



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature
First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

1st Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

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

Prayer by Pastor Kelly Harvell of Bath United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec County.

Matthea E. L. Daughtry
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

S.C. 170

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, there exists in the State of Maine an extraordinary occasion arising out of the need to resolve many legislative matters pending at the time of the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the public health, safety and welfare requires that the Legislature resolve these pending matters as soon as possible, and in any event prior to the date of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature of the State of Maine, including but not limited to the state budget, pending legislation, pending nominations of state board and commission members, and pending nominations of judicial officers by the Governor requiring legislative confirmation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JANET T. MILLS, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the constitutional power vested in me as Governor pursuant to Article V, Part I, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, do convene the Legislature of this State, and hereby request the Representatives and Senators to assemble at ten o'clock in the morning in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in order to receive communications, resolve pending legislation carried over from the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature and act upon pending nominations and whatever other business may come before the Legislature.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-first day of March Two Thousand Twenty-Five

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

QUORUM CALL

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 18

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills informing her that in accordance with Article V, Part First, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 19

ORDERED, that a message be sent to House of Representatives informing that body that in accordance with Article V, Part First, Section 13 of the Constitution of Maine, a quorum of Senators is assembled in the Senate Chamber for the consideration of such business as may come before the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 167

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

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Matthea Daughtry
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Nominations to the Maine Retirement Savings Board

Dear President Daughtry:

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board:

- Gigi Guyton Thompson of Peaks Island
- Deborah Neuman of Hampden
- Daniel Piltch of Freeport

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §172, these nominations are contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 168

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

March 20, 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 Amy Dieterich, Esq. of Auburn, for appointment as a District Court Judge.

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	Carney, A. of Cumberland, Haggan, D. of Penobscot
	Representatives	8	Kuhn, A. of Falmouth, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Henderson, R. of Rumford, Lee, A. of Auburn, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland, Rep. Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

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 Amy Dieterich, Esq. of Auburn, for appointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 169

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March 20, 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 Matthew G. Tice of Scarborough, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

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, Lee, A. of Auburn, O'Halloran, D. of Brewer, Pugh, D. of Portland, Sato, E. of Gorham, Sinclair, D. of Bath
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		5	Sen. Haggan, D. of Penobscot, Sen. Talbot Ross, R. of Cumberland, Rep. Caruso, E. of Caratunk, Rep. Henderson, R. of Rumford, Rep. Poirier, J. of Skowhegan

Rep. Dana of Passamaquoddy Tribe was absent.

Eight 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 Matthew G. Tice of Scarborough, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Amy D. Kuhn
House Chair



(2-4) The Following Communication:

H.P. 754

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

March 14, 2025

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 132nd Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting".

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 86,904 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 6, 2025, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting".

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 fourteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

The accompanying bill:

(2-5) Bill "An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

I.B. 1 L.D. 1149

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

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine's Drug Laws Regarding Heroin, Fentanyl and Cocaine"

S.P. 517 L.D. 1288

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representative: NUTTING of Oakland.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Waive Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirements for Full-time Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Successfully Completed Equivalent Courses in Other Jurisdictions"

S.P. 525 L.D. 1295

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, MARTIN of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: MINGO of Calais, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, TUELL of East Machias.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds"

S.P. 510 L.D. 1282

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales and Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, HASENFUS of Readfield, LEMELIN of Chelsea, MALON of Biddeford, MORRIS of Turner.

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Consideration of Legacy Preferences or Donor Preferences in Postsecondary Educational Institution Admissions"

S.P. 513 L.D. 1285

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: GOLEK of Harpswell, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham.

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

(3-5) Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels

S.P. 527 L.D. 1297

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon and Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, GUERRETTE of Caribou, SWALLOW of Houlton, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act"

S.P. 509 L.D. 1281

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: BECK of South Portland, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, GEIGER of Rockland, ROEDER of Bangor, WEBB of Durham.

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

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Allow Employees Covered Under the Maine Retirement Savings Program to Elect to Enroll and Unenroll in a Payroll Deduction for an Individual Retirement Account"

S.P. 511 L.D. 1283

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. (BY REQUEST)

(3-8) Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Fostering a Positive Economic Environment for Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency

S.P. 515 L.D. 1286

Presented by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative FOLEY of Wells and Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot, Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COLLINS of Sidney, FLYNN of Albion.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers"

S.P. 520 L.D. 1290

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: FOLEY of Wells.

(3-10) Bill "An Act Establishing Alternative Pathways to Social Worker Licensing"

S.P. 528 L.D. 1298

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, DHALAC of South Portland, MORRIS of Turner, STOVER of Boothbay.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Denial of Health Insurance Claims"

S.P. 531 L.D. 1301

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: BAILEY of York, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, MARTIN of Oxford, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DODGE of Belfast, ZAGER of Portland.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund"

S.P. 516 L.D. 1287

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, YUSUF of Portland.

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements"

S.P. 526 L.D. 1296

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of Harrington and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: HEPLER of Woolwich, PARRY of Arundel, WOOD of Norway.

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Implied Warranty Laws"

S.P. 530 L.D. 1300

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative BECK of South Portland and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BICKFORD of Androscoggin, LAWRENCE of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, DHALAC of South Portland, MACIAS of Topsham, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine"

S.P. 523 L.D. 1293

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, FRIEDMANN of Bar Harbor, KUHN of Falmouth, PUGH of Portland.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Repeal Provisions of Law Governing the Privacy of Broadband Internet Customer Personal Information"

S.P. 512 L.D. 1284

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Unsecured Storage of Handguns in Motor Vehicles"

S.P. 529 L.D. 1299

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn.

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

(3-18) Bill "An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality"

S.P. 532 L.D. 1302

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifications for the State Auditor"

S.P. 533 L.D. 1303

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

(3-20) Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Apportionment of Service Revenue
S.P. 521 L.D. 1291

Presented by Senator BICKFORD of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Expand the Dependent Exemption Tax Credit"
S.P. 524 L.D. 1294

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: DUSON of Cumberland,
LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, PIERCE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln,
TIPPING of Penobscot, Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

(3-22) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Property
Tax Increases for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older and Shift the Tax Burden to State
Gaming Revenues
S.P. 534 L.D. 1304

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative O'HALLORAN of Brewer and Senator: NANGLE of
Cumberland, Representatives: ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Codify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Contributions to the Highway
Fund with Regard to the Sensible Transportation Policy Act"
S.P. 522 L.D. 1292

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford,
BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DILL of Old Town, EATON of
Deer Isle, HEPLER of Woolwich, MONTELL of Gardiner, RAY of Lincolnville.

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Transportation to Work for Forestry Workers and
Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers"
S.P. 535 L.D. 1305

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Amend the Election Recount Process"

S.P. 518 L.D. 1289

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representative:
SUPICA of Bangor.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) William "Luke" Willette, of Gorham, a Cadet Second Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, who received the prestigious Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award from the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. This award recognizes the recipient's sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 288

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SATO of Gorham, TERRY of Gorham.

(4-2) Emily Conlon, of Blue Hill, 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 289

Sponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

(4-3) Ruth McInnis, of Eastport, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 14, 2025. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 290

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: MINGO of Calais.

(4-4) the late Robert Leso, of Chesterville, to whom the Town of Chesterville has dedicated its Town Report in recognition of his many contributions to the community;

SLS 292

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: BUNKER of Farmington.

(4-5) Xuron Corporation, of Saco, which was named the 2025 Exporter of the Year by the Maine International Trade Center. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 293

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARCHER of Saco, COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook.

Joint Resolutions

(4-6) On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative **GUERRETTE** of Caribou and Senators: **BLACK** of Franklin, **INGWERSEN** of York, Representatives: **CRAY** of Palmyra, **DILL** of Old Town, **FROST** of Belgrade, **HEPLER** of Woolwich, **JACKSON** of Oxford, **PLUECKER** of Warren), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 514

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE MAINE FOREST SERVICE
FOR ITS 2024 OUT-OF-STATE MOBILIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, regionally and nationally, the Maine Forest Service, as part of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, works within mutual aid agreements to assist state and federal partners, including during the recent 2024 mobilization season; and

WHEREAS, through the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and National Stafford Act Master Agreement, the Maine Forest Service had 30 mobilizations in 2024, sending resources to other parts of the country to respond to 25 incidents, including Hurricane Helene in the Town of Black Mountain in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the Maine Forest Service also sent personnel and equipment to California, New Mexico, Washington, Nevada, Oregon, Georgia, Alabama, Connecticut and Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, forty-one rangers, one forester and one entomologist from the Maine Forest Service participated in the 2024 mobilization season, as did staff from the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and other state agencies and 24 call-when-needed firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Forest Service sent these personnel and resources to other states to respond to wildfires and natural disasters, but because of our mutual aid agreements, Maine can rely on help from other states when natural disasters occur here; and

WHEREAS, while Maine forest rangers and Maine Forest Service staff, other state staff and the call-when-needed firefighters are highly trained, by mobilizing across the country, they gained invaluable additional training and experience that they can apply to the protection of Maine's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, wildfire suppression and emergency response missions are inherently dangerous, but through training, having reliable equipment, using proper personal protective equipment, conducting medical screenings and relying on peer support systems, the Maine Forest Service was successful operationally and in protecting all personnel both here and away in 2024; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Forest Service for its 2024 mobilization season and express our appreciation for and pride in the personnel of the Maine Forest Service and all who answered the call.

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-7) David J. Greenier, of Hampden, a beloved educator. In 1968, Mr. Greenier began a career in education at Hampden Academy, where he served for 55 years. He retired as Assistant Principal in 2012 and then worked as Facilities Director until 2022. He was known for the great love he had for the academy and the academy's community, faculty and students. He left them a legacy of fairness, compassion and kindness. Mr. Greenier will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 291

Sponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: HAGGAN of Hampden.

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

(4-8) Maxwell Leland McCormack, Jr., of Orono. Dr. McCormack was a veteran of the United States Army Active Reserve. An accomplished graphic artist and a scholar of World War II, he taught at Southern Illinois University, the University of Maine, the former Maritime Forest Ranger School in Fredericton, New Brunswick and the University of Vermont. He was a guest professor in German universities in Gottingen from 1972 to 1973 and in Freiburg im Breisgau in 1991. In 1997 Dr. McCormack retired from the University of Maine as research professor emeritus of forest resources. He was a fellow in the Society of American Foresters, a distinguished member of the Northeastern Weed Science Society and an honorary lifetime member of the University of Maine Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, the Maine Hardwood Association and the New Hampshire-Vermont and the Maine Christmas Tree Associations. He received many recognitions and awards, including the Humboldt Prize from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany and the 2023 Peter Lawrence Award for Outstanding Service to Maine Woodland Owners. Dr. McCormack will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and community;

SLS 295

Sponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, OSHER of Orono.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

(5-1) The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting"

H.P. 157 L.D. 234

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

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
DUSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor
FROST of Belgrade
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MALON of Biddeford
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senator:

TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

BOYER of Poland
CHAPMAN of Auburn
FREDERICKS of Sanford
HYMES of Waldo

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

Senate

Change of Committee

(5-2) Senator CURRY for the Committee on **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"

S.P. 264 L.D. 581

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Ought to Pass

(5-3) Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 201 L.D. 466

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

(5-4) Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"

S.P. 120 L.D. 254

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

(5-5) Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses"

S.P. 299 L.D. 683

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

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to This State"
S.P. 168 L.D. 387

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

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
MARTIN of Oxford

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
COPELAND of Saco
FARRIN of Jefferson
MATLACK of St. George
POMERLEAU of Standish
ROLLINS of Augusta
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Representative:

ADAMS of Lebanon

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Agriculture and Farms by Exempting Certain Pesticides from Regulation"

S.P. 490 L.D. 1201

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Bill "An Act Regarding the New Markets Tax Credit and the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program"

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