

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
February 28, 2019

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

Prayer by Pastor Jonathan Fischer, New Hope Church in Bangor.

PASTOR FISCHER: Good morning. It's a privilege to be here. I'm here with my wife, Minet; our 4 month old, Suzanna, who is interested in running for Senate in a few years. As I was reading about the Senate, I wanted to share something before the prayer. As I was reading about it, it became pretty obvious, in looking at how much Senators make, that you're probably not in this for the money. You're here more to make a difference and to serve and that term 'civil servants' being in line with that and not about lording over one's constituents but about actually looking out for their best interests, about serving them. I was thinking about that. It's an amazing privilege to be a servant because God, himself, is a servant. In the gospel of Matthew it says: For even Jesus, himself, came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. So before we can truly serve others well we need to let God serve us. Before we can give to others we need to realize how God gave himself for us. So this amazing privilege you have, and the privilege of being here with you and seeing you then serve your constituents and serve these people. I invite you to join me in prayer.

Father, God, thank You for this time. Thank You for each individual here and their desire to serve, their desire to make a difference for good. I pray for Your wisdom and Your guidance here, that these deliberations and bills and decisions would be what are truly for the good of the people represented here as well and in line with what is truly good. I pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Posting of the Colors by the Loring Jobs Corps Center Honor Guard.

National Anthem Performed by Angela Pitteroff of the 195th Army National Guard Band.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Hani Jarawan, M.D. of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 305

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce"
H.P. 468 L.D. 647

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

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE.**

Bill "An Act To Expand and Enhance Maine's Behavioral Health Direct Care Workforce"
H.P. 749 L.D. 1007

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 **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 754

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Maine State Housing Authority, also known as MaineHousing, was established as a quasi-public housing agency charged with expanding affordable housing opportunities for the State's low-income and moderate-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has been helping Maine people own, rent, repair and heat their homes since 1969; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has financed 54,851 first-time homebuyer mortgages and 323 affordable apartment projects with a total of 10,697 units; and

WHEREAS, MaineHousing has helped 23,038 low-income families and seniors afford their rents, weatherized 15,292 homes, served an average of over 42,000 households a year with fuel assistance benefits, helped shelter the homeless and provided needed repairs to many thousands of homes, addressing problems of radon, arsenic, accessibility, lead paint and general disrepair; and

WHEREAS, through prudent investment, MaineHousing has grown to become a \$1.8 billion public purpose financial institution with its bonds rated AA+, thanks to the support of a wide network of partners including Maine's financial institutions, real estate agents, community action agencies, local homeless shelters, developers, apartment owners and managers, landlords and federal and state political leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Maine State Housing Authority and its record of success in service to the people of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine State Housing Authority.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION**, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 156

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

February 20, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
129th 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 Environment and Natural Resources has had under consideration the nomination of The Honorable Robert S. Duchesne of Old Town, for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

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	Chenette, J. of York, Foley, R. of York
	Representatives	8	Tucker, R. of Brunswick, Campbell, D. of Orrington, Fay, J. of Raymond, Gramlich, L. of Old Orchard Beach, Hobbs, D. of Wells, Johansen, C. of Monticello, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Zeigler, S. of Montville
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Carson, B. of Cumberland, Rep. Devin, M. of Newcastle, Rep. Lyford, P. of Eddington

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 the Honorable Robert S. Duchesne of Old Town, for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brownie Carson
Senate Chair

S/Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **CHENETTE**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **DIAMOND**, the Senator from Knox, Senator **MIRAMANT**, and the Senator from Hancock, Senator **ROSEN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158 and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#18)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: CHENETTE, DIAMOND, MIRAMANT, ROSEN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Robert S. Duchesne** of Old Town for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 157

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE**

February 14, 2019

Major General Douglas A. Farnham
Adjutant General, Maine National Guard
33 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear General Farnham:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m., concerning matters of defense, veterans' services, emergency management and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 158

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS
AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
33 STATE HOUSE STATION
CAMP CHAMBERLAIN,
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 22, 2019

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Senator Jackson:

As the Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, I accept your invitation to address the Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on Thursday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

S/Major General Douglas A. Farnham
Commissioner and Adjutant General

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 159

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

February 26, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 276 An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Maine Public Employees Retirement System Pensions

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan Tipping
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs with Health Problems"
S.P. 309 L.D. 1049

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Definition of 'Serious Bodily Injury' in the Maine Criminal Code"

S.P. 302 L.D. 1023

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Include Mental Health Education in Maine Schools"

S.P. 303 L.D. 1024

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Authorize the Department of Education To Provide Flexibility in the Required Credentials for Teachers in Career and Technical Programs"

S.P. 306 L.D. 1046

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act To Require Education about the Holocaust"
S.P. 310 L.D. 1050

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage Conservation in Determining Natural Gas Rates"

S.P. 308 L.D. 1048

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland and Senators: FOLEY of York, LAWRENCE of York, WOODSOME of York.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Regular and Transparent Review of MaineCare Reimbursement Rates"

S.P. 312 L.D. 1052

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRIFFIN of Levant, MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Consideration of Naloxone Purchases in Life Insurance Underwriting"

S.P. 307 L.D. 1047

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: FOLEY of Biddeford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MELARAGNO of Auburn.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services To Pay Court-appointed Attorneys for Certain Probate Court Cases"

S.P. 300 L.D. 1021

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CARPENTER of Aroostook, HAMPER of Oxford, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, HEAD of Bethel, PICKETT of Dixfield.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing the Enforcement of Protection from Abuse Orders

S.P. 297 L.D. 1018

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Crime of Tampering with a Witness, Informant, Juror or Victim"

S.P. 301 L.D. 1022

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program"
S.P. 311 L.D. 1051

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: KEIM of Oxford, MILLETT of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CUDDY of Winterport, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

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

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Double Taxation of Out-of-state Pensions"

S.P. 298 L.D. 1019

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, FOLEY of York, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities"

S.P. 299 L.D. 1020

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative STROM of Pittsfield and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo (Cosponsored by Representative **DODGE** of Belfast and Senators: **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, **LUCHINI** of Hancock, Representatives: **SCHNECK** of Bangor, **STROM** of Pittsfield), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 304

**JOINT RESOLUTION
TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ERECTING A MONUMENT
TO MAINE TROOPS WHO FOUGHT IN
THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY IN VIRGINIA
DURING THE CIVIL WAR**

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, approximately 80,000 men from Maine served in the United States military as soldiers and sailors; and
WHEREAS, Maine contributed a higher proportion of its citizens to the Union armies than any other state and supplied extensive equipment and stores; and
WHEREAS, at the Third Battle of Winchester, which was fought on September 19, 1864 in Virginia, more than 2,000 Maine soldiers fought and more than 230 were casualties; and
WHEREAS, in the 1864 Shenandoah Valley campaign, 68 Maine soldiers were killed, 466 were wounded and 131 were reported missing; and
WHEREAS, several hundred Maine soldiers are buried at the Winchester National Cemetery; and
WHEREAS, there is currently no permanent monument to the sacrifice of these Maine heroes, either at Winchester or at any other battlefield in the Shenandoah Valley; and
WHEREAS, there is a private effort in conjunction with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation to raise the funds needed to purchase and install a stone memorial to Maine's contribution at the Third Battle of Winchester that would be dedicated to all Maine soldiers who fought in the Shenandoah Valley; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to show our support for erecting a monument to those Maine troops who fought in the Shenandoah Valley; and be it further
RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Waterville as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge

H.P. 40 L.D. 39

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

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 24 L.D. 23

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

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

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Acceptance of Maine Clean Election Act Campaign Contributions on State Websites"

H.P. 12 L.D. 11

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

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
ACKLEY of Monmouth
COOPER of Yarmouth
DOLLOFF of Rumford
HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
HANINGTON of Lincoln
STROM of Pittsfield

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

Reports **READ**.

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

BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn

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

Signed:

Representatives:

MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
SWALLOW of Houlton

Reports **READ**.

Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator H. Sanborn.

Senator **H. SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I just wanted to briefly rise today to say that this is L.D. 1 and it codifies some very important patient protections of the Affordable Care Act into Maine law so that, regardless of what happens at the federal level, Maine's consumers, Maine's citizens, are able to obtain health insurance, regardless of their pre-existing conditions, and are able to have their kids covered on their policy through age 26, and other very important patient protections that are essential features of the Affordable Care Act. I urge you to follow my light today in favor of L.D. 1.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#19)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: None

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Rename the Stinson Bridge the Woodsome-Carroll Bridge

S.P. 56 L.D. 244

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-2) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Protect Health Care Coverage for Maine Families" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 10 L.D. 1

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-3)**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BLIER of Buxton

EXCUSED: Senators: CHENETTE, DIAMOND, MIRAMANT, ROSEN

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 4 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator H. SANBORN of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-3) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act Regarding Rules Adopted by the ConnectME Authority"

H.P. 32 L.D. 31

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

Senate

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Condominium Act by Extending the Lien Period for Nonpayment of Assessments"

S.P. 63 L.D. 251

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 141 L.D. 477
(C "A" S-1)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Multiple-party Accounts with Financial Institutions

S.P. 54 L.D. 242

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

Resolves

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Chester the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Bridge

H.P. 8 L.D. 7

Resolve, Designating a Portion of Route 1 in Downeast Maine the Hannah and Rebecca Weston Trail

H.P. 18 L.D. 17

Resolve, Naming a Highway and Renaming a Bridge in the Town of Whiting

H.P. 33 L.D. 32

Resolve, To Name the Bridge on Main Street in the Town of Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge

H.P. 163 L.D. 200

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Senate at Ease.

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 Address the Browntail Moth Infestation"
H.P. 767 L.D. 1037

Bill "An Act To Waive the Variance Process for Harvesting Timber
in a Shoreland Zone"
H.P. 770 L.D. 1040

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

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Accidental Injury Due to
Unsafe Storage of Firearms"
H.P. 763 L.D. 1033

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

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

Bill "An Act To Expand Educational Opportunities for Students
Attending Public Secondary Schools with Enrollments of 300 or
Fewer Students"
H.P. 759 L.D. 1029

Resolve, To Streamline the Process by Which Schools Receive
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
H.P. 765 L.D. 1035

Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Study the Creation of a
Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System To
Support Workforce Development (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 766 L.D. 1036

Bill "An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs"
H.P. 773 L.D. 1043

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

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the 100-megawatt Limit on Hydroelectric
Generators under the Renewable Resources Laws"
H.P. 757 L.D. 1027

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

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

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act To Reduce Fraud in the Redemption of Beverage
Containers"

H.P. 778 L.D. 1055

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

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

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Substance Use
Disorder Services Commission"

H.P. 760 L.D. 1030

Bill "An Act To Ensure Sufficient Representation of Adults
Receiving Mental Health Services on Local Councils within the
Consumer Council System of Maine"

H.P. 762 L.D. 1032

Resolve, To Establish and Fund Interventions for At-risk Families
and Children

H.P. 769 L.D. 1039

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Bad Faith Assertions of Patent
Infringement"

H.P. 775 L.D. 1045

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Period of Enforcement for Judgments
Based upon Consumer Obligations"

H.P. 776 L.D. 1053

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining for Public Employees under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws"
H.P. 771 L.D. 1041

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

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

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Burying Grounds and Family Burying Grounds"

H.P. 777 L.D. 1054

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

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

Bill "An Act To Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use with Adequate Funding and by Raising the Tax on Tobacco Products"
H.P. 758 L.D. 1028

Bill "An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value"

H.P. 761 L.D. 1031

Bill "An Act To Exempt Disabled Veterans from Property Taxes in Accordance with Their Disability Ratings"
H.P. 772 L.D. 1042

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

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

Bill "An Act To Advance Children's Cancer Research in Maine"
H.P. 774 L.D. 1044

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

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

Bill "An Act To Require Election Transparency"
H.P. 756 L.D. 1026

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.