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First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

Legislative Memorial Scholarship Ceremony

13th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Senate called to Order by President Matthea E. Larsen Daughtry of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Pastor Joe Campbell of White Pine Community Church in North Yarmouth.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Glenn Curry of Waldo County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property"

H.P. 571 L.D. 885

In Senate, March 4, 2025, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Limit the Liability of Persons Who Provide Firearm Hold Agreements"

H.P. 723 L.D. 1104

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

(1-3) Bill "An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine"

H.P. 724 L.D. 1105

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR**.

(1-4) Bill "An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices"

H.P. 728 L.D. 1109

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

(1-5) Bill "An Act Regarding Fairness in Sentencing for Persons Under 26 Years of Age"

H.P. 732 L.D. 1113

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

(1-6) Bill "An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms"

H.P. 739 L.D. 1120

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

(1-7) Bill "An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms"

H.P. 745 L.D. 1126

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

(1-8) Bill "An Act to Provide That Spouses and Children of Corrections Officers Who Die in the Line of Duty Receive a Pension"

H.P. 733 L.D. 1114

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-9) Sandra Chadwick, of Livermore Falls, who is celebrating her 85th birthday on February 26, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 86

(1-10) Beckett Cote, of Oakland, a student at Messalonskee High School, who won the Class A State Championship in Classical, Freestyle and Freestyle Pursuit Skiing. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 132

(1-11) Jamie Selfridge, of Woodland, who was named the 2025 Maine Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 133

(1-12) Joyce Clark, of East Machias, who is celebrating her 90th birthday on March 25, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 134

(1-13) Ted Hutch, of Wells, who is retiring after a long, successful career coaching at York High School. Mr. Hutch was head coach of the boys cross country team from 1989 to 2024, winning 4 conference titles, 4 regional titles and one state title; head coach of the boys indoor track team from 2000 to 2024, winning 9 conference titles and 7 state titles; head coach of the girls indoor track team from 2000 to 2024, winning 5 conference titles and 3 state titles; assistant coach of the boys spring track team from 1992 to 2008, winning 2 conference titles and one regional title, and head coach from 2009 to 2024, winning 8 conference titles and 5 state titles; assistant coach of the girls spring track team from 1992 to 2008, winning 2 conference titles and 2 state titles, and head coach from 2009 to 2024, winning 9 conference titles and 3 state titles. As a head coach, he coached his teams to 2,135 victories and 276 losses, 35 Western Maine Conference titles, 4 regional titles and 19 state titles. We extend our appreciation and best wishes;

HLS 135

(1-14) the Windham High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class AA State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 136

(1-15) Victor Grange #49, of Fairfield, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 137

Come from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-16) Calvin Temple, of Bowdoinham. Mr. Temple was a retired lieutenant of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's office. He was a dedicated public servant who served Sagadahoc County with honor and distinction, leaving an enduring legacy of kindness and commitment. Known for his exceptional storytelling and warm personality, he brought joy and connection to the community's residents. His wit, wisdom and unique ability to make people laugh will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Mr. Temple will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 128

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-17) Preacher, of South Paris, a valued member of the Maine State Police K-9 Unit. Preacher served as a partner to Sergeant Jonathan Russell and contributed significantly to law enforcement efforts by apprehending suspects and ensuring public and officer safety. His intelligence, resilience and courage highlighted the important role of K-9 units in the safety and well-being of our communities. He lost his life in the line of duty and will be long remembered and sadly missed by his partner and the law enforcement community;

HLS 129

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-18) the Honorable Richard Steven Malaby, of Wiscasset. An athlete while in school, Mr. Malaby was scouted as a prospect of the New York Mets and played on their Triple-A team. In 1980 he read an advertisement for an old inn for sale in Maine. Despite never having been to Maine, having no money and having no experience in innkeeping, he made the trip to see it. The owner, renowned painter Bill Moise, was skeptical at first but the young man's persistence and charm won him over. Over the next 42 years, Mr. Malaby made the Crocker House Country Inn in Hancock Point the heart of the community. He transformed the Crocker House into a beloved gathering place, welcoming guests from near and far. Active in his community, he served as Chair of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital and on the Hancock School Board. Later, he was elected to the Maine House of Representatives, where he served two terms and was a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. He also taught as an adjunct college professor. After moving to Wiscasset, he served on Wiscasset's Economic Development Committee and championed fundraising efforts at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. He was also a member of the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta. Mr. Malaby will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 130

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-19) Roger E. Routhier, of Waterville. In 1961, Mr. Routhier enlisted in the United States Army and served in various locations, including Korea. Returning to Maine, he began a 28-year career with the Keyes Fibre Company. After his career at Keyes, he worked at the Bean School and at the home daycare he helped his wife Jane run for 35 years. Mr. Routhier will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

HLS 131

Come from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

H.P. 694

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

March 12, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On March 12, 2025, 35 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 12, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military Personnel" (H.P. 672) (L.D. 1043) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, FROST of Belgrade, PLUECKER of Warren, SARGENT of York)

Resolve, to Aid Municipalities, Animal Control Officers and Other Parties in Complying with Electronic Dog Licensing Requirements (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 686) (L.D. 1057) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Decriminalize Personal Possession of Therapeutic Amounts of Psilocybin for Adults" (H.P. 663) (L.D. 1034) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CHAPMAN of Auburn, EDER of Waterboro, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, JULIA of Waterville, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections" (H.P. 677) (L.D. 1048) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Representative: KESSLER of South Portland)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Tax Treatment of Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Service in Maine" (H.P. 685) (L.D. 1056) (Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling" (H.P. 692) (L.D. 1063) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich)

Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters (H.P. 664) (L.D. 1035) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, KESSLER of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act to Lower the Energy Burden of Residents by Advancing Climate Change Goals" (H.P. 666) (L.D. 1037) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance" (H.P. 675) (L.D. 1046) (Sponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, FREDERICKS of Sanford, HENDERSON of Rumford, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SWALLOW of Houlton, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Reduce Stigma for Parents Seeking Support" (H.P. 689) (L.D. 1060) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Bill "An Act to Increase Community Support for Families in Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 690) (L.D. 1061) (Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act Regarding the Reporting of Medical Debt on Consumer Reports" (H.P. 659) (L.D. 1030) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner)

Bill "An Act to Allow Time-share Associations to Charge Credit Card Surcharges" (H.P. 660) (L.D. 1031) (Sponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner) (Cosponsored by Representative: QUINT of Hodgdon)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Rebates from Prescription Drug Manufacturers Are Passed on to Patients at Pharmacies" (H.P. 682) (L.D. 1053) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: BECK of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, MACIAS of Topsham, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in Access to Anatomical Donations and Organ Transplants" (H.P. 684) (L.D. 1055) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HEPLER of Woolwich, LAJOIE of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act to Prevent Dental Insurance Companies from Denying Coverage When Other Insurance Is Involved" (H.P. 687) (L.D. 1058) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Automobile Insurance Rates Are Maintained upon the Death of a Spouse" (H.P. 693) (L.D. 1064) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination" (H.P. 665) (L.D. 1036) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, LOOKNER of Portland, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay, Senator: TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments" (H.P. 670) (L.D. 1041) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DHALAC of South Portland, EDER of Waterboro, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLEK of Harpswell, MALON of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, RANA of Bangor)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Allow an Adult Hunter to Transfer That Hunter's Antlerless Deer Permit to a Junior Hunter" (H.P. 679) (L.D. 1050) (Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro)

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to Maintain All-terrain Vehicle Trails" (H.P. 680) (L.D. 1051) (Sponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Penobscot Nation to Use Wild Game Harvested on the Penobscot Indian Territory at Food Venues Located Within the Penobscot Indian Territory" (H.P. 683) (L.D. 1054) (Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HEPLER of Woolwich, MOONEN of Portland)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Court Security" (H.P. 661) (L.D. 1032) (Sponsored by Representative WHITE of Guilford) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, COLLINS of Sidney, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, NUTTING of Oakland, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WOOD of Norway)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit" (H.P. 678) (L.D. 1049) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, HAGGAN of Hampden, MORRIS of Turner, NUTTING of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms" (H.P. 691) (L.D. 1062) (Sponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, HAGGAN of Hampden, MORRIS of Turner, NUTTING of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram)

Labor

Bill "An Act to Raise the Cap on Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made" (H.P. 669) (L.D. 1040) (Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, BUNKER of Farmington, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MACIAS of Topsham, MCCABE of Lewiston, ROEDER of Bangor, SATO of Gorham, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Require a Person Operating a Watercraft for Recreational Purposes to Ensure All Passengers Under 13 Years of Age Wear Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Devices" (H.P. 671) (L.D. 1042) (Sponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DILL of Old Town, SARGENT of York)

State and Local Government

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer (H.P. 681) (L.D. 1052) (Sponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DILL of Old Town, FARRIN of Jefferson, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MONTELL of Gardiner, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V" (H.P. 688) (L.D. 1059) (Sponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Qualifying Use of Tax Increment Financing for Extension of a Development District" (H.P. 673) (L.D. 1044) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough)

Bill "An Act to Expand the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Revenue by Adding Public Safety as an Authorized Project Cost" (H.P. 674) (L.D. 1045) (Sponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DHALAC of South Portland, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland)

Bill "An Act to Impose an Additional Tax on Certain Unearned Income" (H.P. 676) (L.D. 1047) (Sponsored by Representative LOOKNER of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc and Representatives: BECK of South Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GATTINE of Westbrook, HASENFUS of Readfield, MATLACK of St. George, ROEDER of Bangor, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot)

Transportation

Bill "An Act Regarding Municipal Authority over Heavy Vehicle Operation" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 668) (L.D. 1039) (Sponsored by Representative WALKER of Naples)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Regulate Alcoholic Beverage Competitions" (H.P. 662) (L.D. 1033) (Sponsored by Representative SHAGOURY of Hallowell) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MONTELL of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Maximum Term of a Medical Cannabis Written Certification to 2 Years" (H.P. 667) (L.D. 1038) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DUSON of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HARRINGTON of York, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

(2-2) The Following Communication:

H.P. 722

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

March 14, 2025

Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature

Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
132nd Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madam President:

On March 14, 2025, 27 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on March 14, 2025, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term 'State Park' by Nonstate Parks" (H.P. 715) (L.D. 1093) (Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act to Remove the Limit on the Length of Probation That May Be Served for Aggravated Attempted Murder" (H.P. 696) (L.D. 1074) (Sponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BRIDGEO of Augusta, DILL of Old Town, MALON of Biddeford, NUTTING of Oakland, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, ROLLINS of Augusta)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act to Hire School Security Officers to Protect Students and Make Schools Safer" (H.P. 698) (L.D. 1076) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, PAUL of Winterport, Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HARRINGTON of York)

Bill "An Act to Increase the State's Share of Major Capital School Construction Costs" (H.P. 709) (L.D. 1087) (Sponsored by Representative BOYER of Cape Elizabeth) (Cosponsored by Representatives: MCCABE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Cumberland, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Provide De-escalation and Behavior Intervention Training for School Personnel" (H.P. 719) (L.D. 1097) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Ensure Equal Access to a Full School Day for All Students" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 720) (L.D. 1098) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, MOONEN of Portland, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income" (H.P. 702) (L.D. 1080) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, KESSLER of South Portland, MCINTYRE of Lowell, RUNTE of York, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Scarborough, WEBB of Durham, Senator: LAWRENCE of York)

Bill "An Act to Allow Municipalities That Have Financed Fiber-optic Broadband Infrastructure to Use Loans or Grants to Repay Associated Debt" (H.P. 718) (L.D. 1096) (Sponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: EDER of Waterboro, MALON of Biddeford, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, QUINT of Hodgdon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, TUELL of East Machias, YUSUF of Portland, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well-being of Vulnerable Populations" (H.P. 695) (L.D. 1073) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, TEPLER of Sagadahoc)

Resolve, to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Assess Existing Water Retention Structures and Water Levels (H.P. 705) (L.D. 1083) (Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs" (H.P. 700) (L.D. 1078) (Sponsored by Representative RANA of Bangor) (Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DEBRITO of Waterville, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MCCABE of Lewiston, OSHER of Orono, SHAGOURY of Hallowell)

Bill "An Act to Provide Comprehensive Perimenopause and Menopause Education" (H.P. 701) (L.D. 1079) (Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, DOUDERA of Camden, GATTINE of Westbrook, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook, TERRY of Gorham)

Bill "An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places" (H.P. 703) (L.D. 1081) (Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KUHN of Falmouth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford)

Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Resolve, to Alleviate the Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage by Allowing the Training and Granting of Behavioral Health Certifications by Community-based Agencies and Hospitals (H.P. 706) (L.D. 1084) (Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senator: INGWERSEN of York)

Housing and Economic Development

Bill "An Act to Require Annual Reporting Regarding the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program" (H.P. 697) (L.D. 1075) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FLYNN of Albion, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GUERIN of Penobscot)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act to Restrict Removal of Common Loons for Relocation in Maine from Bodies of Water of 500 Acres or Less" (H.P. 717) (L.D. 1095) (Sponsored by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls) (BY REQUEST) (Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DRINKWATER of Milford, GRIFFIN of Levant, HAGGAN of Hampden, MASON of Lisbon, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Guilford)

Judiciary

Resolve, Directing the Judicial Branch to Perform an Inspection and Study of the Rumford Courthouse Building (H.P. 707) (L.D. 1085) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: CARUSO of Caratunk, LEE of Auburn, O'HALLORAN of Brewer, SATO of Gorham, Senator: MARTIN of Oxford)

Bill "An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Data Privacy Act" (H.P. 710) (L.D. 1088) (Sponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford) (Cosponsored by Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROBERTS of South Berwick)

Marine Resources

Bill "An Act to Prohibit a Person from Obtaining an Elver Dealer's License for a Minimum of 5 Years in Cases of Repeat Violations of License Conditions" (H.P. 716) (L.D. 1094) (Sponsored by Representative SIMMONS of Waldoboro)

State and Local Government

Resolve, to Form a Working Group to Address Vacancies in Municipal Government Management Positions (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 712) (L.D. 1090) (Sponsored by Representative ROLLINS of Augusta)

Bill "An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Allowing Persons a Minimum Amount of Time in Which to Speak" (H.P. 713) (L.D. 1091) (Sponsored by Representative HYMES of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Exempt Drinking Water from Sales and Use Tax" (H.P. 699) (L.D. 1077) (Sponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft) (Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, COLLINS of Sidney, HYMES of Waldo, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec)

Bill "An Act to Invest in Maine's Families and Workforce by Amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax" (H.P. 704) (L.D. 1082) (Sponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford) (Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GERE of Kennebunkport, Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Permanently Fund 55 Percent of the State's Share of Education by Establishing a Tax on Incomes of More than \$1,000,000" (H.P. 711) (L.D. 1089) (Sponsored by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell) (Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GATTINE of Westbrook, OSHER of Orono, RANA of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: DUSON of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act to Exempt Diapers from Sales Tax" (H.P. 721) (L.D. 1099) (Sponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, QUINT of Hodgdon, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Remove State Requirements for Nonprofits on Raffles and Internet Raffles with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less" (H.P. 708) (L.D. 1086) (Sponsored by Representative ARDELL of Monticello) (Cosponsored by Representative: NUTTING of Oakland)

Bill "An Act to Ensure That Dual Distribution Prohibitions Are Not Violated by Direct Shippers of Wine" (H.P. 714) (L.D. 1092) (Sponsored by Representative CHAPMAN of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo, LANCE of Paris)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 151

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

March 14, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau,

The Board of the Maine Turnpike Authority has voted to appoint Andre J. Briere as Executive Director. Pursuant to 23 MRSA 1964-A, the first appointment of an MTA Executive Director is subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and confirmation by the full Senate.

Enclosed you will find Mr. Briere's Legislative Questionnaire and resume as required for the confirmation. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

S/Michael J. Cianchette
Chairman

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 159

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

March 19, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Darcie N. McElwee of Scarborough, for appointment as a Superior Court Justice.

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	1	Carney, A. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Henderson, R. of Rumford, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS	Senators	1	Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	1	Poirier, J. of Skowhegan
ABSENT		3	Sen. Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland, Rep. Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Rep. Lee, A. of Auburn

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Eight members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and two in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of the Honorable Darcie N. McElwee of Scarborough, for appointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 160

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

March 19, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
President of the Senate of Maine
132nd Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Madam 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of the Honorable Julia M. Lipez of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment as a Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

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	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Henderson, R. of Rumford, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Poirier, J. of Skowhegan, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Lee, A. of Auburn

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Twelve 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 the Honorable Julia M. Lipez of Cape Elizabeth, for appointment as a Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 154

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 6, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 305.6, we are writing to notify you that LD 687, "An Act to Assert State Ownership over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles and Submerged Lands and Marine Resources up to 24 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast and to Direct the Attorney General to Study That Ownership" has been automatically withdrawn.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 152

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

March 11, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 498 Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rachel Talbot Ross
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 158

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

March 18, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 231 An Act to Update the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy

L.D. 235 Resolve, Regarding the Operation and Future Capacity of State-owned Landfills

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria W. Doudera
House Chair

(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 155

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

March 14, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 409 An Act to Enhance the Mobility of Licensed Massage Therapists Across State Lines
- L.D. 416 An Act to Enact the Dietitian Licensure Compact
- L.D. 520 An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Modifying the Provisions of Law Governing Clear Choice Design Health Plans

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair

(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 156

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

March 17, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 381 An Act to Enable Mortgage Portability and Promote Housing Affordability
in the State

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori K. Gramlich
House Chair

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 157

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

March 12, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

- L.D. 188 An Act to Permit the Sale of Motor Vehicles on Sundays

- L.D. 445 An Act to Stimulate Housing Production by Increasing the Threshold Before Participation in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Is Mandatory

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Traci Gere
House Chair

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 150

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 11, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 325 An Act Related to the Disbursement of Revenue Generated from the
Harvesting of River Herring

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 153

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

March 17, 2025

Honorable Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan D. Fecteau, Speaker of the House
132nd Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Daughtry and Speaker Fecteau:

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

L.D. 336 An Act to Change the Waiting List System for Commercial Lobster and
Crab Fishing Licenses

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Denise A. Tepler
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess Its Current Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs

S.P. 487 L.D. 1198

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, JACKSON of Oxford, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Agriculture and Farms by Exempting Certain Pesticides from Regulation"

S.P. 490 L.D. 1201

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Allow the Premiums and Gratuities Paid for Any Agricultural Events Approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Be Considered in Apportionment of Stipends to Agricultural Fairs"

S.P. 502 L.D. 1213

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, JACKSON of Oxford, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Items Intended to Be Used to Inhale Nitrous Oxide for Recreational Purposes"

S.P. 489 L.D. 1200

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln. (BY REQUEST)

(3-5) Bill "An Act Regarding Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders"

S.P. 504 L.D. 1215

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. (BY REQUEST)

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies"

S.P. 491 L.D. 1202

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, MITCHELL of Cumberland, OSHER of Orono, SARGENT of York, SATO of Gorham.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services"

S.P. 492 L.D. 1203

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DODGE of Belfast, MITCHELL of Cumberland.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System and to Raise the Minimum Hourly Wage for Employees of the System" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 508 L.D. 1219

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CURRY of Waldo, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TEPLER of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DODGE of Belfast.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-9) Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating

S.P. 501 L.D. 1212

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, MCINTYRE of Lowell, PAUL of Winterport.

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

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Monitor Air and Water Temperatures Around Commercial Solar Energy Developments"

S.P. 496 L.D. 1207

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Regarding Renewable Electricity Generation by Hydropower Projects"

S.P. 499 L.D. 1210

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: DEBRITO of Waterville, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Ensure Timely Reimbursement for Providers of Child Care Services for Children in Foster Care"

S.P. 480 L.D. 1191

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-13) Resolve, Regarding the Development of a Medication Administration Training Program for Maine Youth Camps

S.P. 488 L.D. 1199

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GUERIN of Penobscot, Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services"

S.P. 505 L.D. 1216

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Increase the Commercial Insurance Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services"

S.P. 481 L.D. 1192

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Money Transmission Modernization Act by Removing Provisions of Law Regarding Unhosted Wallets" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 486 L.D. 1197

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Representative: MOONEN of Portland.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Support Direct Access Worker Employment by Removing Certain Employment Disqualifications"

S.P. 493 L.D. 1204

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MINGO of Calais, WOOD of Greene.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Set Limits on Virtual Currency Kiosks"

S.P. 494 L.D. 1205

Presented by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative ARFORD of Brunswick and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, Representative: FOLEY of Wells.

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

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters"

S.P. 479 L.D. 1190

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves for General Fund Transfers"

S.P. 497 L.D. 1208

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representative: GERE of Kennebunkport.

Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Amend the Provisions of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Governing Requirements for Self-insurers"

S.P. 484 L.D. 1195

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Allow Certain County Commissioners Who Are Maine Public Employees Retirement System Members to Switch to the Legislative Retirement Program"

S.P. 507 L.D. 1218

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MARTIN of Oxford, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, MORRIS of Turner, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Require the Legislature to Elect Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor in Convention with an Open Ballot System"

S.P. 482 L.D. 1193

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough and Representative: CARLOW of Buxton.

(3-24) Resolve, to Require the Towns of Kittery and York to Develop a Boundary Description

S.P. 485 L.D. 1196

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative SARGENT of York and Representatives: MATHIESON of Kittery, MEYER of Eliot, RUNTE of York.

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Designate the Second Congressional District 'Acadia'"

S.P. 503 L.D. 1214

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: ARDELL of Monticello.

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

(3-26) Bill "An Act to Phase Out Vehicle Excise Taxes and Implement a Fee for Infrastructure Funding Based on a Vehicle's Annual Mileage" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 483 L.D. 1194

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative THORNE of Carmel.

(3-27) Bill "An Act to Control Property Taxes by Increasing the Percentage of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption That Municipalities May Recover"

S.P. 495 L.D. 1206

Presented by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, ROEDER of Bangor.

(3-28) Bill "An Act Regarding Certain Definitions in the Sales and Use Tax Laws Affecting Rental Equipment and Automobiles Used in Transporting Goods"

S.P. 500 L.D. 1211

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senator: BICKFORD of Androscoggin, Representatives: PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

(3-29) Bill "An Act Regarding the New Markets Tax Credit and the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program"

S.P. 506 L.D. 1217

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker FECTION of Biddeford and Senator: BICKFORD of Androscoggin.

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

(3-30) Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study the Safety and Use of Small Lightweight Vehicles on Maine's Roads and Highways, the Systems and Laws Governing Antique Vehicles and the General Improvement of Road Safety

S.P. 498 L.D. 1209

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representative: PLUECKER of Warren.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Amakehs Mendoza, of Robbinston, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 285

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: MINGO of Calais.

(4-2) Ami Griffin, of Pembroke, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 286

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

(4-3) Daniel Chadbourne, of Saco, Harbormaster for Saco from 2008 to 2024, who was honored as a lifetime member of the Maine Harbor Masters Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 287

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

(5-1) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council"

H.P. 208 L.D. 308

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

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

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 210 L.D. 310

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

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

(5-3) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Change the Size and Composition of the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization"

H.P. 413 L.D. 645

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

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

(5-4) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect Federal Home Loan Banks That Lend Money to Insurer Members That Become Delinquent"

H.P. 459 L.D. 720

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

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

(5-5) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 800: Uniform Reporting of Wholesale Acquisition Costs for Insulin, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 468 L.D. 729

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

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

(5-6) The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 165 L.D. 262

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

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-7) Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Rename the Administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner the Director of Medical Examiner Operations"

S.P. 115 L.D. 248

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

Divided Report

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains"

S.P. 117 L.D. 250

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland

Representatives:

KUHN of Falmouth
BABIN of Fort Fairfield
CARUSO of Caratunk
LEE of Auburn
O'HALLORAN of Brewer
PUGH of Portland
SATO of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAGGAN of Penobscot

Representatives:

HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan
SINCLAIR of Bath

Divided Report

(5-9) The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Total Amount of Credits Authorized Under the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program"
S.P. 52 L.D. 125

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

Signed:

Senators:

GROHOSKI of Hancock
BICKFORD of Androscoggin
TIPPING of Penobscot

Representatives:

CLOUTIER of Lewiston
FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor
LAVIGNE of Berwick
QUINT of Hodgdon
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
WHITE of Ellsworth

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CROCKETT of Portland
MATLACK of St. George
SAYRE of Kennebunk
SWALLOW of Houlton

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act to Support Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects

H.P. 27 L.D. 63
(C "A" H-11)

Act

(7-2) An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law

H.P. 68 L.D. 103

Resolves

(7-3) Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Old Orchard Beach the Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge

S.P. 59 L.D. 37

(7-4) Resolve, to Rename the Bridge on Main Street Between Biddeford and Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge

H.P. 43 L.D. 79

(7-5) Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Carmel the Kevin M. Howell Memorial Bridge

H.P. 95 L.D. 162

(7-6) Resolve, to Rename the Sebago Lake Road Crossing Bridge in the Town of Standish

S.P. 87 L.D. 200

(7-7) Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs the Hope Bridge

H.P. 245 L.D. 345

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Gray-New Gloucester High School Cheer Team, of Gray

SLS 101

Tabled - February 11, 2025 by Senator **BICKFORD** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Lewiston High School Cheering Team

SLS 106

Tabled - February 25, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Joe Dube, of Lewiston
SLS 190

Tabled - March 4, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - to Require the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to
Report Out a Bill Prohibiting Educational Institutions from Being Members of Certain
Organizations

H.P. 500

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Woody Moore, of Pittsfield
SLS 198

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset

Pending - **PASSAGE**

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Pamela Ross, of Lewiston
SLS 218

Tabled - March 11, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Penobscot Valley High
School Girls Basketball Team, of Howland

SLS 249

Tabled - March 13, 2025 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Judy Meyer, of Auburn
SLS 273

Tabled - March 18, 2025 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **PASSAGE**
