the four Neonics in the bill restricted use, which means that they no longer can be used by homeowners but it would be allowed for the licensed and certified commercial applicator to use them on lawns, turf, and ornamentals, and Report "B" actually takes out the lawn and turf and says that it could be used on ornamental vegetation if the Board so allows and the Board does allow for that type of thing because it's the site. So, they are very similar, so I would just hope that you would follow my light. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin.

Senator **MAXMIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I speak in opposition to the pending motion. Neonicotinoids, as some of us may know, have been linked to losses in bee populations, killing bees outright and impairing their ability to land, finding their way back to their hive, collecting food, producing new queens, and having an effective immune system. Even Miracle Grow stopped using Neonics in 2017. I oppose this amendment because it still allows licensed applicators to use Neonicotinoids. Why is this a bad thing? Research has shown that the legal uses of Neonics, whether applied by a homeowner or licensed applicator, can

cause harmful exposure to bees and review of Neonicotinoid labels found that allowable application rate on some of the products intended for residential use, like we're talking about in this amendment, included use by licensed applicators, can be 12 to 120 times higher than the agricultural rate. So that is a higher use that translates to higher exposure to bees and I don't think a prettier lawn or rose garden is worth that risk and I ask that you follow my light in turning down this amendment. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of Report "A", Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66). Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#144)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, LUCHINI, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MARAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-66)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **FAILED**.

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "B", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brenner.

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise before you in strong support of the L.D. 155, Amendment "B". Biophilia is the human urge to connect with the natural world. The last 20 years I've made my fair living growing ornamentals organically, without Neonicotinoids. I'm certain, given the 300 different varieties of flowers that I can produce without this chemical, that Mainers can survive and engage with beautiful, floral ecosystem in their front and back yards, complete with pollinators, without the use of Neonics. Moving forward with Amendment "B" judiciously limits the use of Neonics to specifically chosen applications and is a prudent approach. I ask that you follow my light, engage your Biophilia, and vote ought to pass by Committee Amendment "B".

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Well, I guess I would ask if we're in this - is there a motion to have this tabled for the time being? Because if it is, I'd put a motion up to table this bill until later in today's session.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator is certainly able to make that motion.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Then I would like to make that motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The motion to table?

Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#145)

YEAS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, LUCHINI, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MAXMIN, MARAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session **FAILED**.

The pending question before the Senate was the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** Report "**B**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#146)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, FARRIN, GUERIN, MOORE, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DIAMOND

27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 7 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** Report "**B**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-67) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Make Donated Medicines Available to Maine Patients at an Affordable Cost

S.P. 508 L.D. 1584

In Senate, April 28, 2021, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

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

H.P. 1216 L.D. 1632

Comes 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 Create the Maine Generation Authority"

H.P. 1218 L.D. 1634

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

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

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Changes and Corrections to Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection"

H.P. 1219 L.D. 1635

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

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

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

H.P. 1217 L.D. 1633

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

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

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend the Maine Bicentennial Commission and the Use of Maine Bicentennial Registration Plates through 2021

S.P. 138 L.D. 312
(C "A" S-28)

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation

S.P. 484 L.D. 1507
(C "A" S-60)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate

S.P. 115 L.D. 266
(C "A" S-30)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils

S.P. 86 L.D. 198
(C "A" S-36)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

S.P. 116 L.D. 267
(C "A" S-29)

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT** in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1220

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 5, 2021 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls and to recognize the importance of changes to address the crisis and to increase safety for Native American and Alaska Native women and girls.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1221

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 637 L.D. 869

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board"

H.P. 588 L.D. 783

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Enable Electronic Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect for Certain Mandated Reporters"

H.P. 583 L.D. 778

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation through Investment in State Parks"
H.P. 512 L.D. 700

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-100)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-100)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-100) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Regulation of Door-to-door Marketing of Retail Energy Supply"

H.P. 371 L.D. 508

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-106)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-106)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-106) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Require Telephone Service Providers To Provide at No Cost to Customers Services Designed To Reduce the Number of So-called Robocalls and Automatically Dialed Telephone Calls"

H.P. 374 L.D. 511

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-107)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-107)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-107) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, To Study the Establishment of the Maine Climate Corps

H.P. 533 L.D. 722

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-97)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-97) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Change the Compensation Structure of the Maine Labor Relations Board and the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation"

H.P. 357 L.D. 494

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-98)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-98) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

H.P. 387 L.D. 542

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-102) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1038

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 5, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 5, 2021, 40 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 5, 2021, as follows:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems (H.P. 998) (L.D. 1364) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representative: WARREN of Hallowell)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Keep All Maine Students Safe by Restricting the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools" (H.P. 1007) (L.D. 1373) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Lifetime Substitute Teacher Certification for Established and Successful Educators" (H.P. 1013) (L.D. 1379) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Limit Homework in Public Schools" (H.P. 1017) (L.D. 1383) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

Bill "An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine" (H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1389) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Educational Expertise and Knowledge of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System" (H.P. 1025) (L.D. 1391) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: OSHER of Orono, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect a Parent's and Guardian's Right to Educational Information Regarding a Juvenile Student" (H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1393) (Sponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Create a Grant Program To Promote Innovation in Municipal Carbon Reduction Initiatives" (H.P. 1001) (L.D. 1367) (Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLUME of York, BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide for Timely Placement with Respect to Violent Patients in Hospital Emergency Rooms" (H.P. 1019) (L.D. 1385) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast)

Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1386) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HYMANSON of York, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Require Testing of Public Drinking Water Supplies for Toxic Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and To Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels" (H.P. 1022) (L.D. 1388) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, PARRY of Arundel, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding Certain Fatalities and Hospitalizations" (H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1392) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: SANBORN of Cumberland)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Maximize Health Care Coverage for the Uninsured through Easy Enrollment in the MaineCare Program or in a Qualified Health Plan in the Marketplace" (H.P. 1024) (L.D. 1390) (Sponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, HYMANSON of York, ZAGER of Portland)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws" (H.P. 1010) (L.D. 1376) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Require Due Process in Asset Seizure" (H.P. 1002) (L.D. 1368) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Time Period for Filing a Complaint under the Maine Human Rights Act for Discrimination Based on an Alleged Sexual Act, Sexual Contact or Sexual Touching" (H.P. 1008) (L.D. 1374) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities" (H.P. 1012) (L.D. 1378) (Sponsored by Representative LYFORD of Eddington)

Bill "An Act To Increase Protections for Option Contracts for the Purchase of Real Property or Rent-to-own Real Property" (H.P. 1014) (L.D. 1380) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Provide for Remote Notarization" (H.P. 1033) (L.D. 1399) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1035) (L.D. 1401) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DUCHARME of Madison, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Businesses, Nonprofits, Educational Institutions and Municipalities during the F-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1403) (Sponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Create a Commission To Develop a Comprehensive Rental Registry for Multifamily Housing" (H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1397) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, SACHS of Freeport, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Remove a Requirement Regarding Payment of Union Fees" (H.P. 1036) (L.D. 1402) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals" (H.P. 999) (L.D. 1365) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

Bill "An Act To Require a Majority Vote of the Legislature for Maine To Join Any Multistate Compact" (H.P. 1000) (L.D. 1366) (Sponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren)

Bill "An Act To Remove the Provision of Law Allowing a Legislator Who Resigns from Service as a Town Assessor To Continue To Serve Concurrently as a Selectman and as a Legislator" (H.P. 1021) (L.D. 1387) (Sponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Legislators from Legislating While Intoxicated" (H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1394) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide Stimulus for Economic Recovery by Enacting a 5 Percent Flat Income Tax" (H.P. 1003) (L.D. 1369) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Exempt Gold and Silver Transactions from State Sales and Use Tax" (H.P. 1005) (L.D. 1371) (Sponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples)

Bill "An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Holiday To Help Maine Businesses Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic" (H.P. 1015) (L.D. 1381) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, LIBBY of Auburn, MILLETT of Waterford)

Bill "An Act To Invest in Maine's Roads and Bridges" (H.P. 1016) (L.D. 1382) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Suspend Meals and Lodging Taxes until 12 Months after the COVID-19 Civil Emergency" (H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1395) (Sponsored by Representative CONNOR of Lewiston)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Establish Trail until Rail Corridors" (H.P. 1004) (L.D. 1370) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RIELLY of Westbrook, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Collect Data To Assess the Need and Plan for Noise Abatement by the Maine Turnpike Authority" (H.P. 1006) (L.D. 1372) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk) (Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, HYMANSON of York, O'NEIL of Saco, ROCHE of Wells, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, RAFFERTY of York)

Resolve, To Ensure Proper Funding for Recreational Trails and Transportation Alternatives (H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1396) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COREY of Windham, LANDRY of Farmington, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Calais, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Change Driver's License Requirements for Obstructive Sleep Apnea" (H.P. 1032) (L.D. 1398) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Protect Towing Operators Providing Emergency Assistance by Allowing the Use of a Flashing Red Light" (H.P. 1034) (L.D. 1400) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Permit Online Absentee Voting" (H.P. 1009) (L.D. 1375) (Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure and the Filing of Statements of Sources of Income" (H.P. 1011) (L.D. 1377) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Bill "An Act To Adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact" (H.P. 1018) (L.D. 1384) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1088

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April 8, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 8, 2021, 48 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

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

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters" (H.P. 1056) (L.D. 1440) (Sponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, CUDDY of Winterport, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits" (H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1446) (Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MATLACK of St. George, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Require Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and To Establish Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates" (H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1447) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, MORALES of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms" (H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1454) (Sponsored by Representative ZAGER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, BELL of Yarmouth, DOUDERA of Camden, HARNETT of Gardiner, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, SACHS of Freeport)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Equitable Funding of Education Chosen by Maine Families" (H.P. 1042) (L.D. 1426) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SAMPSON of Alfred, STANLEY of Medway)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Cyberbullying of School Employees by Students" (H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1444) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Provide for Education Funding Reform for More Equitable State Support to Communities" (H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1449) (Sponsored by Representative GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act To Align the Expulsion Process with School Disciplinary Policies" (H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1451) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Require Certain Veterans' Organizations To Be Billed for Electricity Usage at the Same Rate as Residential Customers" (H.P. 1047) (L.D. 1431) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Update the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund" (H.P. 1048) (L.D. 1432) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Solicitation of Contracts for Distributed Resources That Use Renewable Energy" (H.P. 1051) (L.D. 1435) (Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council" (H.P. 1045) (L.D. 1429) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BLUME of York, GEIGER of Rockland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RIELLY of Westbrook, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers" (H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1467) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, TUCKER of Brunswick, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRENNER of Cumberland)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, To Change the Educational Requirements of Behavioral Health Professionals Providing Services for Children (H.P. 1040) (L.D. 1424) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Representative: MADIGAN of Waterville, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Family Care of Aging Adults" (H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1427) (Sponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Nasal Naloxone in Community Settings" (H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1428) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, MADIGAN of Waterville, MORALES of South Portland, STOVER of Boothbay, TEPLER of Topsham, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Poisoning from Radon, Arsenic and Other Air or Water Pollutants by Expanding Education, Testing and Mitigation Regarding Those Pollutants" (H.P. 1053) (L.D. 1437) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Revise the Department of Health and Human Services Rehabilitation and Reunification Process" (H.P. 1076) (L.D. 1460) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Resolve, To Give Direct Service Providers Hazard Pay and To Pay Additional COVID-19 Pandemic Costs (H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1469) (Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, STOVER of Boothbay)

Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Providing Inpatient Care to Individuals with Acute Mental Health Care Needs (H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1470) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: WOODSOME of York)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Fairness in Communications from Pharmacy Benefits Managers" (H.P. 1066) (L.D. 1450) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham)

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Dental Hygiene by Authorizing Dental Hygienists To Perform Dental Hygiene Diagnosis" (H.P. 1073) (L.D. 1457) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Make Health Care Coverage More Affordable for Working Families and Small Businesses" (H.P. 1079) (L.D. 1463) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BROOKS of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, MATHIESON of Kittery, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Efficiency of Certain Consumer Credit Protection Laws" (H.P. 1082) (L.D. 1466) (Sponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham) (Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Clarify All-terrain Vehicle Registration Requirements and Establish Regular Maintenance of Designated State-approved All-terrain Vehicle Trails" (H.P. 1055) (L.D. 1439) (Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Declare the Natural, Inherent and Unalienable Right of Enjoying Personal Privacy (H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1438) (Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta)

Bill "An Act To Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation" (H.P. 1071) (L.D. 1455) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act Regarding a Post-judgment Motion by a Person Seeking To Satisfy the Prerequisites for Obtaining Special Restrictions on the Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Certain Criminal Convictions" (H.P. 1075) (L.D. 1459) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Remove Barriers to Occupational Licensing Due to Criminal Records" (H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1465) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act Regarding the Waiting Period for Compensation for Incapacity To Work under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992" (H.P. 1046) (L.D. 1430) (Sponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Protect Certain Essential Workers from Infectious Disease" (H.P. 1052) (L.D. 1436) (Sponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer)

Bill "An Act To Protect Small Employers by Prohibiting Municipalities from Adopting Ordinances Regarding Employee Work Benefits Other Than Ordinances Regarding Minimum Wage Rates" (H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1453) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Bill "An Act Relating to Heat Illness Prevention" (H.P. 1077) (L.D. 1461) (Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Improve Accessibility of Affordable Housing Data" (H.P. 1080) (L.D. 1464) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force" (H.P. 1057) (L.D. 1441) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HANLEY of Pittston, MATLACK of St. George, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use by Ensuring Adequate Funding for Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Programs and by Raising the Tax on Tobacco Products and To Provide Funding To Reduce Disparities in Health Outcomes Based on Certain Factors" (H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1423) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, TERRY of Gorham, WARREN of Hallowell, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act Regarding Higher Income Tax Levels" (H.P. 1059) (L.D. 1443) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption" (H.P. 1064) (L.D. 1448) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Expand Incentives To Live and Work in Maine through a Partial Tax Credit for Certain Student Loans" (H.P. 1074) (L.D. 1458) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DODGE of Belfast, KESSLER of South Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Serve the Public Interest, Promote Journalism and Save Jobs by Restoring the Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Newspapers" (H.P. 1078) (L.D. 1462) (Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRYANT of Windham, OSHER of Orono, STEARNS of Guilford, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support All-terrain Vehicle Trail Improvement" (H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1468) (Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representative: MASON of Lisbon, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Transportation

Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery (H.P. 1041) (L.D. 1425) (Sponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1433) (Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair) (Cosponsored by Representative: PERKINS of Oakland) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Invest in Passenger Rail Expansion" (H.P. 1072) (L.D. 1456) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CHIPMAN of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Controlled Entry Areas within Retail Marijuana Stores" (H.P. 1050) (L.D. 1434) (Sponsored by Representative PERRY of Bangor)

Bill "An Act Regarding Publicly Financed Legislative Candidates in Competitive Primaries" (H.P. 1058) (L.D. 1442) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Bill "An Act To Require the Testing of Marijuana for Medical Use" (H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1445) (Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Advertising and Marketing of Adult Use Marijuana" (H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1452) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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April 12, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 12, 2021, 22 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 12, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure" (H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1475) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Decriminalize Homelessness" (H.P. 1093) (L.D. 1478) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GERE of Kennebunkport, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LOOKNER of Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act To Improve Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse" (H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1486) (Sponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act Regarding Sexual Misconduct and Intimate Partner Violence Policies at Institutions of Higher Education" (H.P. 1098) (L.D. 1483) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety (H.P. 1102) (L.D. 1488) (Sponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

Bill "An Act To Prevent Increased Heating Fuel, Natural Gas, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Pricing in Maine by Prohibiting Adoption of Rules Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (H.P. 1108) (L.D. 1498) (Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, MASON of Lisbon, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, THORNE of Carmel, WHITE of Mars Hill)

Health and Human Services

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Collaborate with the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Make Recommendations for In-home Rehabilitation Services (H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1477) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, DOUDERA of Camden, PERRY of Calais, SACHS of Freeport, TEPLER of Topsham, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: MOORE of Washington)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Seek a Waiver for Additional Medication-assisted Treatment for Certain Persons with Substance Use Disorder up to 30 Days Prior to Their Release from Incarceration (H.P. 1101) (L.D. 1487) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Improve Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions" (H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1490) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Clarify Surprise Billing Restrictions" (H.P. 1096) (L.D. 1481) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students" (H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1474) (Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HEPLER of Woolwich, MARTIN of Sinclair, ORDWAY of Standish, Senator: DILL of Penobscot)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Maine Economic Growth Council To Create and Share Measures of Progress (H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1476) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GEIGER of Rockland, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, WOOD of Portland)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Youth Impact Commission" (H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1497) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HASENFUS of Readfield, RIELLY of Westbrook, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding the Review of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force" (H.P. 1095) (L.D. 1480) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HARNETT of Gardiner, WARREN of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act To Improve Accountability in Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting" (H.P. 1109) (L.D. 1499) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Update the Classification of Service Employees" (H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1489) (Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, OSHER of Orono)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners" (H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1482) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth)

Bill "An Act To Bring Equity to Maine's Tax Law by Adjusting Certain Individual Income Tax Rates" (H.P. 1110) (L.D. 1500) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Make Certain Traffic Infractions Secondary Offenses" (H.P. 1094) (L.D. 1479) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Modify the Requirements for Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees" (H.P. 1099) (L.D. 1485) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1009.)

Bill "An Act To Help Veterans Who Are Caregivers of Children with Special Needs and of Family Members To Optimize Their Respite Hours" (H.P. 1105) (L.D. 1495) (Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris)

Bill "An Act To Establish the Board of Canvassers for Certifying Election Results" (H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1496) (Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative: POIRIER of Skowhegan)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1118

**STATE OF MAINE
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April 13, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 13, 2021, 6 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 13, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021 (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1116) (L.D. 1506) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Enhance Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams for Firefighters" (H.P. 1114) (L.D. 1504) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SACHS of Freeport, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator: STEWART of Aroostook)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify Safety Issues in Schools with Respect to Health-related States of Emergency" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1502) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution" (H.P. 1113) (L.D. 1503) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Restrict the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam" (H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1505) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, ZEIGLER of Montville)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Protect Oral Health for Children in Maine" (H.P. 1111) (L.D. 1501) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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April 13, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 13, 2021, 5 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 13, 2021, as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Create the Office of the Education Ombudsman and To Establish a Commission To Study the Creation of a Reporting and Response System To Assist Public Schools in Addressing Incidents of Bias, Discrimination and Harassment" (H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1512) (Sponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Gorham, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, ROEDER of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Finance Distribution Investments at the Lowest Cost to Customers and To Encourage Utility Performance" (H.P. 1119) (L.D. 1511) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences" (H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1513) (Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade) (Cosponsored by Representative: PICKETT of Dixfield)

Bill "An Act To Create a People's Revisor" (H.P. 1123) (L.D. 1515) (Sponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: BAILEY of York)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Provide for Fairness in Property Taxation by Assessing a One-time Tax on Financial Assets" (H.P. 1122) (L.D. 1514) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, SYLVESTER of Portland)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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April 15, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 15, 2021, 15 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 15, 2021, as follows:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen University of Maine System Workforce Education and Innovation" (H.P. 1130) (L.D. 1526) (Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN of Cumberland)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture" (H.P. 1125) (L.D. 1521) (Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FECTEAU of Augusta, LIBBY of Auburn, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Air Quality by Strengthening Requirements for Air Emissions Licensing" (H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1532) (Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: KESSLER of South Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine" (H.P. 1127) (L.D. 1523) (Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, SACHS of Freeport, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Certain Home-based Services (H.P. 1132) (L.D. 1528) (Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Allow Green Death Care Practices by Alkaline Hydrolysis and Natural Organic Reduction" (H.P. 1139) (L.D. 1535) (Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Affordable Behavioral Health Services to Individuals under 26 Years of Age" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1135) (L.D. 1531) (Sponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, PERRY of Calais, QUINT of Hodgdon, SACHS of Freeport, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Amend the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program" (H.P. 1137) (L.D. 1533) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SYLVESTER of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Judiciary

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create a Right to Privacy (H.P. 1133) (L.D. 1529) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Aldermen, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor" (H.P. 1126) (L.D. 1522) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Allow People To Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling" (H.P. 1134) (L.D. 1530) (Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield) (Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Exclusion Amount in the Estate Tax" (H.P. 1128) (L.D. 1524) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin)

Bill "An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax Plastic Bags Required by a Municipal Solid Waste Management Program" (H.P. 1129) (L.D. 1525) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Preserve and Protect the State's Rail Corridors" (H.P. 1138) (L.D. 1534) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State" (H.P. 1131) (L.D. 1527) (Sponsored by Representative ROCHE of Wells) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, CROCKETT of Portland, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STEARNS of Guilford, Senators: LUCHINI of Hancock, WOODSOME of York)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: H.P. 1161

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April 20, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 20, 2021, 20 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 20, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Forest Advisory Board" (H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1549) (Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco) (Cosponsored by Representative: PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Provide Reentry Services to Persons Reentering the Community after Incarceration" (H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1552) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, HARNETT of Gardiner, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Repeal and Replace the Kittery Water District Charter" (H.P. 1147) (L.D. 1542) (Sponsored by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act To Provide Climate Change Transition Assistance for Maine's Energy-intensive Businesses" (H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1554) (Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MARTIN of Sinclair, PAULHUS of Bath, Senator: DILL of Penobscot)

Bill "An Act To Fund Broadband Internet Infrastructure for Marginalized Groups in the State" (H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1555) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESSLER of South Portland, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Reduce Hunger and Use Food Scraps in Farming and Energy Production" (H.P. 1145) (L.D. 1540) (Sponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, BLUME of York, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, OSHER of Orono, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money" (H.P. 1146) (L.D. 1541) (Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, KESSLER of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, SKOLFIELD of Weld, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reductions Associated with Significant Development Projects" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1545) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LANDRY of Farmington, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senator: BLACK of Franklin)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Improve and Modernize Home-based Care" (H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1543) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAY of Raymond, HYMANSON of York, STOVER of Boothbay)

Bill "An Act To Promote Intergovernmental Coordination Regarding Age-friendly State Initiatives" (H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1547) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: SHEEHAN of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay, TUELL of East Machias, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington)

Bill "An Act To Alleviate the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Public Health Outcomes" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1548) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representative: CRAVEN of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products" (H.P. 1155) (L.D. 1550) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot) (Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PIERCE of Falmouth, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment" (H.P. 1158) (L.D. 1553) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care" (H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1539) (Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act Regarding Credit and Debit Card Merchant Fees" (H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1544) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, ROEDER of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act To Ban the Sale of Cosmetics That Have Been Tested on Animals" (H.P. 1156) (L.D. 1551) (Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HEPLER of Woolwich, MEYER of Eliot, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of People Who Are LGBTQ in Maine" (H.P. 1143) (L.D. 1538) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Prevent Homelessness by Establishing the Rental Relief Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority" (H.P. 1151) (L.D. 1546) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland)

State and Local Government

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda" (H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1536) (Sponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Restore Funding to the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery" (H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1537) (Sponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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The Following Communication: H.P. 1173

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April 23, 2021

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

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

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On April 23, 2021, 11 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on April 23, 2021, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy" (H.P. 1162) (L.D. 1565) (Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, MAXMIN of Lincoln, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Equitably Fund Maine's Climate Change Mitigation Efforts" (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1567) (Sponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland)

Resolve, To Analyze the Impact of Sea Level Rise (H.P. 1169) (L.D. 1572) (Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York) (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents" (H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1570) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1573) (Sponsored by Representative FAY of Raymond)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Support for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism with High Behavioral Need" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1574) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Administer a Fund for Live Entertainment Venue, Performer and Worker and Public Art Recovery Grants (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1163) (L.D. 1566) (Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, LANDRY of Farmington, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act" (H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1568) (Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HARNETT of Gardiner, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, RECKITT of South Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox)

Labor and Housing

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Unemployment Insurance System To Better Serve Maine Workers" (H.P. 1168) (L.D. 1571) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CUDDY of Winterport, GERE of Kennebunkport, HEPLER of Woolwich, McDONALD of Stonington, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc)

Taxation

Bill "An Act Regarding an Excise Tax on Water Extracted for Commercial Bottling" (H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1569) (Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach) (Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco, RISEMAN of Harrison, WOOD of Portland, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Election Laws" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1575) (Sponsored by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, PIERCE of Falmouth, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, WOOD of Portland, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021

H.P. 1116 L.D. 1506
(C "A" H-96)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator **GUERIN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until the Call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.