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In Senate Chamber  
Tuesday  
March 7, 2023

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

Prayer by Cantor Beth Strassler and Dr. David Strassler of Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center.

**CANTOR STRASSLER:** Good morning. It's an honor to be with you this morning. You know, there's a story that almost every day as a Jewish holiday, but today really is a Jewish holiday and it's called Purim and tradition suggests that we read a story that's 2,500 years old and took place in Persia. The story is about Queen Esther, who gives hope to an oppressed and scattered people and says that they may prevail no matter how desperate their circumstances, and that happens and their leaders use courage and wisdom to make a difference. How relevant is this lesson for now, for all of us, for all minorities?

**DR. STRASSLER:** Inspiration for our leaders. The fulfillment of our dreams depends in large measure on the wisdom and courage of our leaders. May you, our leaders, have the wisdom to seek and find solutions to the challenges you face and the courage to implement them. May you practice justice; strive for the good for all, all the people that are society. May you use your powers wisely and well.

**CANTOR STRASSLER:** And to this we all say Amen. Amen in the sense of may this be true and may this really happen. May you be blessed as you begin your day. May you be guided in peace. May grace and compassion remain within your soul. May this be your blessing. Amen. Amen, Amen, may this be your blessing. Amen. Amen, may this be your blessing. Amen. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Nicole C. Grohowski of Hancock County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Off Record Remarks

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law"

H.P. 120 L.D. 196

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-5)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-5)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-5) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator HICKMAN for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding the Use of Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 50 L.D. 83

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-7) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: S.C. 162

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

March 1, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Ralph L. Tucker, Esquire of Brunswick to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission

Dear President Jackson:

It is my pleasure to again nominate The Honorable Ralph L. Tucker, Esquire of Brunswick to the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission as the neutral chair.

Mr. Tucker was previously nominated to this position on January 30, 2023 and was scheduled to appear before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing on February 28, 2023. However, due to inclement weather and the closure of the Maine State Legislature on that day, his hearing was unable to take place, thus causing the 30-day deadline for a public hearing outlined in 3 MRSA §157 to pass.

Pursuant to Title 26, MRSA §1081, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 163

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

February 27, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable John L. Martin of Eagle Lake to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate The Honorable John L. Martin of Eagle Lake for appointment to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Pursuant to Title 4 MRSA § 1602, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 164

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

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson  
President of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Winnie M. LaRochelle of Rangeley as Student Trustee to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees

Dear President Jackson:

I am pleased to nominate Winnie M. LaRochelle of Rangeley as Student Trustee to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to 20-A MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 156

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

March 2, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Gregory G. Johnson of Harpswell, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

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

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

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Gregory G. Johnson of Harpswell, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#27)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Gregory G. Johnson** of Harpswell for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 155

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

March 2, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Susan Krauss Loomis of Castine, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	9	Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Sargent, H. of York, Worth, J. of Ellsworth

NAYS 0

ABSENT		2	Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland, Rep. Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls
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Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Susan Krauss Loomis of Castine, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#28)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Susan Krauss Loomis** of Castine for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 165

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

March 2, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Elizabeth A. True of Sedgwick, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Pierce, T. of Cumberland
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Representatives 9 Brennan, M. of Portland,  
Bagshaw, B. of Windham,  
Dodge, J. of Belfast, Millett,  
R. of Cape Elizabeth,  
Murphy, K. of Scarborough,  
Polewarczyk, E. of  
Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of  
Alfred, Sargent, H. of York,  
Worth, J. of Ellsworth

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Elizabeth A. True** of Sedgwick for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Elizabeth "Liz" True. She was just appointed to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees. She's from the town of Sedgwick and she's the guest today of the Senator from Hancock, Senator Grohoski. Would she please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Libby, J. of Cumberland,  
Rep. Lyman, S. of Livermore  
Falls

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Elizabeth A. True of Sedgwick, for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty  
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#29)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

The Following Communication: S.C. 150

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

March 1, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Jessica D. Linzer of Cape Elizabeth, for reappointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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

YEAS Senators 3 Bailey, D. of York, Brakey, E.  
of Androscoggin, Reny, C. of  
Lincoln

Representatives 7 Perry, A. of Calais, Arford, P.  
of Brunswick, Cyrway, S. of  
Albion, Mastraccio, A. of  
Sanford, Morris, J. of Turner,  
Pringle, J. of Windham,  
Swallow, G. of Houlton

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Rep. Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Rep. Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Rep. Nutting, R. of Oakland

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 Jessica D. Linzer of Cape Elizabeth, for reappointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#30)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be ACCEPTED and the nomination of Jessica D. Linzer of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board was CONFIRMED.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 151

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

March 1, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has had under consideration the nomination of Matthew Stephen Colpitts of Winthrop, for appointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

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

Table with 4 columns: YEAS, Senators, Representatives, and names of members. YEAS: 3 Senators (Bailey, D. of York, Brakey, E. of Androscoggin, Reny, C. of Lincoln), 6 Representatives (Perry, A. of Calais, Arford, P. of Brunswick, Mastraccio, A. of Sanford, Morris, J. of Turner, Pringle, J. of Windham, Swallow, G. of Houlton). NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 4 (Rep. Cluchey, S. of Bowdoinham, Rep. Cyrway, S. of Albion, Rep. Mathieson, K. of Kittery, Rep. Nutting, R. of Oakland).

Nine 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 Matthew Stephen Colpitts of Winthrop, for appointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Donna Bailey Senate Chair

S/Anne C. Perry House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#31)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of Matthew Stephen Colpitts of Winthrop for appointment of the Maine Retirement Savings Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 157

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 2, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Avery T. Day, Esquire of Yarmouth, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Nangle, T. of Cumberland, Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Brakey, E. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	8	Abdi, M. of Lewiston, Copeland, L. of Saco, Dhalac, D. of South Portland, Greenwood, R. of Wales, Paulhus, S. of Bath, Pomerleau, K. of Standish, Riseman, W. of Harrison, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Stover, H. of Boothbay, Rep. Adams, J. of Lebanon

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Avery T. Day, Esquire of Yarmouth, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Tim Nangle  
Senate Chair

S/Holly B. Stover  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#32)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Avery T. Day**, Esquire of Yarmouth for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 158

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 2, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Arthur Kyricos of York Harbor, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Nangle, T. of Cumberland, Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Brakey, E. of Androscoggin
	Representatives	8	Abdi, M. of Lewiston, Copeland, L. of Saco, Dhalac, D. of South Portland, Greenwood, R. of Wales, Paulhus, S. of Bath, Pomerleau, K. of Standish, Riseman, W. of Harrison, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Stover, H. of Boothbay, Rep. Adams, J. of Lebanon

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Arthur Kyricos of York Harbor, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Tim Nangle  
Senate Chair

S/Holly B. Stover  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#33)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Arthur Kyricos** of York Harbor for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 159

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 2, 2023



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

**ROLL CALL (#34)**

YEAS: Senators: None  
NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Holly Pomelow of Vassalboro, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

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:

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Holly Pomelow** of Vassalboro for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board was **CONFIRMED**.

YEAS Senators 1 Nangle, T. of Cumberland  
Representatives 8 Stover, H. of Boothbay, Abdi, M. of Lewiston, Copeland, L. of Saco, Dhalac, D. of South Portland, Greenwood, R. of Wales, Paulhus, S. of Bath, Pomerleau, K. of Standish, Riseman, W. of Harrison

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

NAYS 0

The Following Communication: S.C. 160

ABSENT 4 Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin, Rep. Adams, J. of Lebanon, Rep. Underwood, J. of Presque Isle

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 2, 2023

Nine 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 Holly Pomelow of Vassalboro, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

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

Signed,

Dear Mr. President:

S/Tim Nangle Senate Chair S/Holly B. Stover House Chair

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Susan P. Herman, Esquire of Mount Vernon, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** be overridden?"

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:

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

YEAS Senators 1 Nangle, T. of Cumberland

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

Representatives 9 Stover, H. of Boothbay, Abdi, M. of Lewiston, Copeland, L. of Saco, Dhalac, D. of South Portland, Greenwood, R. of Wales, Paulhus, S. of Bath, Pomerleau, K. of Standish, Riseman, W. of Harrison, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Susan P. Herman**, Esquire of Mount Vernon for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin, Rep. Adams, J. of Lebanon

The Following Communication: S.C. 161

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

March 2, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has had under consideration the nomination of Ryan D. Pelletier of St. Agatha, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	1	Nangle, T. of Cumberland
	Representatives	8	Abdi, M. of Lewiston, Copeland, L. of Saco, Dhalac, D. of South Portland, Greenwood, R. of Wales, Paulhus, S. of Bath, Pomerleau, K. of Standish, Riseman, W. of Harrison, Underwood, J. of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Baldacci, J. of Penobscot, Sen. Brakey, E. of Androscoggin, Rep. Stover, H. of Boothbay, Rep. Adams, J. of Lebanon

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 Susan P. Herman, Esquire of Mount Vernon, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Tim Nangle  
Senate Chair

S/Holly B. Stover  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#35)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

Nine 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 Ryan D. Pelletier of St. Agatha, for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Tim Nangle  
Senate Chair

S/Holly B. Stover  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#36)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senator: BENNETT

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Ryan D. Pelletier** of St. Agatha for appointment to the State Civil Service Appeals Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 154

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING**

March 2, 2023

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 810 An Act to Create the Maine Family First Employer Program

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder  
House Chair

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting"

S.P. 417 L.D. 1048

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, HEPLER of Woolwich.

Bill "An Act to Ban the Hunting of Animals in Enclosed Areas"  
S.P. 437 L.D. 1068

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Decriminalize Public Drinking"

S.P. 415 L.D. 1046

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook and Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representative: GEIGER of Rockland.

Bill "An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration"

S.P. 421 L.D. 1052

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington,  
Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham,  
PERRY of Calais.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols"

S.P. 411 L.D. 1042

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COSTAIN of Plymouth, DODGE of Belfast.

Bill "An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools"

S.P. 422 L.D. 1053

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative LEE of Auburn and Senator: LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of Alfred, SHAW of Auburn.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary"

S.P. 433 L.D. 1064

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: INGWERSEN of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, KUHN of Falmouth, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Improve the Telecommunications Relay Services Council by Reducing Its Membership and Allowing for the Hiring of an Executive Director"

S.P. 434 L.D. 1065

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senator: HARRINGTON of York, Representative: FOSTER of Dexter.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Advance Greenhouse Gas Removal as an Economic Development Strategy in Maine"

S.P. 427 L.D. 1058

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls"

S.P. 413 L.D. 1044

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Resolve, to Allow Reimbursement for Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Fetal Nonstress Tests Under MaineCare

S.P. 428 L.D. 1059

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, MADIGAN of Waterville.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services"

S.P. 430 L.D. 1061

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representative: HASENFUS of Readfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize State Special Purpose Depository Institutions for Digital Assets"

S.P. 409 L.D. 990

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOYER of Poland, LANIGAN of Sanford, MORRIS of Turner.

Bill "An Act to Require Financial Institutions and Credit Unions to Give Depositors the Option to Designate a Beneficiary"

S.P. 410 L.D. 991

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish"

S.P. 418 L.D. 1049

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich and Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver"

S.P. 431 L.D. 1062

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of East Machias.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Promote Consumer Protections in the Residential Building Sector by Requiring Contractors and Subcontractors to Supply Evidence of Insurance"

S.P. 426 L.D. 1057

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUCHARME of Madison, RISEMAN of Harrison.

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

On motion by Senator CURRY of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Create an Office of Ombudsman to Help Nonprofit Organizations in Their Interactions with the Government"

S.P. 412 L.D. 1043

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata"

S.P. 425 L.D. 1056

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, MORRIS of Turner, WHITE of Guilford.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

S.P. 419 L.D. 1050

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PERRY of Calais.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval"

S.P. 416 L.D. 1047

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representative: KESSLER of South Portland.

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 436 L.D. 1067

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LYFORD of Penobscot, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MILLETT of Waterford, TERRY of Gorham.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Protect Maine People from Inflation by Exempting Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Sales and Use Tax"

S.P. 420 L.D. 1051

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Representative BOYER of Poland and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, LIBBY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, LIBBY of Auburn, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, WHITE of Guilford, WOOD of Greene.

Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Public Safety by Increasing State-Municipal Revenue Sharing to 7 Percent"

S.P. 429 L.D. 1060

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: CURRY of Waldo, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec, Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

Bill "An Act to Provide Equitable Tax Treatment to State-licensed Cannabis Businesses"

S.P. 432 L.D. 1063

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representative PERRY of Bangor and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, POULIOT of Kennebec.

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of Enhanced Driver's Licenses"  
S.P. 414 L.D. 1045

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress"  
S.P. 423 L.D. 1054

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative HYMES of Waldo and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, COLLINGS of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'NEIL of Saco, SAMPSON of Alfred, WHITE of Guilford.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes"

S.P. 424 L.D. 1055

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle"

S.P. 435 L.D. 1066

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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## ORDERS

### Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Sam Leal, of Farmington, Coach of the University of Maine at Farmington Men's Basketball Team, who was named the North Atlantic Conference Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
SLS 190

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. It is my honor to have the University of Maine at Farmington's Head Coach, basketball coach, Sam Leal, with us this morning for being named the North Atlantic Conference Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. Coach Leal has been at the Head Coach at the University of Maine Farmington's Men's Basketball Team for two seasons after taking over the program in April of 2020 from the legendary Coach Dick Meader, which is very, very big shoes to fill. In his two seasons as Head Coach of the Beavers, Coach Leal has amassed an overall record of 35-16 with a conference record of 21-4. This season the team went 17-7 and 13 won in NAC conference play and was able to host the NAC tournament at UMF. Unfortunately, they fell short in the championship game to SUNY but with Coach Leal's leadership, I believe, we will see the Beavers right back in the mix next season. It is great to have Coach Leal at University of Maine Farmington as he played for the Beavers under Coach Meader and was a 2014 graduate of UMF as well. It is great to keep some of our best talent right here in Maine. Coach Leal is only the second Maine basketball head coach at University of Maine Farmington history to receive the NAC Coach of the Year honor as he joins Coach Meader, who received the award four times during his career. With all that success Coach Leal is having in his early career, I can only see him coming to have this honor again in the future. In closing, thank you, Coach Leal, for all that you do for the student athletes at University of Maine Farmington and congratulations on your well-deserved honor. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Coach Sam Leal and his parents, Dave and Claire Leal. They are from the towns of Farmington and Kennebunk. They are the guests today of the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, and the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty. Would they please all rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate.

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**Joint Resolution**

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

Gakunzi "Yves" Senzara, of Scarborough. Mr. Senzara, a native of Tulambo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, immigrated to the United States in 2002. He had worked at the Ministry of Mines in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo before becoming a staff accountant for a nongovernmental organization based in the United States. He later worked as an accounting technician for the United States Department of Defense before he transitioned into consulting with OCTO, a Virginia-based technology firm

providing advisory services on projects for the United States Government. Mr. Senzara will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

SLS 206

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **BRENNER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, esteemed colleagues of the Senate, today I would like to honor and celebrate the life of Yves Senzara, a man who dedicated his life to his family and his community. I'm truly inspired by Yves' life story, which was full of resilience and joy. When the First Congo War began in 1996 he was forced to flee from his home in the Democratic Republic of Congo to Burundi and then finally to the United States. Despite being uprooted from his home and having his life turned upside-down, Yves remained dedicated to getting an education. He earned his Masters in Business Administration from Eastern Mennonite University, going on to a career working in accounting at numerous organizations, including the United States Department of Defense. As a Federal employee, he was a proud public servant who worked for the government and provided services for the men and women in his new home. However, Yves' legacy is larger than his working career. While I did not have the joy of knowing him, I've learned that he has touched the lives of many and his generosity - with his generosity and kindness. He was devoted to his family, his faith, his community. He was a good man which, at the end, is all any of us can really hope to be. Yves helped many other new Mainers settle in to the state and rebuild their lives here, whether that was adjusting to the weather, finding a doctor, or enrolling their children in school. His dedication is an inspiration for us to continue his work and give back to our own communities. He will be remembered fondly for many years to come. The entire Senzara family has my condolences and sympathy.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Pascasie Senzara; Reverend Mutima Peter; Councilor Claude Rwaganje; Felix Mutunzi; Albert Mukiza; Deborah Nabaganwa; Daniel Senzara; and Glory Mukiza. All from Scarborough. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brenner. Would they please rise and accept the condolences of the Maine State Senate.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/28/23) matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Kevin Jamison, of Rumford, 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;  
SLS 163

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, February 28, 2023, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm honored to rise today to recognize Kevin Jamison of Mexico. Kevin is a recipient of the Spirit of America Award and I cannot think of a more deserving person. Kevin is the manager of Aubuchon Hardware in Rumford. He enjoys working there because it is a place where everyone knows everyone and people care for one another. He has taken my mindset of caring for people outside of the store, to the broader community, and regularly gathers people in our area to assist others in need. Whether it's gathering clothing and goods for families burned out of their homes, starting a GoFundMe page for someone in financial need, or raising money to help a family whose little girl needs heart surgery, Kevin is always ready to help his neighbors. Kevin participates in almost every large event in the River Valley, including the Roxbury ATV Club Ice Fishing Derby and Pumpkin Fest and has assisted Team Hailey Hugs in raising money for childhood cancer patients. Kevin is gold to the River Valley area. Part of his motivation to help others is because of the kindness that was shown to him and his family when he was having a difficult time, proving that one act of kindness can spur many more. He has dedicated much of his free time to paying it forward and the River Valley area is blessed to have him. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Kevin Jamison and his wife, Kim. They are from the town of Mexico and the guests today of the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission"

H.P. 19 L.D. 15

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day"

H.P. 190 L.D. 292

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day"

H.P. 218 L.D. 344

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

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**



Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Tank Laws"

S.P. 140 L.D. 319

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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Senator TIPPING for the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Committee Structure of the State Workforce Board"

S.P. 59 L.D. 120

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock"

S.P. 128 L.D. 269

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

Report **READ**.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it's unnecessary to stand and speak on a bill that had unanimous support but this one is fun and sometimes it's nice to celebrate the things that don't go through with any political reasons behind them. So, I am standing in support of this legislation. The bill idea was brought to me by my constituent, Myles Felch, Curator and Staff Geologist at the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum located in Bethel. Myles did a tremendous amount of work drumming up support for this bill from other legislators, which is a testament to his passion for rocks, geology, and the State of Maine. Myles started his testimony in the State and Local Government Committee by giving us all a quick geology lesson. He explained that Granitic Pegmatite is a rock that has the composition of granite but with exceeding large crystals. Some pegmatites also contain rare mineral species, such as Maine's state gemstone, tourmaline. Pegmatites also contain several quartz varieties, including amethyst, rose, and smoky varieties. Granitic Pegmatite's importance to Maine

comes from its prevalence in the state. It can be found in at least 14 of Maine's counties and is still being quarried in many Maine towns, including Auburn, Newry, Paris, and Poland. Pegmatites have brought, and continue to bring, Maine international recognition. In 1820, the year of Maine's statehood, the first discovery of gem Tourmaline was made at Mt. Mica in Paris. The Roebling apatite, considered one of the great mineral specimens in the world, from the Pulsifer Quarry in Auburn is displayed at the Smithsonian Institution. Some of these pegmatites in Maine also host economic quantities of spodumene, a mineral resource that is essential to the development of Lithium-ion battery, which are key to meeting the demands of energy and technological development. This legislation sailed through committee with the support of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. This is because it makes perfect sense Maine's state rock should be Granitic Pegmatite. It has significant historical significance to the State and the potential to be a critical part of our future. I thank you in voting for this measure today.

Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

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Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way

S.P. 13 L.D. 21

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

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

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Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Between Bingham and Concord Township on Route 16 the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge

S.P. 36 L.D. 44

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

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

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, to Designate the Route 170 Bridge Located in Webster Plantation the Gary 'Swampy' Worster Memorial Bridge  
S.P. 139 L.D. 318

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

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

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Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

S.P. 219 L.D. 502

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

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

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Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Kenneth Lyle Cianchette, of Pittsfield. Mr. Cianchette was a veteran of the United States Army, serving as a radio mechanic in Germany, France and England before returning home in 1946. He went to work with his brothers, incorporating Cianchette Brothers, Inc. in 1949. He invented and patented the pipe grab and beam clamp, the success of which led to the creation and distribution of tools worldwide. Living in Pittsfield for almost 80 years, he served on the Town Council, the Planning Board, the Industrial Park Board, the School Administrative District 53 School Board and the Pinnacle Ski Club. He served 24 years on the Unity College Board of Trustees and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by the college, which later named a dormitory after him. He served on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission in the 1970s and chaired an advisory council for the Maine Department of Commerce and Industry. He also served as President of the Associated General Contractors of Maine and on various other boards and committees. A pilot, he performed aerobatic stunts on weekends at Owl's Head Transportation Museum, which he served as a trustee, and was a member of many aviation associations. He was inducted into the Maine Central Institute Hall of Fame in 1989. Mr. Cianchette will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched.

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**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, there was a sentiment down in the House this morning and we're not going to have it up here this afternoon but I would like to - it's my honor to rise today and recognize the life of Kenneth Cianchette. After graduating from the Maine Central Institute, he was drafted into the Army where he served as a radio mechanic in England, Germany, and France. Upon returning to Maine, he and his brothers began Cianchette Bros to serve an industry where - that we are all very familiar with, construction. He then went on to form Ken Cianchette Inc., which focused on sewer, water, bridge, and building projects prior to returning to Cianchette Bros, later incorporated as Cianbro. With the construction business a bit quieter in the off-season, Ken used his GI Bill to become a private pilot. This quickly became a lifelong passion, one shared with many members of his family and business, and came in handy while courting his future wife as they were known to fly to baseball games. In 1949, he married Nina "Evie" Lancaster with whom he built a home, raised five children, and enjoyed hosting large gatherings for family and friends. He lived in Pittsfield for nearly 80 years before moving to North Yarmouth. In addition to forming one of Maine's most well-known and established construction companies and inventing tools to make life in the construction industry a bit easier, he was also incredibly giving of his time as a Trustee of the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, the Pittsfield Town Council, and the SAD 53 School Board, amongst numerous other boards. He also served as President of the Associated General Contractors of Maine and on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, as Chairman of an advisory council for the Maine Department of Commerce and Industry. He truly lived an incredible life and, while his presence will certainly be missed amongst his family, friends, and those in the construction and aviation industries, I know the values he held close of commitment, service to our state and our country are being carried out by his children and grandchildren. Thank you, Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Eric Cianchette of Falmouth; Andrea Cianchette-Maker of North Yarmouth; Mike Cianchette and Ken Cianchette, both of Cumberland. They are the guests today of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Farrin, and the entire Legislature. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and condolences of the Maine Senate.

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**SECOND READERS**

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

**House**

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Trails for Hiking and Other Similar Activities"

H.P. 137 L.D. 216

Bill "An Act to Raise from 12 to 24 the Annual Limit on the Number of Public Events and Meals Nonprofit Organizations May Have That Are Exempt from Certain Rules and Regulations"

H.P. 155 L.D. 234

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

**RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Facilitate Stakeholder Input Regarding Forest Policy in Maine"

H.P. 628 L.D. 993

Bill "An Act to Enhance Awareness of Laboratory Testing of Ticks for Lyme Disease"

H.P. 657 L.D. 1021

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

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

Bill "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Financial Future in Perpetuity by Establishing the Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund"

H.P. 659 L.D. 1023

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

On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Include Possession of Compounds, Mixtures or Substances Containing a Detectable Amount of Certain Scheduled Drugs to Prove the Offense of Unlawful Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs"

H.P. 629 L.D. 994

Bill "An Act Requiring the Reporting of Stolen Firearms"

H.P. 647 L.D. 1011

Bill "An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution"

H.P. 650 L.D. 1014

Bill "An Act to Require All Police Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty"

H.P. 672 L.D. 1036

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects"

H.P. 627 L.D. 992

Bill "An Act to Require a Lunch Period of at Least 30 Minutes for Students and Reduce Food Waste"

H.P. 638 L.D. 1002

Bill "An Act to Establish a Rating System for Books in School Libraries"

H.P. 644 L.D. 1008

Bill "An Act to Increase the Membership of the State Board of Education and Review the Board's Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing"

H.P. 654 L.D. 1018

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules

H.P. 656 L.D. 1020

Resolve, To Direct the University of Maine System to Establish a Dental Therapy Degree Program

H.P. 662 L.D. 1026

Bill "An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care"

H.P. 664 L.D. 1028

Bill "An Act Regarding the Issuing of Diplomas for Students at the Long Creek Youth Development Center"  
H.P. 669 L.D. 1033

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

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

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Bill "An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste"

H.P. 645 L.D. 1009

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Increase Access to Behavioral Health Services for Children and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 639 L.D. 1003

Bill "An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing"  
H.P. 642 L.D. 1006

Bill "An Act to Provide Training, Professional Development and Wellness Supports for Child Protective Services Workers"  
H.P. 649 L.D. 1013

Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program  
H.P. 667 L.D. 1031

Bill "An Act to Fund Competitive Wages for Direct Support Professionals for Persons with Disabilities"  
H.P. 673 L.D. 1037

Bill "An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members"  
H.P. 676 L.D. 1040

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons"  
H.P. 630 L.D. 995

Bill "An Act to Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization to Self-insure for Automobile Insurance"  
H.P. 640 L.D. 1004

Bill "An Act to Adjust Reimbursement for Chiropractic Services"  
H.P. 671 L.D. 1035

Bill "An Act to Ensure Dental Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities"  
H.P. 677 L.D. 1041

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

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

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process  
H.P. 651 L.D. 1015

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

On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Resolve, to Convene a Firearm Range Safety Working Group Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
H.P. 636 L.D. 1000

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right-to-sue Letters"  
H.P. 637 L.D. 1001

Resolve, to Study the Impact of Divorce, Child Support Issues and Custody Issues on Children, Parents, Health, Poverty and Housing Insecurity  
H.P. 660 L.D. 1024

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

H.P. 670 L.D. 1034

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Remove the Cost-of-living Adjustment from the Minimum Wage Laws"

H.P. 634 L.D. 998

Bill "An Act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave"

H.P. 635 L.D. 999

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

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

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Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions

H.P. 641 L.D. 1005

Bill "An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 643 L.D. 1007

Bill "An Act to Support College Student Participation as Policy Interns for State Legislators"

H.P. 652 L.D. 1016

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

H.P. 665 L.D. 1029

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

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

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Bill "An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax"

H.P. 631 L.D. 996

Bill "An Act to Provide Tax Relief for Working Families"

H.P. 646 L.D. 1010

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Local Sales Taxes"

H.P. 663 L.D. 1027

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

On motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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Resolve, to Increase Commercial Driver's License Examiner Capacity

H.P. 653 L.D. 1017

Bill "An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Salt and Sand Storage Facilities"

H.P. 655 L.D. 1019

Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 661 L.D. 1025

Bill "An Act Relating to Requirements for School Bus Drivers"

H.P. 666 L.D. 1030

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

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

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors

H.P. 668 L.D. 1032

Bill "An Act to Reinstate Plurality Voting by Repealing the Ranked-choice Voting Laws"

H.P. 674 L.D. 1038

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

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

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act to Allow School Budget Referenda on the Same Day as Primary Elections"

H.P. 658 L.D. 1022

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

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

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

Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine

H.P. 633 L.D. 997

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

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

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

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions

H.P. 648 L.D. 1012

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

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

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Restitution for Victims of Shoplifting for Time Spent Dealing with the Offense"

H.P. 675 L.D. 1039

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

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

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

**ENACTORS**

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

**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of Law

H.P. 120 L.D. 196  
(C "A" H-5)

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Gakunzi "Yves" Senzara of Scarborough.