

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
8th Legislative Day
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Susan Stonestreet, The Federated Church of Thomaston.

National Anthem by Cony Concert Choir, Cony High School, Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, February 2, 2023 was read and approved.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 98)

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

WHEREAS, amateur radio provides a bridge between people, societies and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio communication has evolved from crude spark-gap technology to true digital communication, integrating the use of computers and radio to communicate locally as well as worldwide, and amateur radio operators are continually pushing technical boundaries through experimentation and innovation; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1925, the International Amateur Radio Union was founded, which illustrates how international cooperation and communication are hallmarks of amateur radio; and

WHEREAS, the International Amateur Radio Union has given amateur radio a voice in developing international agreements that allow amateurs to communicate over international borders; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 2,500,000 amateur radio operators worldwide, with nearly 780,000 in the United States and approximately 4,500 in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, each year on April 18th, amateur radio operators throughout the world celebrate World Amateur Radio Day and sponsor special events to promote and publicize amateur radio; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio is a licensed service for noncommercial use and, during emergencies or natural disasters, such as the ice storm of 1998, Hurricane Katrina, the Boston Marathon bombing and countless other emergency situations, is often the only dependable way to communicate locally or internationally; and

WHEREAS, many Maine amateur radio operators serve their local and county emergency management agencies by training and holding exercises to prepare for when their skills are needed during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators volunteer their equipment and time to provide this valuable service, and Maine amateur radio operators routinely provide public service communications for such events as the Dempsey Challenge, the Trek Across Maine, the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Road Race, the New England Forest Rally, the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race, the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race, the Loon Echo Bike Trek, the Mount Desert Island Marathon and the Northwoods Gravel Grind; now, therefore, be it

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

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

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

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

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 60)

**SENATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 2, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 22, MRSA, §3883, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Marianne Moore to the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated, representing a member of the Senate.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 61)

**SENATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 2, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, §3371, I am pleased to reappoint Senator Chip Curry to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. With this appointment, he will be serving in seat number one on the commission, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 62)

**SENATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

February 2, 2023

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

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, §3371, I am pleased to appoint Senator Matthew Harrington to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. This appointment is effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 58)

**MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY
STATE OF MAINE
59 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 31, 2023

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

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Greetings President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

Please see the attached annual report to the legislature as required by statute. In summary, I am excited to report that

- Since 2018, Maine has funded \$98M of broadband projects covering 64,000 locations, with the bulk of those in the last 18 months.
- On January 20th, 2023, The MCA board approved \$34M of grants (the single largest investment for broadband in Maine ever) to 12 regional scale public-private partnerships through the first round of our Connect the Ready infrastructure grants. These awards will provide service to 16,000 locations by 2025 and leverage \$17M of private investment.
- MCA is currently deploying and managing \$195M in funding while facilitating federally mandated planning processes to inform an additional infusion of funds expected to be approximately \$230M.
- MCA has contracted with and is supporting Regional & Tribal Broadband partners from every region in the State to coordinate this planning work with a focus around digital equity. These thirteen organizations are great resources for you and your constituents.
- In January 2023 the Maine Connectivity Authority filed 129,000 location and availability challenges (20% of all serviceable broadband locations in the state) where the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) thought there was service, but MCA contends there is not any. The maps that result from the challenge process will form the basis for the federal BEAD funding allocations.

In addition to the primary report please see the related appendices - many of which have been hyper linked in this document for your ease of reference.

S/Andrew Butcher, President

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 59)

**MAINE PORT AUTHORITY
460 COMMERCIAL STREET
PORTLAND, ME 04101**

January 30, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required FY 2022 report from the Maine Port Authority due by February 1, 2023.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Matthew B. Burns

Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 63)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

February 7, 2023

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:

on February 3, 2023

Glenn W. Burroughs of Winthrop and Penny Picard of Palmyra for reappointment to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Pursuant to Title 39-A, MRSA §151, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Holly Pomelow of Vassalboro, Susan P. Herman, Esquire of Mount Vernon, Avery T. Day, Esquire of Yarmouth, Ryan D. Pelletier of St. Agatha and Arthur Kyricos II of York Harbor for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §7081, these appointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

James P. Norris of Winthrop and Barbara M. Trafton of Brunswick for reappointment to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §6204, these reappointments are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Jessica D. Linzer (a/k/a Jessica D. Simpson) of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment and Matthew Stephen Colpitts of Winthrop for appointment to the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

Pursuant to 5 MRSA §172, this reappointment and appointment are contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 64)

**STATE OF MAINE
CONNECTME AUTHORITY
78 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0078**

January 31, 2023

Honorable Troy D. Jackson

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the CDS Annual Legislation Report due by February 1, 2023.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Dr. Roberta Lucas

CDS Director

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport

(H.P. 316) (L.D. 501)

Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish a Statewide Relinquished Firearms Inventory"

(H.P. 310) (L.D. 493)

Sponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, MURPHY of Scarborough, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Lockdown Drills for Their Children

(H.P. 294) (L.D. 477)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, SACHS of Freeport, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: INGWERSEN of York.

Resolve, to Amend the Rules Regarding Athletic Director Qualifications

(H.P. 302) (L.D. 485)

Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade.

Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer, Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: FOSTER of Dexter, LANDRY of Farmington, NESS of Fryeburg, PARRY of Arundel, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Bill "An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions"

(H.P. 306) (L.D. 489)

Sponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, HOBBS of Wells, PERRY of Calais, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Encourage Economic Development Through the Manufacture and Use of Marine Nuclear Power Modules"

(H.P. 303) (L.D. 486)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FOSTER of Dexter, NUTTING of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Address Solar Energy Development Decommissioning"

(H.P. 313) (L.D. 496)

Sponsored by Representative BOYLE of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BELL of Yarmouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Develop and Enforce Mandatory Recycling of All Solar and Wind Projects"

(H.P. 283) (L.D. 466)

Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Bill "An Act to Improve Coastal Sand Dune Restoration Projects"

(H.P. 295) (L.D. 478)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senators: BAILEY of York, BENNETT of Oxford.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, to Ensure Continued MaineCare Coverage for Persons Formerly in Foster Care Until They Attain 27 Years of Age

(H.P. 280) (L.D. 463)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox and Representatives: SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SUPICA of Bangor, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Community-based Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Brain Injury or Other Related Conditions" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 281) (L.D. 464)

Sponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, JAUCH of Topsham, PERRY of Bangor, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: TIPPING of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Provide for an Electronic Permit for the Disposition of Human Remains"

(H.P. 282) (L.D. 465)

Sponsored by Representative THORNE of Carmel.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for a Diabetes Education Program"

(H.P. 286) (L.D. 469)

Sponsored by Representative SAYRE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Bill "An Act to Support Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Projects"

(H.P. 289) (L.D. 472)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMELIN of Chelsea, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program

(H.P. 290) (L.D. 473)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, COLLINGS of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MALON of Biddeford, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, ZAGER of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect"

(H.P. 291) (L.D. 474)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Simplify and Clarify the Licensing of Assisted Housing Facilities"

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 475)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act to Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Implementing Department of the Lead-safe Housing Registry"

(H.P. 307) (L.D. 490)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect"

(H.P. 312) (L.D. 495)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household"

(H.P. 298) (L.D. 481)

Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting"

(H.P. 299) (L.D. 482)

Sponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation

(H.P. 308) (L.D. 491)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond and Stearns Pond in the Town of Sweden"

(H.P. 314) (L.D. 497)

Sponsored by Representative MILLETT of Waterford.

Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Regional Law Libraries"

(H.P. 285) (L.D. 468)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Court Locations"

(H.P. 293) (L.D. 476)

Sponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services"

(H.P. 311) (L.D. 494)

Sponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester.

Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, GRIFFIN of Levant, LEMELIN of Chelsea, PAUL of Winterport.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Certain Employees Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan"

(H.P. 300) (L.D. 483)

Sponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: LOOKNER of Portland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Establish Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands Regional Planning Commissions"

(H.P. 304) (L.D. 487)

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, WARREN of Scarborough.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law"
(H.P. 288) (L.D. 471)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Bill "An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office"

(H.P. 301) (L.D. 484)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COLLINGS of Portland, DRINKWATER of Milford, GREENWOOD of Wales, HYMES of Waldo, RISEMAN of Harrison, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations"

(H.P. 284) (L.D. 467)

Sponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Laws Regarding the Placement of Signs on Public Ways"

(H.P. 297) (L.D. 480)

Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade.

Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Supplemental Guide Signs on Highways for Colleges and Universities"

(H.P. 305) (L.D. 488)

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, OSHER of Orono, PERRY of Calais, SUPICA of Bangor, ZAGER of Portland.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Assist Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Areas of High Rent by Seeking a Waiver from the Federal Government"

(H.P. 279) (L.D. 462)

Sponsored by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: LOOKNER of Portland, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 287) (L.D. 470)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, FAY of Raymond, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEE of Auburn, Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail"

(H.P. 309) (L.D. 492)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DILL of Old Town, FOSTER of Dexter, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel.

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

REFERRED to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 315) (Cosponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ARATA of New Gloucester, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec)

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF TYRE NICHOLS

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2023, police officers in Memphis, Tennessee used severe and unrestrained force against Tyre Nichols, who was stopped for alleged reckless driving, resulting in his death in the hospital 3 days after the encounter; and

WHEREAS, Tyre Nichols was a man who was a respected member of his community, a caring man with a generous heart and a loving son and father; and

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force during an arrest or investigatory stop constitutes an unreasonable seizure under the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of every person in the United States to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures at the hands of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force during a period of pretrial detention constitutes the deprivation of due process under the 5th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution, which guarantee the right of every person in the United States to be free from arbitrary interference with the liberty of that person at the hands of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the use of excessive force during a term of imprisonment constitutes the use of cruel and unusual punishment under the 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of every person in the United States to be free from cruel and unusual punishment at the hands of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which is also codified as 42 United States Code, Section 1983 and which is derived from the first section of the Act of April 20, 1871, commonly known as and referred to in this preamble as "the Civil Rights Act of 1871," makes liable "every person," including a police officer, corrections officer or other law enforcement officer, who, under color of law, deprives another person of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the United States Congress in enacting the Civil Rights Act of 1871 was to hold state and local law enforcement officers accountable for intimidating, harming and murdering African American people in the United States after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government has established itself as a government of laws but will cease to be so if it does not furnish a viable remedy for all civil rights violations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in our deliberations to express the Legislature's strong disapproval of state-sanctioned violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we mourn and commemorate the death of Tyre Nichols and extend to all his family and friends our deepest condolences.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise today with great sadness that we are once again mourning the loss of a life at the hands of extreme police brutality. This sadness not only comes at the death of a young man but the fact that we as a society cannot find the words or actions to make it clear that this behavior has to stop. Thoughts and prayers, time for action, unacceptable behavior, time for change; these sentiments, while well-meaning, have no place in a society that can't even address the fact that young women and men of color are afraid for their lives every time they leave their house. Every time a death is attributed to police brutality, it undermines the good work that is being done by thousands of police officers who hold their oaths of office dear, to protect and serve. Systematic change that acknowledges the fact that when some people are given positions of power, they will abuse that power and potentially cause harm or death to another person. Systematic change that creates a workplace that honors the commitment to protect and serve all members of your community. Systematic change that allows my biracial stepchildren the same peace of mind when encountering a law enforcement officer as my white children have. The change starts with us, in our communities, and it needs to start today.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 317) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ADAMS of Lebanon, ANDREWS of Paris, ANKELES of Brunswick, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARDELL of Monticello, ARFORD of Brunswick, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, BAGSHAW of Windham, BELL of Yarmouth, BLIER of Buxton, BOYER of Poland, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLAMORE of Waldoboro, COLLINGS of Portland, COPELAND of Saco, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra,

CROCKETT of Portland, CYRWAY of Albion, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAVIS of East Machias, DHALAC of South Portland, DILL of Old Town, DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Embden, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FOSTER of Dexter, FREDERICKS of Sanford, GALLETTA of Durham, GATTINE of Westbrook, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GOLEK of Harpswell, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HASENFUS of Readfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, HYMES of Waldo, JACKSON of Oxford, JAUCH of Topsham, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LANDRY of Farmington, LANIGAN of Sanford, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LAVIGNE of Berwick, LEE of Auburn, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MALON of Biddeford, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MONTELL of Gardiner, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, MURPHY of Scarborough, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of Belgrade, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'NEIL of Saco, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAUL of Winterport, PAULHUS of Bath, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, POLEWARCZYK of Wiscasset, POMERLEAU of Standish, PRINGLE of Windham, QUINT of Hodgdon, RANA of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROEDER of Bangor, RUNTE of York, RUSSELL of Verona Island, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SHAW of Auburn, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLD of Portland, SMITH of Palermo, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, STROUT of Harrington, SUPICA of Bangor, SWALLOW of Houlton, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, THORNE of Carmel, WALKER of Naples, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Guilford, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Greene, WOODSOME of Waterboro, WORTH of Ellsworth, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, 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)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND
PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, teen dating violence takes many forms, including physical or sexual assault, stalking, coercive and controlling behavior, emotional abuse, harassment and exploitation, and can occur in person, online or through various forms of technology; and

WHEREAS, research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that more than 8% of high school students in the United States reported experiencing physical or sexual dating violence over the course of a one-year period, with young women and LGBTQI+ youth reporting the highest rates; and

WHEREAS, young people who are survivors of teen dating violence can suffer from depression, substance use disorder, risk of suicide, eating disorders, poor academic outcomes, unintended pregnancy and other struggles; and

WHEREAS, the effects of teen dating violence are compounded for girls and young women of color, who are less often recognized as survivors of dating and sexual violence and face additional barriers to seeking help; and

WHEREAS, the development of tools to help teens stay safe online and when using electronic devices; help colleges and universities respond effectively to dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and other forms of abuse; and provide resources and training programs that prevent abuse and promote healthy relationships is vital to providing young people with every chance to live the fulfilling and productive lives they deserve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and recommit ourselves to ensuring our society is one in which all young people can live fulfilling and productive lives free of violence and fear.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is estimated that one in three youth in Maine experience teen dating violence in their lifetime. The patterns of abuse that can develop during those teen years can have lasting impact into their adult relationships.

I am grateful that the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault are engaged in many ways through our schools in Maine, teaching young people about healthy relationships and healthy boundaries. In my professional experience working with the Maine Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel, we've reviewed many cases where the victims and offenders had begun dating during their teen years. I want to believe that our efforts to raise awareness and education will reduce incidents of domestic homicides later in life and that the impact of interpersonal violence on our youth will be reduced and they will go on to have healthy relationships far into their adulthood. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 318) (Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, BOYER of Poland, DHALAC of South Portland, RANA of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023
AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's role in the global economy of enslavement have been largely effaced from our narratives and from our collective consciousness; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest arrivals of people from Europe and Africa in the Americas, Africans and African Americans have been part of the story of this land, and researchers have identified over 1,900 people of color who lived in what is now called the State of Maine prior to the year 1800; and

WHEREAS, Africans who were brought involuntarily to these shores suffered generations of enslavement, and their descendants faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation and the denial of basic fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, people living in Maine engaged in the slave trade for at least 112 years, with the earliest known slaving voyage departing from Maine's shores taking place in 1749 and the last known slaving voyage on a Maine-built vessel taking place in 1861; and

WHEREAS, a total of 63 Maine-built vessels are known to have transported enslaved people, representing only the tip of the iceberg, and slaving vessels were constructed in at least 26 Maine towns; and

WHEREAS, Maine merchants were deeply entangled in the global economy of enslavement, as were the banks that handled their accounts and the insurance firms that secured their investments, and at a time when Havana, Cuba was the hub of the illicit slave trade, Portland was that city's number one trading partner; and

WHEREAS, it was not only Maine's coastal towns that were complicit in the global economy of enslavement through shipbuilding and merchant trading activities, but its inland regions as well: crops and livestock were routinely shipped in the "coastwise" trade to provision the sugar plantations of the West Indies, along with salted fish and even ice from this region; and

WHEREAS, great quantities of Maine timber were processed into barrel staves and shipped throughout the 18th and 19th centuries to the West Indies, where enslaved Africans were forced to fashion them into barrels; they then filled these barrels with the sugar and molasses that were shipped back to Portland and distilled into rum, which was used as currency in purchasing more captive Africans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans in all walks of life have shown resilience despite suffering under slavery and injustice and have made significant contributions throughout the history of the State and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the significance of Black History Month as an important time to honor the contributions of African Americans in the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Walker Oliver, of Hodgdon, a student at Hodgdon High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 81)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative QUINT of Hodgdon, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

the Town of Skowhegan, which is celebrating its Bicentennial. For thousands of years before the first settlers of European extraction arrived at Skowhegan Island, the area was used by Native Americans, who called the place Skowhegan, an important stop on their annual migrations to and from northern hunting grounds and coastal areas. The first European settlers, a small group of pioneers from Massachusetts, arrived two miles south of the Great Eddy in the spring of 1771. Skowhegan was originally part of Old Canaan, which was incorporated on June 18, 1788 as Maine's 57th town. On February 5, 1823, the Town of Milburn separated from Canaan, and Milburn's name was changed to Skowhegan in March 1836. On February 19, 1861, the Town of Bloomfield became part of Skowhegan. On the occasion of their celebration of the town's 200th Anniversary, we extend to the citizens of Skowhegan our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 89)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER**: Thank you. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand before you today to proudly recognize my hometown of Skowhegan. Skowhegan was incorporated on February 5, 1823, and became the Somerset County Seat in 1871. It was home to Senator Margaret Chase Smith and Maine's 30th Governor, Abner Coburn.

Skowhegan is known for being home to the longest and continuous running state fair which started in 1818. Skowhegan is home to the tallest Indian statue which stands 62 feet tall atop a 20-foot base. Skowhegan is home to a variety of long-running businesses, some of which are world renowned, including New Balance factory, Gifford's ice cream, Hight's family of dealerships, George's Banana Stand, the Island Dairy Treat, Al's Pizza, Skowhegan Fleuriste, and the Skowhegan Drive-in Theater, which is one of only a handful of drive-ins left in our State. Skowhegan sits on both sides of the Kennebec and holds a community not only rich in scenic beauty and history, but abundant with community spirit. Whether gathering for the Holiday Stroll, Riverfest, school sporting events, or other community activities, you're always sure to see a friendly, familiar face. We're a community always willing to help out our neighbors.

Skowhegan continues to grow and is, indeed, a place to watch. I'm blessed to have spent my life in Skowhegan and to call it my home. Please join me in celebrating Skowhegan's bicentennial and visit our community as we celebrate throughout this year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Izzy Allen, of Corinth, a student at Central High School and a member of the girls basketball team, who recently scored her 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 34)

Presented by Representative DRINKWATER of Milford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DRINKWATER of Milford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milford, Representative Drinkwater.

Representative **DRINKWATER**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, you know, there's always a little anxiety just before you stand up and speak and I had a little anxiety about meeting people that live in my district but I've never really met them. Well, let me assure you, the moment I met them, I was at ease. These are the nicest people from probably one of the nicest towns in the State of Maine. And Izzy brought her mom down with her today and I'd like to congratulate her for having nine children. I think that's quite a record, actually.

Well, meeting this young lady, Izzy, I'll tell you what, Madam Speaker, I'm looking at the next Cindy Blodgett here. She's committed to the University of Maine to play basketball. She's scored 1,000 points. And did I tell you that she's only a junior? She's got a ways to go.

So, I'd like to congratulate her. She's had siblings that have also scored 1,000 points and a little piece of advice for Izzy as hopefully they make it to the tournament and win that as Bill Russell once said, it's defense that wins titles. So, having said that, Madam Speaker, thank you for coming down, Izzy, we appreciate it, and I look forward to seeing you back here when you folks win the gold ball. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Trinity Bean, of Gray, who won the NUS Miss Maine Teen 2023 Pageant. Ms. Bean, a junior at Gray-New Gloucester High School, plays in both high school varsity soccer and premier club soccer, was a member of the 2005 Girls Maine Olympic Development Soccer Team for five years and represented Maine in 2022 at the Regional Olympic Development Camp. Her platform is anti-bullying and increasing awareness in Maine schools, and she also works to increase awareness about ethical pet ownership. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 35)

Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester. Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland, Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ARATA of New Gloucester, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Jeremy Desjardins, of Wallagrass, who was named a 2022 Maine Logger of the Year by the Maine TREE Foundation Certified Logging Professionals. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 40)

Presented by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fort Kent, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, on any given morning at 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning while many of us are sleeping, a logger is getting their day started sustainably harvesting our forests to be able to provide infrastructure that many of us take advantage of. I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate a business owner, a community member in my district, who's been rewarded the 2022 Certified Professional Logger of the Year Award. He is Jeremy Desjardins. He's a third-generation logger, son of James Desjardins, who is also continuing to work in the family business. And I can't say enough. We're sitting here in a heated building and many of our brothers and sisters are out there in the cold weather, you know, making it possible for us to enjoy the many things that make Maine special. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Thursday, February 2, 2023, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment in Memory of Robert "Paco" Payzant, Jr., of Wiscasset

(HLS 29)

TABLED - January 31, 2023 (Till Later Today) by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

PENDING - ADOPTION.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. Bobby "Paco" Payzant grew up in Brunswick and was a life-long Mainer of Samoan descent who spent the better part of his life incarcerated in Maine State Prison. As an athlete and avid sports enthusiast, Bobby was athletic for his large frame. His physicality usually worked in his favor. While at MSP, he took advantage of nearly every program the prison offered. He learned to work with wood and designed novelties for the prison store. He joined civic groups, graduated from college and became a dedicated volunteer in the prison hospice program.

When Bobby was released, he didn't forget those he left behind. He began his work as a coordinator with the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition and jumped in feet first, joining the campaign to end solitary confinement. He also co-facilitated support groups for his peers and used his voice and experience to petition the Legislature to enact a compassionate release policy for the terminally ill. On top of that, Bobby presented to college students about the need for legal reform in our State.

Bobby was saddled with the same lifetime sanctions every returning citizen faces and struggled at times to find his footing. Regardless, he showed up for those in need. Over and over again. He was a champion for the downtrodden and at the end of his life, he was still a caretaker for current and formerly incarcerated people. He will be missed beyond measure.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine System"

(S.P. 214) (L.D. 460)

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Maine Community College System"

(S.P. 220) (L.D. 503)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ensure Transparent and Accountable Temporary Nurse Agencies"

(S.P. 205) (L.D. 451)

Bill "An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance"

(S.P. 208) (L.D. 454)

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of the Electronic Benefits Transfer System Outside of Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire to Obtain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits"

(S.P. 216) (L.D. 498)

Bill "An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman"

(S.P. 218) (L.D. 500)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Require an Application for a Hunting License to Include a Check-off Box Indicating an Applicant's Wish to Be Entered in the Antlerless Deer Permit Lottery"

(S.P. 212) (L.D. 458)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Reform the Laws Regarding the Payment of Criminal Fines"

(S.P. 206) (L.D. 452)

Bill "An Act to Require the Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings"

(S.P. 207) (L.D. 453)

Bill "An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations"

(S.P. 213) (L.D. 459)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial"

(S.P. 209) (L.D. 455)

Bill "An Act Regarding Private Roads"

(S.P. 215) (L.D. 461)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Tax Laws"

(S.P. 211) (L.D. 457)

Bill "An Act to Change Maine's Tax Laws"

(S.P. 217) (L.D. 499)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Support the Use of Bicycles"

(S.P. 210) (L.D. 456)

Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

(S.P. 219) (L.D. 502)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative PLUECKER of Warren, the House adjourned at 11:41 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023, in honor and lasting tribute to Robert "Paco" Payzant, Jr. of Wiscasset and Arnold Stanley Francis of Steuben.