

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Thursday  
April 27, 2023

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

Prayer by Pastor Justin Frank of Penney Memorial United Baptist Church in Augusta.

**PASTOR FRANK:** Good morning. Let us pray. Almighty God, we come to You this morning and pause at the start of the work of this day to give You thanks for all of Your blessings and all of the good gifts that we have received. When we stop to notice the good that we have, we are reminded of how much it cannot be taken for granted by many people around the world or even everyone in our community and so we give You thanks for Your gifts, great and small; for the beauty of creation, this great state in which we live; for shelter and food; the health that we have, the fact that we woke up this morning; for those we know and love and who know and love us. We thank You for these gifts and we thank You for the gift as well on this day of meaningful work, and I thank You for these Senators and the work that they do in this Chamber. It is challenging work. I thank You for their willingness to serve the people of this state. At the start of this day, I ask Your blessing on them and on their work. The prophet Micah said that You, Lord, require of us justice and mercy and humility. So, Lord, I pray for the work of this Body. I pray that You would grant them wisdom to know what is just and right and the courage and the strength to do what is just and right. I pray, Lord, that You would help these Senators to love mercy. We all stand in need of the kindness of others. We all need help with our own frailty and failure. May they - may their work today be infused with mercy for those who are even separated from us, with different backgrounds or even separate with party and principle - by party and principle, Lord, may they know mercy and show mercy and kindness to one another, and Lord I pray that You would grant them humility, that they would be able to see and know what is true and be able to admit even when they might be wrong or need to change. Lord, thank You for their work. Would You establish the work of this Body today in justice and mercy and humility in order for the blessing of this state and for the sake of the peace and prosperity and flourishing of Maine and I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Margaret R. Rotundo of Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Meredith T. Peck, DO.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 737

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or 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.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes

H.P. 1150 L.D. 1787

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

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

Bill "An Act to Allow Citizen Oversight of Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Marine Resources Actions and Rulemaking"

H.P. 1139 L.D. 1776

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

**Joint Resolution**

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1128

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDITH HEUMANN**

WHEREAS, Judith "Judy" Heumann, widely regarded as the mother of the disability rights movement, died in Washington, D.C. on March 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heumann contracted polio in 1949, when she was 18 months old, and lived her life in a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heumann's parents refused to institutionalize her, instead fighting discriminatory policies and securing her a place in public school classrooms; and

WHEREAS, as a young woman, Ms. Heumann continued that fight, earning a bachelor of arts degree from Long Island University, and after winning a discrimination suit against the New York Board of Education, becoming the first teacher in the state to use a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heumann put herself at the forefront of major disability rights demonstrations, advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities, and became an organizer, cofounding the protest group Disabled in Action; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heumann worked to create support for the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and later was a leader in the effort to force the Carter administration to implement Section 504 of that Act, which specifies that no government agency or private business that accepts federal funds may discriminate against someone on the basis of disability; and

WHEREAS, Section 504 became the model for the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Ms. Heumann was a leader in the effort to pass that legislation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heumann founded national and international disability advocacy organizations and served her country as an Assistant Secretary of Education in the Clinton administration, overseeing the nation's federal education programs for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, during the Obama administration, Ms. Heumann worked in the State Department, advocating for civil rights across the world, and 181 countries passed disability civil rights modeled after the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 between 2000 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, she coauthored her memoir, "Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist," and its young adult version, "Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution," and was featured in the Oscar-nominated documentary film "Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, take this occasion to recognize the life of Judith Heumann, whose life's work helped to improve the lives of

millions of Americans and who led a reimagining of what it means to be disabled in this country and across the world.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

**READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 375

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

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Valerie R. Landry of Ocean Park, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Dodge, J. of Belfast, Rep. Sampson, H. of Alfred

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Valerie R. Landry of Ocean Park, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

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The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and the Senator from Hancock, Senator **GROHOSKI**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

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The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#102)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: GROHOSKI, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Valerie R. Landry** of Ocean Park for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Off Record Remarks  
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The Following Communication: S.C. 376

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

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Owen McCarthy of Gorham, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	1	Bagshaw, B. of Windham
ABSENT		1	Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Owen McCarthy of Gorham, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#103)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Owen McCarthy** of Gorham for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 377

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

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Dodge, J. of Belfast

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of John W. Moore, Jr. of Farmington, for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#104)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John W. Moore, Jr.** of Farmington for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 378

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

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson  
President of the Senate of Maine  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Sari S. Greene of South Portland, for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Hickman, C. of Kennebec, Brenner, S. of Cumberland, Timberlake, J. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	7	Supica, L. of Bangor, Boyer, D. of Poland, Collings, B. of Portland, Hymes, B. of Waldo, Malon, M. of Biddeford, Montell, K. of Gardiner, Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Rep. Andrews, J. of Paris, Rep. Rielly, M. of Westbrook, Rep. Riseman, W. of Harrison

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Sari S. Greene of South Portland, for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Craig V. Hickman  
Senate Chair

S/Laura Supica  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#105)**

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Sari S. Greene** of South Portland for reappointment to the Gambling Control Board was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Following Communication: S.C. 384

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

April 25, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 448 An Act to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services for Maine Families and Children on MaineCare and to Increase the Number of Behavioral Health Professionals in the State

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 385

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

April 24, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 1430 Resolve, to Amend the Funding Formula for Reimbursing Nursing Facilities Under the MaineCare Program (EMERGENCY)

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 381

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

April 24, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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. 1548 An Act to Support Maine Craft Brewers by Amending the Law Regarding Breweries with Multiple Locations

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica  
House Chair

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 379

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

April 21, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 895 An Act to Establish Culturally Informed Reentry or Reintegration Halfway Houses
- L.D. 1039 An Act to Provide Restitution for Victims of Shoplifting for Time Spent Dealing with the Offense
- L.D. 1189 An Act to Amend the Burden of Proof for Defendants Who Cannot Pay Criminal Restitution

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Beebe-Center                      S/Rep. Suzanne M. Salisbury  
Senate Chair    House Chair

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

The Following Communication:      S.C. 373

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

April 24, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 293 An Act to Revise the School Funding Formula
- L.D. 385 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Examine Alternative Metrics for Determining the Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula
- L.D. 889 An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units
- L.D. 951 An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula

- L.D. 1158 An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the School Funding Formula
- L.D. 1369 An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students

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. 387

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

April 21, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 781 An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia
- L.D. 1091 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Review Its Rules Regarding Campgrounds in Order to Ensure Campground Health and Safety
- L.D. 1099 An Act to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Residential Facilities from Extended Power Outages

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci                      S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
Senate Chair    House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 383

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

April 24, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 462 An Act to Assist Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Areas of High Rent by Seeking a Waiver from the Federal Government

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Teresa S. Pierce S/Rep. Traci Gere  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 380

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

April 24, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 1261 An Act to Establish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Gross Sexual Assaults and Sex Trafficking of Children

L.D. 1279 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws by Limiting Contact with Violent Offenders

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney S/Rep. Matt Moonen  
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 THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

April 19, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 1202 An Act to Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski S/Rep. Joe Perry  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 374

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

April 24, 2023



Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 1071 An Act to Allow Political Candidates to Be Nominated by Multiple Parties for the Same Office

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman S/Rep. Laura Supica  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 382

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

April 25, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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. 410 An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas  
L.D. 766 An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman S/Rep. Laura Supica  
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: H.P. 1151

**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

March 21, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 131st Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing".

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 68,807 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on December 27, 2022, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 67,682.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the Twenty-first day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The accompanying bill:

An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing

I.B. 4 L.D. 1772

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program"

S.P. 732 L.D. 1817

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative CARLOW of Buxton and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, NANGLE of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, CRAFTS of Newcasttle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of East Machias, DHALAC of South Portland, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JAUCH of Topsham, LANDRY of Farmington, LOOKNER of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner,

MOONEN of Portland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, OSHER of Orono, PERRY of Calais, PLUECKER of Warren, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, PRINGLE of Windham, RANA of Bangor, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SKOLD of Portland, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE of Carmel, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Bill "An Act to Respect and Protect the Right to Food"  
S.P. 739 L.D. 1823

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Good Jobs with Better Career and Technical Education"

S.P. 735 L.D. 1820

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 744 L.D. 1828

Presented by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals"  
S.P. 746 L.D. 1830

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and  
Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, RENY of Lincoln.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of  
Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential  
Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality"  
S.P. 743 L.D. 1827

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and  
Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives:  
GUERRETTE of Caribou, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Requiring  
Reference-based Pricing"  
S.P. 745 L.D. 1829

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook,  
Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BAILEY of York,  
CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,  
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MATHIESON of Kittery,  
MEYER of Eliot, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the  
Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands"  
S.P. 742 L.D. 1826

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and  
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CURRY of Waldo, LaFOUNTAIN of  
Kennebec, Representatives: DILL of Old Town, FAULKINGHAM  
of Winter Harbor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Constitution of  
Maine

S.P. 740 L.D. 1824

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the  
Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath"  
(EMERGENCY)

S.P. 736 L.D. 1821

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative PAULHUS of Bath and Senator:  
NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured  
Housing Communities"

S.P. 741 L.D. 1825

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative BOYLE of Gorham and  
Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives:  
ARATA of New Gloucester, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS  
of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, PERRY of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and  
Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates  
and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's  
Licenses" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 738 L.D. 1822

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.  
Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Port Facilities Relating to Offshore Wind Power Projects"

S.P. 733 L.D. 1818

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, DOUDERA of Camden, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board" S.P. 734 L.D. 1819

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 747

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that a joint standing committee or joint select committee of the 131st Legislature that receives a report pursuant to a law or order may submit a bill based on that report to the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The Falmouth/Waynflete Women's Slalom Team, of Falmouth, which won the Slalom Event at the Class A State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes; SLS 433

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, KUHN of Falmouth.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **PIERCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise today to congratulate and honor the Falmouth girls alpine ski team. This team overcame many obstacles in route to become - from behind to victory in the 2023 Class A State Alpine Ski Champions. This title didn't come easy, nor is it easy to say. After an apparent disqualification on the final day of competition at Saddleback Mountain, the team had to dig deep. They persevered to finish just five points ahead of the two-time defending state champs from Blue Hill - sorry, Senator Black. Head Coach Janelle Day told the Press Herald a little bit about what makes her team so special. 'I have a bunch of girls who are coachable and work together and support each other. I am proud of them for going out there and tearing it up and being able to ski fast and in control.' This team represents perseverance and tenacity. While juggling academics and other curriculums and driving a considerable distance to practice while battling the darkness during peak ski season isn't always ideal, but this team made it happen. They knew that if they worked together and trusted each other, they could accomplish anything, and they did, finishing to top some of the best alpine teams in the state. I couldn't be more proud to join today - be joined today by this remarkable group of student athletes and their coach. I look forward to their continued success on the slopes and in the classroom and whatever else comes next. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Coach Janelle Day, Julia Glass, Bridget Jacobson, Margo Hesson, Regan Swallow, Patty Riley, Sadie Kramer, Tillie Reis, Calia Browne, Celia Geri, Kate Swallow, and Annika Asbjornsen. They're from the cities of Falmouth and Portland and they're the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Pierce, and Senator Chipman. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

Mitch Ham, of Falmouth, who won the 2023 Travis Roy Award as the State's premier senior Class A hockey player. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 434

Sponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland,  
KUHN of Falmouth.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **PIERCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise again to congratulate and honor a Falmouth High School senior, Mitch Ham, winner of the 2023 Travis Roy Award. This award goes to the state's most premier player in boys Class A ice hockey. According to his coach, Mitch does two things that Coach Barton hasn't seen anybody do in a very long time. Number one, Mitch controls the game, and when you control the puck, you control the game. Number two, he makes everybody on the ice with him better. As senior captain, Mitch was the second leading scorer for the Navigators with 24 goals and 42 assists this season. He was an X factor on a talented team that went 16 and 2 in the regular season before coming up short in the Class A Semi-Finals. Mitch is the fifth player from Falmouth High School to win this most prestigious award in boys high school ice hockey. Impressively, he was joined by his teammate, Aaron Higgins, as one of the four finalists for the coveted trophy. I also want to recognize Mitch's parents. As a hockey mom myself with two kids having also served as team captains for Falmouth ice hockey, I know the dedication it takes to your student athlete's success - braving the early morning practices, the hours spent at the rink, standing out in the cold. This award is the culmination of that effort and it doesn't go unnoticed. As a scholar student athlete, Mitch will be attending Colby College this fall, pursuing interests in math and the science field. Mitch, I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and I can't wait to see what you do next. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Mitch Ham. He's joined today by his parents, Jeff and Jenna. They're all from the city of Falmouth. The guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Pierce, and guests of the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Change of Committee**

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Necessary Medical Care for Certain Minors"

H.P. 340 L.D. 535

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

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**Pursuant to Public Law**

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education"

H.P. 1152 L.D. 1807

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 656, section 8.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**, in concurrence.

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**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains"

H.P. 282 L.D. 465

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Addressing Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in Maine"

H.P. 235 L.D. 384

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-53)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-53) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed"

H.P. 523 L.D. 834

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-48)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-48) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and Fees for Registering Facilities Required to Report to That Commission"

H.P. 63 L.D. 95

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-54)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-54) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission"

H.P. 21 L.D. 17

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-55)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-55) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 165 L.D. 260

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 Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition"

H.P. 370 L.D. 575

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-56)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-56) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work"  
H.P. 88 L.D. 142

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

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York  
PIERCE of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland  
DODGE of Belfast  
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth  
MURPHY of Scarborough  
SARGENT of York  
WORTH of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BAGSHAW of Windham  
LYMAN of Livermore Falls  
POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset  
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-51)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-51)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I hope you'll join me in opposing this item in front of us, L.D. 142. This establishes 54 positions that we would fund for climate-related service work, which I think is a wonderful idea but it reminds me of something that we passed earlier this year, the Maine Rural Service Fellows Program, where we did pretty much the same thing with the same model. So, what we're doing is we're spending - in this particular case, we're spending \$3 million to fund 50 people to go out there, we're going to give them healthcare as well, to go out there and spend a year working. I can't find enough employees in my district to fill private sector jobs and here we are funding many positions that are, frankly, quasi-public, volunteer work that it would be nice to do. I absolutely agree with the reason behind wanting to support things like this, but let's just compare it to other things that we need to fund that we're responsible for. For example, my school district that I'm alum of, doesn't even put their name on the school construction funding list anymore because we don't fund it to a reasonable level. Yet we want to go out and fund literally hundreds of young people to work a job for a year. It's a great idea but, Mr. President, I remember you opposing me on a separate item and you said let's not set false expectations, and I agree with you. But in this case, I think we do, we're setting false expectations for these kids and these groups, that we're going to be able to somehow fund these, year after year after year, and that's just not - unfortunately, what we have to do as legislators is we have to line up priorities on the things that are very nice and compare those to the things that we really must fund, that we're responsible for, and sometimes you have to say no when that's the case. I don't like saying no, especially to a bill like this. This is a great idea. But they could go out in the private sector and try to find these funds. This is not our job and if we're going to continue to spend \$3 million here, \$3 million there, \$4 million here, \$4 million there on jobs like this: A, we're going to make it harder for our private sector employers, for sure, to find people to work for them, and these are people that could easily find jobs even in this field that need to be filled rather than us create them. There are a lot of jobs out there that are voluntary. Should we fund them all? Should we fund them all? We can't do that and, believe me, I would love to, but I just feel the need to try to find our other responsibilities. My name is on a lot of spending bills as a result of being a legislator and this morning in my caucus we all talked about that, how important it is, and we all have priorities,

and this is an important priority for some people. But should we fund this instead of our true obligations that we know we're missing out on? Should we do it? And the answer is clearly no. So, I hope that you'll join me in voting against the pending motion. Thank you very much.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, and I appreciate your comments, Senator Libby. Thank you. I do speak in favor of the bill. This bill came to us through committee in Education and Cultural Affairs without opposition. There was no one that even came in to speak neither for nor against. Essentially, what we're doing is we are going to fund 50 positions over two years for our community workforce development in many of our small coastal communities impacted by climate related issues. Those folks, in terms of their salaries, would be in the \$30,000 range, it's specified, and that would include their healthcare, which I do understand is a request but in today's world, a salary with benefits at \$30,000 is not a big enticement, to be honest with you, from in my mind. But in any case, it will provide a lot of these small coastal communities that are working with some serious issues that affect working waterfronts, and I think that the work that will be done will benefit the entire state by allowing for the needed workforce that is participating, they'll provide a lot of studies and assistance for the rest of us to learn from and the material that they work with and develop will be beneficial for all. So, I would urge you to support the Ought to Pass Amendment. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Curry.

Senator **CURRY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I stand in support of this bill. I had the great pleasure for ten years serving under the Governor's Children's Cabinet, at that time it began with Governor King, and running the AmeriCorps VISTA project for the Children's Cabinet, and I want to note here, and I hope you'll recognize them in a moment, a group here from the Belfast Game Loft, who is - we had the great pleasure of supporting them with AmeriCorps VISTA member for many years. And I will - I stand in support because my experience of supporting these types of programs, this is AmeriCorps or national service type programs, is it's what we do best. One of the things we do best, because I think most of the answers are happening not necessarily in this room or the other room or in the Governor's office, they're happening at our community level and we're empowering our communities with some resources to say how are you answering this question, how are you addressing this problem, and you don't have all the resources yet. Here is a national service volunteer that can help you do this work, that can leverage the resources that can get you there. Our communities are struggling with volunteerism because of the nature of work today, because our time is pulled in so many different directions, and we rely on these national service volunteers, we rely on these folks too because they make a huge difference. And I will say, in regard to the labor challenge, it will be a challenge to recruit. I had the job for ten years to recruit a team of 40 every year. Most of our folks came from out of state, about a third of our folks came from in-state. Interestingly, we also recruited a number of retirees to come back in to do service. They're a passionate group of people. Many

that came from out of state have made their lives here and are leaders across the state. They've been involved in those community organizations. They continue to do that. It's a great way to bring folks into the state of Maine and we desperately need people to come into the state of Maine. So, I'm in strong support. It's an amazing program. I think it's well worth the dollar. Thank you.

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

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm in full support of this bill. This program came through last session, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and was approved with unanimous support. This program would have a few priority project areas. The first would be energy, leading by example. Corps members will focus on increasing energy efficiency and help public schools and towns save money. Emergency preparedness and natural hazard mitigation and planning. Corps members will work with small rural communities who need help developing emergency plans to access federal funds to mitigate the risks for more extreme storms and other events. Invasive species. Corps members will work with communities that need help with interventions to tackle brown tail moth, invasive plants, green crabs, and more. This has a serious impact on our shellfisheries and for our sportsmen. And housing. Corps members will perform home repairs as needed for weatherization for our neediest Mainers. So, these issues come up in all of our committees with regard to the sorts of services needed. Developing skills for the workforce is what this program would do, so we're creating the capacity for the state to participate in workforce development. It is different than the program that the good Senator mentioned previously because it does focus on climate and it isn't just limited to rural communities, it would also function in some of our more densely populated areas. So, I urge you all to consider supporting the Climate Corps. Thank you so much.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#106)**

**YEAS:** Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

**NAYS:** Senators: BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART

**EXCUSED:** Senators: POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE



23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators 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-51) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Off Record Remarks

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Actions Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code"

H.P. 82 L.D. 136

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland  
KUHN of Falmouth  
LEE of Auburn  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
HENDERSON of Rumford  
POIRIER of Skowhegan

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-60)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-60)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers"

H.P. 255 L.D. 422

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

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland  
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay  
ABDI of Lewiston  
COPELAND of Saco  
DHALAC of South Portland  
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-50)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon  
GREENWOOD of Wales  
POMERLEAU of Standish  
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland 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 PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Nangle.

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this proposal seeks to remove municipal public notices from the traditional meaning of newspapers and instead allows them to be placed on a municipal website. Public notices are a critical requirement of an open and transparent government. They play a role in government accountability and inform the public of hearings, meetings, or requests for bids from contractors for municipal work, which is very important to our contractors in the state. We all know that Maine is the oldest state in the nation and our seniors rely on newspapers to remain engaged in civic - engaged civically and up to date on current events. Seniors rely more on print newspapers for their information than computers and the internet, so much so that even the AARP opposes this legislation. Newspapers have been the traditional source for public notice since the founding of our country and I request that you vote in support of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report to maintain that tradition. Thank you.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. With respect to my good colleague from Cumberland County, I rise in opposition to the motion and I'd like to start by just reading an excerpt from some testimony on this bill from the Maine Municipal Association which I thought made some very compelling points. To quote the MMA, 'Municipalities have become a singular funding mechanism that supports the ever-shrinking newspaper industry at a time when local newspapers have all but vanished. This has the net effect of creating a monopoly for public notice publication in larger regional newspapers, costing taxpayers significant amounts of money for the publication of a local notice in a distant regional paper their residents are unlikely to consult. Many of those larger regional papers have ceased to print paper editions on a daily basis and rarely cover town meeting matters unless it is controversial or close to paper headquarters. The pandemic highlighted the ways in which our residents receive information best and the use of Zoom-like platforms brought in public participation in local government. While many communities will feel strongly they reach most of their residents through the few remaining local newspapers, the option to find alternate ways to provide public notice would be welcomed in communities that lack those relevant local newspapers and must rely on major news outlets in cities far from their community centers. Most town residents have become accustomed to going directly to the town website to find out when meetings and special hearings will take place. Not all town websites are created equal. Officials feel that flexibility to provide notice on the town website and meet the obligations of notice requirement removes the growing cost for

ineffective newspaper advertisements and frees the expenditure for a town to find effective direct ways to reach residents with no internet access during - such as direct mailing.' So, Mr. President, those were the words of the Maine Municipal Association. I know that they've been working for some time to try to adjust this policy, and I will say on a personal note, I can imagine that this policy served a purpose at a certain time, but as time has progressed, technology has changed, it's hard for me not to see this as having not become effectively a corporate welfare program for newspapers with property tax dollars and, frankly, for myself, when I consider some of the things that newspapers find newsworthy or not newsworthy, like a U.S. Senator, you know, censoring his critics and his constituents on social media behind closed doors. When that's not considered newsworthy, I wonder why we should be subsidizing these papers with our property tax dollars. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **BALDACC:** Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise in support of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report and I would just indicate to my colleagues in the Senate, there are two major reasons. One is that most of the people that benefit from these notices are seniors. There are plenty of people in rural parts of the state who don't have access to the internet. And transparency. We have 400 - more than 400 municipalities in this state and I understand that many of them don't want to publish their notices or don't want to have to pay to publish their notices, but having people know in general what is happening is a good thing and this bill, if it was enacted, would actually take significantly away from both public transparency and public accountability. Many of those - there are many municipalities that have no websites and - or have very little internet - very little presence on the internet. So, I think that maybe at some future date this may be a good bill, but it certainly would put thousands of people at a disadvantage knowing what is going on with their government. Thank you.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in opposition to the report. I think that - I have strong support from my local papers and they are a great interest to the people of my district, but this is an antiquated system of notice. Most people, if you ask them, even when they come to the State House, 'how did you hear about this?', no one says they heard it from the newspaper, or almost no one. And what I want to point out about this is this doesn't remove the ability for municipalities to still choose this method of notice. This is just saying we at the state level recognize that the times are changing. There are many ways of reaching out to people. There are many ways of providing transparency and accountability on what is happening at the local level, and it's not up to us at the State to say it must be in this antiquated system anymore. I think it's time to let the municipalities choose how to do this and that's what local elections are for and local involvement and I think this just takes sort of an antiquated system and puts it back into the hands of municipalities to do what's best for their citizens. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#107)**

**YEAS:** Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

**NAYS:** Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, STEWART

**EXCUSED:** Senators: POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO NOT PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Promote Free Trade by Preventing Municipalities from Prohibiting the Sale of Legal Goods"

H.P. 397 L.D. 620

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

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland  
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay  
ABDI of Lewiston  
COPELAND of Saco  
DHALAC of South Portland  
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-49)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon  
GREENWOOD of Wales  
POMERLEAU of Standish  
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **NANGLE** 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 Nangle.

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Mr. President. This bill would basically remove a home rule provision that we - all of our cities and towns value. This would be a big government telling a city or town what they could not control within their municipal boundaries. A member on my committee says frequently that the residents and their elected officials know what's best for their town. I urge everyone in the Senate to accept the Majority Report Ought Not to Pass.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Prevent Electioneering on General Election Ballots by Candidates Nominated by Petition"

H.P. 425 L.D. 656

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

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec  
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor  
COLLINGS of Portland  
MALON of Biddeford  
MONTELL of Gardiner  
RIELLY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)**.

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris  
BOYER of Poland  
HYMES of Waldo  
RISEMAN of Harrison  
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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 TO NOT 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 PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sure that ordinarily the - Senator Timberlake would be speaking to this as our caucus member on the VLA Committee, but I have some thoughts I'd like to share. You know, it's amazing to me, we have so many laws on the books against electioneering at the polls. Right? We all know this. If we're standing at the polls, we aren't allowed to mention that we're running for office. We aren't allowed to mention our party affiliation, any of these things. So, it's amazing to me, with all of those efforts in place to prevent electioneering at the polls, that we would allow electioneering to take place right on the ballot, printed right there, when unenrolled candidates can, in lieu of, you know, many of us in this Body will have Republican or Democrat next to our name but an unenrolled candidate gets to basically put whatever they want. You can be a commonsense candidate or a I'm better than that guy candidate, you know, you could come up with all sorts of things. It is a loophole for electioneering. As I read this legislation, it simply closes that loophole, puts everyone on an even playing field, and if we're not going to allow electioneering at the polls, let's not have it on the ballot. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#108)**

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, STEWART

EXCUSED: Senators: POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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**Divided Report**

Eight members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Protect Financial Privacy"

H.P. 445 L.D. 676

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland  
KUHN of Falmouth  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
POIRIER of Skowhegan  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
HENDERSON of Rumford

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**C**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-62)**.

Signed:

Representative:

LEE of Auburn

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "**C**", **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-62)**.)

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS, READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BRAKEY** 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 Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation, coming from the other Body, was submitted in response to some new provisions from the federal government - I would argue unconstitutional provisions from the federal government - that amount to an outrageous violation of the financial privacy of the Maine people and the American people. It used to be that our financial institutions were required to report to the federal government when a transaction of \$10,000 or more took place. In recent years, they've lowered that threshold, it's no longer \$10,000, it's now \$600. So, that means the federal government is compelling financial institutions in our state and across the country to submit the private financial records of every single Maine citizen, every single American person with a transaction of \$600 or more. I look at that and I wonder how is this possibly in accordance with the Fourth Amendment of our U.S. Constitution? All this legislation does is require the federal government, if they want people's private financial records, they go to a judge, they get a warrant, they articulate probable cause that a crime has been committed as they're required to do under the Fourth Amendment. I think that's a reasonable request. It's just asking them to follow the Constitution that they're sworn to uphold, that we're sworn to uphold, that every elected official in this country is sworn to uphold. Now, I know that some say well, you know, this might put our banks and credit unions in a difficult spot. I hear that. But I just - I just have to wonder, like, when are we going to start pushing back? Our Bill of Rights is just being tattered piece by piece by piece and we are often so afraid to push back against the federal government and stand up for the rights, the constitutional rights of our constituents, because we're afraid of federal retaliation. But you know what? If states like Maine and across the country start standing up together, start pushing back together, then it's going to be the federal government that has to be afraid of the consequences of trying to retaliate against us. We have a lot of power in the state level if we would only stand up for the Constitution. Thank you, Mr. President. I oppose the motion before us and encourage the Body to vote no on the pending motion.

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

Senator **LYFORD:** Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly, as a member of the supervisory committee for the Brewer Federal Credit Union, speaking to the branch manager, this type of legislation will -paperwork will crimp small credit unions across the state. And as you know, we have very many. I will be

opposing this.

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

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to address something that my colleague stated with regard to new provisions in federal law. I want to assure everybody in this Body that the \$600 figure was proposed but was rejected federally. And I think that I would really like to let my colleagues know the high price that we would pay were this legislation to become law. So, the purpose of the bill is to prohibit financial institutions who are authorized to do business in Maine from disclosing financial records to any federal agency unless there was a subpoena and, specifically, what would happen is that disclosures to the Internal Revenue Service, that are vital to enforcing tax liabilities, would be prohibited. Even more alarming, banks and credit unions would be unable to share information with federal financial regulators who are conducting examinations for safety and soundness. This would mean that the types of insurance coverage that we benefit from as those who bank at local Maine banks and credit unions, the FDIC insurance and the NCUA insurance, would be jeopardized. In addition, this - if we passed this measure, we would be forcing credit unions and banks in Maine to violate other provisions of Maine law and then, finally, we would be jeopardizing a lot of other important enforcement activities such as the Bank Secrecy Suspicious Activity Reports that are really important in tracking down money laundering, terrorism, and narcotics tracking. And, so just in sum, I would ask my colleagues to join me in voting for the Ought Not to Pass motion. It protects our in-state banks and credit unions, it allows them to operate, and it allows us to all continue to do our business with the local banks and credit unions that we so respect. Thank you.

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

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize for rising a second time. I did want to thank Senator Carney for the correction there. I will say to that the fact that the IRS even proposed for itself the power to be able to monitor every transaction \$600 or more should be very alarming, and that was only rejected because the American people pushed back. But when they float these things out, you know it's not too long before they come back with it again. I do think it is important for states to take proactive steps to push back and my statement stands. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of Report "A", Ought Not to Pass. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

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

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The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#109)**

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, HARRINGTON, LYFORD

EXCUSED: Senators: CURRY, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

29 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** Report **"A"**, **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review" S.P. 264 L.D. 596

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Update and Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Reporting Requirements" S.P. 100 L.D. 194

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**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Refocus the Purpose and Duties of the Cannabis Advisory Commission" S.P. 162 L.D. 355

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**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees" S.P. 60 L.D. 121

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

Signed:

Senators:  
BAILEY of York  
BRAKEY of Androscoggin  
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:  
PERRY of Calais  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
MATHIESON of Kittery  
PRINGLE of Windham

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

Signed:

Representatives:  
CYRWAY of Albion  
MORRIS of Turner  
NUTTING of Oakland  
SWALLOW of Houlton

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**SECOND READERS**

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

**House**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)  
H.P. 46 L.D. 71

Bill "An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride"  
H.P. 377 L.D. 600

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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**House As Amended**

Bill "An Act to Define 'Mail' in the Employment Security Law to Include Electronic Notification"

H.P. 17 L.D. 13  
(C "A" H-45)

Bill "An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund"

H.P. 105 L.D. 164  
(C "A" H-41)

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

H.P. 173 L.D. 275  
(C "A" H-38)

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

H.P. 174 L.D. 276  
(C "A" H-43)

Bill "An Act to Require Mortgage Holders to Notify a Homeowner's Insurance Company on the Sale or Transfer of a Mortgage"  
H.P. 358 L.D. 553  
(C "A" H-37)

**READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

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**Senate**

Bill "An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained in the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride"  
S.P. 400 L.D. 981

**READ A SECOND TIME.**

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

Senator **BALDACCI:** Mr. Chairman, I would - I have an amendment. I would at this time ask that be tabled. We have to - we still have communications we have to make with the other Chamber about this before I can present it confidently. So, I would move to table it. I apologize.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

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**Senate As Amended**

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Open Burning Under a Red Flag Warning and Regulate Recreational Campfires"

S.P. 16 L.D. 24  
(C "A" S-39)

Bill "An Act to Make Corrections to the Maine Insurance Code"

S.P. 28 L.D. 36  
(C "A" S-38)

Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State

S.P. 110 L.D. 244  
(C "A" S-35)

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

S.P. 132 L.D. 311  
(C "A" S-42)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Setback Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers

S.P. 181 L.D. 400  
(C "A" S-46)

Bill "An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations"  
S.P. 213 L.D. 459  
(C "A" S-44)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property"  
S.P. 309 L.D. 751  
(C "A" S-45)

**READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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**ENACTORS**

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

**Acts**

An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers  
S.P. 227 L.D. 510

An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day  
H.P. 405 L.D. 628

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

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An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes  
S.P. 222 L.D. 505  
(C "A" S-22)

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

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

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Off Record Remarks

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. I request unanimous consent to address the Senate on the record.

**THE PRESIDENT:** So moved.

Senator **KEIM:** So, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's a pleasure for me to have some special guests with us here today. No matter where they go, Scotty and his special stuffed dog, Spillway, always have fun together. Although Scotty was born with a chromosomal disorder that causes developmental delays, with Spillway by his side, there are adventures always to be had. You can read a children's book written about Scotty and Spillway's adventures written by Scotty's mom, Lisa Wentzell, and a family friend, Heidi Bullen, illustrated by Claudia Diller, called A Dog and his Boy; the Adventures of Spillway and Scotty. In reading this book, you will join Spillway as he takes you on a journey through Scotty's life, where they experience acceptance, empathy, and inclusion during their unique time together. It's an honor to have today, Scotty, Spillway, his mom and dad, Lisa and Scott Wentzell, along with Heidi Bullen. And they were connected all through the Sugarloaf Mountain, just being up there and skiing together and knowing each other. And so every part of this book, the people that wrote it, the people that illustrated it, and the people that published it, are all local to Maine and all have a connection with Scotty. So, it's a really special book and it's gone viral, being used really all over the nation to help people understand special needs and their unique circumstance. So, I'm just grateful that they're here with us today.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Scotty Wentzell, Lisa Wentzell, Heidi Bullen, and Greg and Carol Krikorian. They are all the guests today of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim, and the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

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Off Record Remarks

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Create the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program"  
H.P. 1170 L.D. 1838

Bill "An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program"  
H.P. 1173 L.D. 1841



Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards

H.P. 1174 L.D. 1842

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs"

H.P. 1160 L.D. 1814

Bill "An Act to Study a Permitting Process for and Establish a Moratorium on Certain Tall Structures"

H.P. 1171 L.D. 1839

Bill "An Act to Regulate Outdoor Lighting"

H.P. 1177 L.D. 1845

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Increase Oral Health Services"

H.P. 1169 L.D. 1837

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

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

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Bill "An Act Requiring Reference-based Pricing to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs"

H.P. 1162 L.D. 1816

Bill "An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1164 L.D. 1832

Bill "An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations"

H.P. 1168 L.D. 1836

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Support Emergency Housing Facility Construction, Renovation and Acquisition Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program"

H.P. 1176 L.D. 1844

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers"

H.P. 1161 L.D. 1815

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Educational Institution' Under the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational Institutions"

H.P. 1165 L.D. 1833

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish an Officer on Tribal Relations

H.P. 1166 L.D. 1834

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Notify Indian Tribes and Indian Nations When New Laws Are Enacted That Need to Be Certified"

H.P. 1167 L.D. 1835

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.

Resolve, Relating to the Employment of Minors  
H.P. 1163 L.D. 1831

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Reform the State's Administrative and Rule-making Procedures"

H.P. 1172 L.D. 1840

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

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

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Resolve, to Provide for One Month of Free Passenger Rail Service in Maine

H.P. 1159 L.D. 1813

Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge

H.P. 1175 L.D. 1843

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected"

H.P. 1178 L.D. 1846

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

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

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products"

S.P. 750 L.D. 1849

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GUERRETTE of Caribou, PLUECKER of Warren.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Relating to Energy Storage and the State's Energy Goals"

S.P. 751 L.D. 1850

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representative: TERRY of Gorham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Modify the Visual Impact Standards for Offshore Wind Port Development"

S.P. 748 L.D. 1847

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge (EMERGENCY)  
S.P. 749 L.D. 1848

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking"

H.P. 625 L.D. 978

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**  
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The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease"

H.P. 657 L.D. 1021

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-74)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-74)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-74) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Improve Electrical Supply Cost Transparency"  
H.P. 44 L.D. 69

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-72)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Update the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority"

H.P. 417 L.D. 640

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-71)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-71) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council"

H.P. 296 L.D. 479

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-65)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-65)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-65) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List"

H.P. 32 L.D. 57

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-66)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-66) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order"

H.P. 670 L.D. 1034

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.

**ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

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

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Off Record Remarks  
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**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Nangle.

Senator **NANGLE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to address the Senate on the record.

**THE PRESIDENT:** So moved.

Senator **NANGLE:** Mr. President, distinguished colleagues of the Senate, I rise today to recognize April as World Autism Awareness Month, a time dedicated to promoting and understanding acceptance and inclusion for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, or ASD. ASD is a developmental disability that affects about 1 in 44 children in the United States, affecting all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups, and in Maine it is estimated we have over 23,000 adults with ASD. Early diagnosis and intervention can significantly improve the quality of a child's development, helping them learn vital skills in communication, social interaction, and behavior management. Unfortunately, many children with ASD do not receive a timely diagnosis, delaying the support they need to reach their full potential. As we observe Autism Awareness Month, we must commit to providing resources and opportunities for individuals with ASD to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This means ensuring access to quality education, healthcare, employment, and housing - areas where those with ASD have historically faced significant challenges and barriers. Maine's strength lies in the diversity of its people and those with ASD contribute immensely to our industries, communities, and our state as a whole. We continue to honor these contributions by supporting programs - we must continue honoring - to honor these contributions by supporting programs and policies that enhance accessibility, foster inclusion, and provide comprehensive resources tailored to the unique needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. This includes investing in early intervention services, specialized educational support, vocational training, support for family caregivers, and employment opportunities that empower those on the spectrum to lead fulfilling and independent lives. Additionally, we should promote public awareness campaigns that challenge misconceptions, celebrate neurodiversity, and encourage our communities to embrace individuals with ASD and their families, ensuring they feel valued, respected, and supported in all aspects of their lives. As we work towards building a more inclusive, just, and equal society, we must prioritize the rights and the dignity of individuals with disabilities. We must in all endeavors embrace our state's motto, Dirigo, and lead by example, promoting disability rights in the policy discussions we have in this building. Throughout this month, and indeed every day, let us strive to embrace our diversity, empower each other to reach our full potential. Let us promote acceptance, fairness, and understanding for individuals with ASD and their families. By raising awareness, sharing information, and supporting initiatives that improve the lives of those with autism, we can foster a more inclusive society where everyone is given the opportunity to succeed. Thank you.

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.