

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
April 25, 2019

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

Prayer by Pastor Brian Haggerty, the Rock Church in Bangor.

PASTOR HAGGERTY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It is my privilege to be here today. I've never done this before. I was a little nervous, actually, coming down here. So put up with me. But before I pray let me tell you that I actually do appreciate the work you do and I know that that's not an easy thing that you have to do. Having worked in the ministry now for over 40 years I know that you will work with people that don't always see things exactly the way we do and I appreciate the fact that you've worked your way through that. So I want to pray for you today as you begin your work. Okay? Let us pray together.

Heavenly Father, thank You so much that You love us and You have given us life. Thank You for these people and the work they must do this day. Would You give them wisdom today to know what is right to do. Would You give them courage to act upon what they know. Would You give them patience to work with people who have different ideas. Good people across this state will be affected by the work done here today, so may we remember that as we do our best. May they put the interests of others in front of their own and may they remember that we will one day all give an account to You for what is in our hearts. I pray You will bless them and their families with good health and strength and sound mind. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. Thank you, God bless you.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Linda F. Sanborn of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Patrick Connolly, M.D. of Falmouth.

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. 528

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Directing That the Towns Constituting Hospital Administrative District No. 4 Hold a Vote on the Proposed Merger with Northern Light Health" (EMERGENCY) S.P. 488 L.D. 1553

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-63).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-63) **READ** and **ADOPTED.** Under suspension of the Rules, **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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Enact Laws Governing Private Vehicle Rentals" H.P. 1167 L.D. 1615

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 319

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

April 23, 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of John E. Dority of Augusta, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

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	Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Farrin, B. of Somerset
	Representatives	9	McLean, A. of Gorham, Austin, B. of Skowhegan, Bryant, M. of Windham, Cebra, R. of Naples, Collings, B. of Portland, Martin, T. of Greene, Sheats, B. of Auburn, White, B. of Waterville, White, D. of Washburn
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Perkins, M. of Oakland

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of John E. Dority of Augusta, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Andrew McLean
House Chair

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **CARPENTER**, and the Senator from York, Senator **CHENETTE**, 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 **TRANSPORTATION** 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 (#54)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, CHENETTE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 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 **John E. Dority** of Augusta, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 320

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

April 23, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

ROLL CALL (#55)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON,
CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS,
DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW,
FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER,
HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI,
MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN,
SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI,
WOODSOME, 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 Transportation has had under consideration the nomination of The Honorable Daniel E. Wathen of Augusta, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors.

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, CHENETTE

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 33 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 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 **Daniel E. Wathen** of Augusta for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors was **CONFIRMED**.

YEAS	Senators	3	Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Chipman, B. of Cumberland, Farrin, B. of Somerset
	Representatives	9	McLean, A. of Gorham, Austin, B. of Skowhegan, Bryant, M. of Windham, Cebra, R. of Naples, Collings, B. of Portland, Martin, T. of Greene, Sheats, B. of Auburn, White, B. of Waterville, White, D. of Washburn

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

NAYS 0

The Following Communication: S.C. 310

ABSENT 1 Rep. Perkins, M. of Oakland

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

Twelve members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of The Honorable Daniel E. Wathen of Augusta, for reappointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority, Board of Directors be confirmed.

April 22, 2019

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Signed,

Dear Secretary Grant:

S/Bill Diamond Senate Chair
S/Andrew McLean House Chair

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Chapter 1-A, Section 11, I am pleased to reappoint Dr. Joel Kase to seat number twelve on the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, effective the date of this letter. With this reappointment, he will be serving as a health care professional on the commission.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** be overridden?"

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

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.

Sincerely,

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

The Secretary opened the vote.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 311

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

April 22, 2019

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Chapter 1-A, Section 11, I am pleased to appoint Ben Waxman of Westbrook to seat number fourteen on the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, effective the date of this letter. With this appointment, he will be serving as a representative of an economic development organization.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 318

**STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT
COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

April 9, 2019

Legislative Information Office
Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director
Attn: Casey Milligan, Manager
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Dear Mr. Pennoyer,

Pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. Section 683-A, the Penobscot County Commissioners have voted to nominate Mr. Peter L. Pray of Millinocket to fill the vacant seat on the Land Use Planning Commission, replacing our former nominee, Mr. Charles Pray.

Peter owned and operated Pray's Big Eddy Campground in Township 3 Range 11 on the West Branch of the Penobscot River for 34 years and is currently employed as a part-time Field Representative for the U. S. Census Bureau, where he works in unorganized territories in several counties. Peter and his wife live

in Millinocket but they also own a summer camp in the Caucomgomoc region.

During the interview process for this position, Peter demonstrated an excellent understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the LUPC. The county commissioners felt he would approach the work of this commission with a balance of a willingness to allow development where it is appropriate while protecting the environment and the patience to listen carefully to resident concerns.

Given these qualifications, we are honored to submit Mr. Pray's name for nomination to fill the vacant seat on the LUPC. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

S/William J. Collins,
County Administrator

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 312

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 19, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 223 An Act Regarding Community Service Sentencing

L.D. 635 An Act Related to Community Reparations Boards

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 313

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 22, 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 460 An Act Requiring the State To Reimburse Counties for All Costs Exceeding the Tax Assessment for Correctional Services
- L.D. 678 An Act Requiring the State To Fund 20.25 Percent of the Cost of County Jails
- L.D. 691 An Act Regarding County Jail Funding
- L.D. 755 An Act To Ensure Funding Sources for County Jails
- L.D. 925 An Act Requiring the Department of Corrections To Fully Fund County Jails for Individuals Sentenced to County Jails for More Than 6 Months and Individuals Held for Probation or Parole Violations
- L.D. 926 An Act To Protect Hospital Employees from Assault
- L.D. 1199 An Act To Protect the Safety of Health Care Workers
- L.D. 1321 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding Limitation on County Jails

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault Senate Chair S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 314

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

April 19, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1264 An Act Relating to Insurance Coverage for Screening Mammograms
- L.D. 1384 An Act Relating to Complementary and Alternative Medicine Licensure

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn Senate Chair S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 315

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

April 19, 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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 397 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Building Contractors, Insulation Installers and Energy Auditors

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Shenna Bellows
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester
House Chair

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Erin Herbig
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry
House Chair

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 317

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

April 19, 2019

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 316

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

April 22, 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 Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

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

L.D. 270 An Act To Eliminate Certain Motor Vehicle Inspections in the State

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew McLean
House Chair

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

L.D. 591 An Act To Create Flexibility in Affordable Housing Calculations

L.D. 622 An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations

L.D. 1041 An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining for Public Employees under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws

L.D. 1251 An Act To Make Agricultural Workers and Other Workers Employees under the Wage and Hour Laws

L.D. 1325 An Act To Allow Workplace Substance Use Testing for Fentanyl, Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone and Oxymorphone Use at the Employer's Discretion

L.D. 1345 An Act To Ensure a Fair Workweek

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"

S.P. 525 L.D. 1636

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.

Off Record Remarks

Bill "An Act To Provide for Gubernatorial Appointments to the
Maine Charter School Commission"

S.P. 527 L.D. 1638

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, MILLETT of
Cumberland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the School Transportation Workforce"

S.P. 531 L.D. 1641

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport and
Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: DAUGHTRY
of Brunswick, DODGE of Belfast, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
PERRY of Bangor.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, To Improve Access to Early and Periodic Screening,
Diagnostic and Treatment Services for Children from Birth to 8
Years of Age (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 524 L.D. 1635

Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DAVIS of Piscataquis,
GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot,
PERRY of Calais, REED of Carmel.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Medicaid Payment from a Savings
Account Established under the Federal ABLE Act of 2014"

S.P. 526 L.D. 1637

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, FAY of Raymond,
KESCHL of Belgrade, MADIGAN of Waterville, McLEAN of
Gorham.
Submitted by the Treasurer of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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 Exempt Auctioneers from Certain Record-keeping
Requirements"

S.P. 530 L.D. 1640

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport and
Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of
Brunswick, PERRY of Bangor.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Comprehensive Responsible Contracting
Practices for Public Construction Projects"

S.P. 529 L.D. 1639

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators:
BELLOWS of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of
Sagadahoc, Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth,
FECTEAU of Biddeford, SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Regulation of Sports Wagering"

S.P. 532 L.D. 1642

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

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 Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Aaron Cross, of Morrill, a Sergeant with the Maine Warden Service, who has been named Game Warden Supervisor of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 455

Sponsored by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Herbig.

Senator **HERBIG:** Thank you, Mr. President. Women and men of the Senate, it is with great pleasure that I welcome Aaron Cross and his esteemed colleagues here to be with us today to recognize his incredible achievement this year. Sergeant Cross was named the 2018 Game Warden Supervisor of the Year on March 27th as the Maine Game Warden Service celebrated its 139th year. Sergeant Cross has been a member of the Maine Warden Service for over 12 years. He has served as a District Game Warden, Corporal, Washington County Field Sergeant, and now the Section 6 Sergeant. Sergeant Cross is described by his colleagues as having positively influenced all game wardens he encounters. With the respect and loyalty he has displayed, Sergeant Cross has gained the trust and respect of game wardens in Section 6. This award is presented annually to the supervisory officer who has demonstrated superior knowledge and leadership in conservation law enforcement supervision and, by doing so, has gained the respect of administrators, supervisors, fellow officers, other department employees, other agencies, and the public regarding expertise in performance in the field of supervision. This recognition comes as no surprise to me as I have known Aaron since he was very small and both he and his family have always been beloved members of our community. He and his lovely wife, Cassie, are raising their four children in Morrill and Aaron still finds time to fit in a good old Waldo County YMCA canoe race each spring. Aaron represents all the things we want to see our youth grow to be in Waldo County and in Maine and I am so proud to recognize his great achievement today. Congratulations, Aaron.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Sergeant Aaron Cross of Morrill, Major Chris Cloutier, Lieutenant Dan Menard, Commissioner Judy Camuso, and Deputy Commissioner Tim Peabody. They are all guests of the entire Maine Senate. Would they please rise and accept the greetings.

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs To Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training"

H.P. 258 L.D. 333

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.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of Maine State Park Visitors and Staff"

H.P. 907 L.D. 1246

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.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Adopt the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act"

H.P. 876 L.D. 1212

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.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Maine Criminal Code"
H.P. 45 L.D. 44

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-104)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-104)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-104) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Make Post-conviction Possession of Animals a Criminal Offense"

H.P. 61 L.D. 64

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-105)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-105) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Forfeiture of Assets of Persons Convicted of Certain Criminal Restraint Offenses, Aggravated Sex Trafficking Offenses and Sex Trafficking Offenses"
H.P. 249 L.D. 324

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-106)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-106)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-106) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Support Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault by Increasing the Time Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits Must Be Stored"

H.P. 305 L.D. 396

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-113)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-113)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-113) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Create a Permanent Wabanaki Law Enforcement Seat on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy"

H.P. 540 L.D. 735

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-111)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-111)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-111) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Direct Electric Utilities To Provide Comparative Usage Data on Customer Billing Statements"
H.P. 425 L.D. 581

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-108)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-108)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-108) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Establish Minimum Service Standards for Electric Utilities"
H.P. 608 L.D. 834

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-109)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-109)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 692: Siting of Oil Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 205 L.D. 281

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-121)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-121)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-121) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Set Maine Dental Provider Licensing Fees"
H.P. 509 L.D. 688

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-112)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-112)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-112) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Authorize the Establishment of an Apprentice License for the Maine Scallop Fishery"
H.P. 782 L.D. 1059

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-114)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-114)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-114) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Allow for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies at Airports by Municipalities" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 143 L.D. 180

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-124)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-124)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-124) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Evaluate and Address the Transportation Needs of Maine's Veterans
H.P. 134 L.D. 171

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-116)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-116)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-116) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Coordination Program"
H.P. 147 L.D. 184

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-117)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-117)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-117) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families"
H.P. 367 L.D. 510

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-118)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-118) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Update Alcohol Taste-testing Requirements"
H.P. 542 L.D. 737

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-119)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-119)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-119) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Ban Native American Mascots in All Public Schools"

H.P. 699 L.D. 944

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-122).**

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-122).**

Reports **READ.**

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Replace Net Energy Billing with a Market-based Mechanism"

H.P. 42 L.D. 41

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

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESLER of South Portland
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-107).**

Signed:

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
HANLEY of Pittston

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

Reports **READ.**

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Remove Nighttime Restrictions on Lobster Fishing in a Certain Area in the Bay of Fundy" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 446 L.D. 618

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-115).**

Signed:

Senators:

MIRAMANT of Knox
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

McCREIGHT of Harpswell
ALLEY of Beals
BLUME of York
FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor
HEPLER of Woolwich
HUTCHINS of Penobscot
JAVNER of Chester
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Senator:

DOW of Lincoln

Representative:

McDONALD of Stonington

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-115)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-115) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Costs Incurred by Municipalities in the Administration of Aquaculture Leases"

H.P. 837 L.D. 1148

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-123)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MIRAMANT of Knox
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

McCREIGHT of Harpswell
ALLEY of Beals
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BLUME of York
FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor
HEPLER of Woolwich
HUTCHINS of Penobscot
JAVNER of Chester
McDONALD of Stonington
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Senator:

DOW of Lincoln

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-123)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-123) **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 MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children"

S.P. 171 L.D. 549

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-57) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Include Mental Health Education in Maine Schools"

S.P. 303 L.D. 1024

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator HERBIG for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"

S.P. 118 L.D. 440

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide for a Professional Wage and Support for New Educators"

S.P. 264 L.D. 898

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-59)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-60)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-59)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-59)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Restore Funding for the Capital Riverfront Improvement District"

S.P. 263 L.D. 897

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

Signed:

Senators:

HERBIG of Waldo
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BABINE of Scarborough
CROCKETT of Portland
HANDY of Lewiston
PERRY of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-62)**.

Signed:

Representative:

HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

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:

Acts

An Act To Clarify Local Referendum Ballots

S.P. 17 L.D. 53
(C "A" S-41)

An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Legislature

S.P. 29 L.D. 76
(C "A" S-43)

An Act Regarding Credit Ratings Related to Overdue Medical Expenses

H.P. 92 L.D. 110
(C "A" H-89)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano

S.P. 45 L.D. 158
(C "A" S-42)

An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Certain Tournament Games

H.P. 278 L.D. 352
(C "A" H-95)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Political Party Representation of Election Clerks

H.P. 371 L.D. 514
(C "A" H-93)

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

An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

S.P. 41 L.D. 154
(C "A" S-37)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Provide Funding for a Ranger Pilot Position in the Maine Forest Service

H.P. 167 L.D. 204
(C "A" H-66)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/26/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Redemption Centers"

S.P. 60 L.D. 248

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - March 26, 2019 by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **FOLEY** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-56) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Foley.

Senator **FOLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to offer this amendment to L.D. 248. This bill came before the Environment and Natural Resources Committee with a host of other related bills attempting to provide financial resources to the bottle redemption centers throughout the state as they were suffering under the increasing minimum wage and lack of opportunity to raise revenues without our help. The Committee settled on L.D. 248 as a means to provide some relief. The bill proposed increasing the reimbursement rate by .5¢ in May of this year and another .5¢ in January of 2020. While I supported the concept of increasing the reimbursement rates, I voted against the bill as I was concerned that we didn't identify who would pay these amounts and I felt that there were other issues that should be addressed in the entire bottle redemption law at the same time. I worked with the DEP, the bill sponsor, and other members of the House and Senate to come up with the amendment before you for your consideration. Currently there are two payers of the redemption fee: the local distributors like our craft brewers and small juice producers, who pay 4¢ per container, and the larger distributors like Coke, Pepsi, and Anheuser-Busch, known as co-mingling arrangements, who pay 3.5¢ per container because they pick up their containers in bulk, not sorted by individual brands. Under the current arrangement any non-returned bottle deposits of the local distributors goes to the State into the General Fund, which accounts for about \$1.2 million per year. For the co-mingling groups, they get to keep whatever revenue remains from their un-returned deposits. That dollar amount is unknown but it is calculated that the local distributors represent about 20% of the total redemption deposits and that leaves 80% to the co-mingling groups. One can surmise that their remaining revenues far exceed that that the local groups return to the State. One estimate I've seen has given between \$7 and \$9 million annually for these held deposits.

It is my feeling that several things need to happen and, thus, my amendment. First, we need to even the playing field, at least temporarily. So I proposed the first .5¢ increase starting this May be paid by the co-mingling groups so everyone will be paying the 4¢ per container. The second increase in January of 2020 will be paid by all distributors, both local and co-mingling groups. Next, we need a better reporting of all containers being sold and returned so that we have a better sense as to the revenue and recycling rates. The amendment requires all distributors to report to the DEP their 2018 numbers of containers sold and containers returned by July of this year. We need a comprehensive review of the entire bottling redemption system to better streamline the

process and OPEGA and the DEP have reviewed the process and have several recommendations to make changes to the system. The amendment requires DEP to report back to the Committee by January 15, 2020 with their recommendations of better ways to manage and account for the entire bottle redemption system. Finally, place a moratorium on any new redemption centers until we can better assess the availability and needs throughout the state to better serve the population. The exception would be to replace a redemption center that closes in an area that isn't serviced by another available site. This would be at the discretion of the DEP. That is my proposed amendment to L.D. 248. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CARSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise simply to thank my colleague from York, Senator Foley, for his hard work in bringing the parties together and arriving at an amendment that has untied a Gordian knot, at least for the time being. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **FOLEY** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-56) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-20) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-56) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-20) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-56)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/18/19) matter:

An Act To Align State Law with Current Practice Regarding Required School Attendance

S.P. 38 L.D. 151
(S "A" S-324 to C "A" S-30)

Tabled - April 18, 2019 by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/23/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Person under 18 Years of Age from Being Charged with the Crime of Engaging in Prostitution"

S.P. 170 L.D. 548

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)** (12 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (1 member)

Tabled - April 23, 2019 by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln

Pending - motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, 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 Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I understand not wanting to charge a juvenile with a crime but this discourages juveniles from continuing prostitution as a lifestyle. This is a bill to legalize juvenile prostitution. You can measure your bill by putting it in the paper in the headlines. If you put this in the paper in the headlines I think that that would not be a very good headline. They are wrong when people would allow a crime like this. There's no deterrent to get juveniles to become a prostitute. This is sex trafficking at its height. Child abuse. There is a difference between a charge and a conviction. There's been 20 years without a conviction in this charge. This bill, unintentionally, does not save children. It puts them in harm's way. I ask this bill to be tabled and felt strongly, for the safety of our children, especially with the drug culture that we have today. No charge for texting, drug use, and many other harms are out there. Why not get rid of those charges? That can be brought on and but when we have a charge to discourage and deter the use it's not necessarily a conviction. Way too often officers are asked by the parents to go get their daughter. It would make it very hard, and almost impossible, to do so with no charge to go and enforce. Juvenile cases are mostly used as a deterrent and generally filed and dismissed if they follow the guidelines set by the court. They call it deferred disposition. By getting rid of a charge how does law enforcement help to get them home or get them involved in any program to receive help, or even put a deterrent from getting back into it? How does this bill help a juvenile in prostitution get her home and out of this terrible situation? The Sheriffs Association, I checked this morning, does not support this bill. Parents come to you to get their daughter out of this and it would have our hands tied. This is basically supporting child abuse. I am sworn to serve and protect so I cannot do this morally or ethically. They say DHHS gets reports and then they will give them alternatives to go and get some help. Well they already have this in place but that takes the officer right out of it and there will be no way that that child would have any deterrent to go do that. Juvenile court is not to put them away. It designed to correct the problem, get them help, and get them on the path of success. Please don't

legalize child prostitution. I hope that I do not see this in the headlines tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Lawrence.

Senator **LAWRENCE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise and hope you will support passing this amendment. As a former member of the Maine Prosecutors Association I worked closely in developing juvenile justice programs and juvenile justice programs throughout York County. The child involved in a prostitution case is a victim. They are not a criminal. They are a victim of the crime and any prosecutor worth their salt knows this. That's why the Prosecutors Association has supported passing this bill. There are more than enough ways to deal with assisting that victim in dealing with the ramifications of child prostitution without punishing them and turning their victimization into accusing them of being a criminal. They're a victim in this case and they are not a criminal. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. May I pose a question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby, has asked to pose a question through the Chair. The Senator may proceed.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, this is the second time in two weeks that I've heard the Maine Sheriffs Association has taken a position on a bill. I wonder if anyone in the Senate can confirm whether or not that's the case on this particular bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby, has posed a question through the Chair for anyone that can answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** I could give you a rundown of the people who did support that if Senator Libby has any specific questions of who may have. I can tell you that it was a 12-1 vote and that the Maine Criminal Law Advisory Commission supported this. The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault supported this. The Maine Prosecutors Association supported this. ACLU supported this. NAMI supported this. The Maine Association of Defense Attorneys supported this. A victim supported this and a social worker working with homeless children supported this. I spoke with the, or I contacted, Maine Sheriffs Association today as a result of what happened last week because they did not testify. Today they tell me they took no position and they're still monitoring it. So I hope that answers the question. I would like to add, you know, everybody has an opinion but when you take opinions from experts, and all in favor, it says something. I'm a supporter of CLAC. CLAC, as you know, is a commission made up of defense attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, and judges who know the statutes. They said that they add the element of supporting this. He says, 'As such, the bill recognizes that children engaging in prostitution are, by definition, victims of sex trafficking and should not be treated as perpetrators of a crime

under the juvenile code.' Basically, not to arrest, not to give them a record. We still are focusing on people having attained the age of 18 and over.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I was a mandatory co-sponsor on this bill with my colleague, Senator Diamond. Both of us care deeply about the sex trafficking problem in Maine and this bill is very simple. The assumption is that minors engaged in prostitution are victims of sex trafficking. We need to help them. We do not need to threaten them with arrest to help them. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I never heard of a charge being a threat. I think it's more a deterrent. No charges are threats. I don't think we use that in that respect. I think that we use it so that people follow the laws. The other part of this, the question was if the Sheriffs Association, I did hear it correctly from Mary-Anne LaMarre who is their liaison for the Sheriffs Association, this morning and said they are not supporting this bill. It's here on my phone. So I will say that this, again, is essentially allowing prostitution for juveniles and there's no way to circle around that. That's what you're doing. It's illegal for adults, but you're going to make it legal for juveniles. Does that make any sense to you? I cannot figure that out. When you read that in the headlines I don't think anybody outside of here is going to figure that out. I think that this is a wrong way to deal with it. I think that it did allow law enforcement officers to help the child. If there's a parent, I don't know how many times in my career that I've had parents beg me to go get their child and they'd be in the wrong hands of somebody, whether it was a drug issue, they ran away from home, whatever it is. Lots of times these children will not go home unless they have some way for that to happen. This is a tool that we use and we're throwing that away. There has not been any convictions in the last 20 years on this charge because the courts have dealt with it and said, 'If you follow these rules that charge goes away,' and that's why. It's just a charge. It is just a deterrent. Why should we throw away something that we can actually help somebody with? Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I am the sponsor of this bill and Senator Breen and I did work together on this with others. The problem we have today is we have a decision to make. The decision is either we not pass this and we leave it the way it is and young girls, most of whom are being trafficked, will continue to suffer through prosecution or threat of prosecution, that's what it is, or we can stop that, we can stop it right now, this legislative session, by passing this bill. That's what it's come down to. It's pretty simple. Regardless of who supports it or who doesn't support it, it's our decision. So do we stop this horrible situation or do we let it continue for whatever reason? I hope we stop it and I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** I just wanted to direct your attention to the handout, in the back that's highlighted. Probably a reason that there's been no prosecution for 20 years is because the prosecutors, themselves, do not want to prosecute this. Maine's prosecutors agree that vulnerable youth should be seen as victims rather than perpetrators of crime and they urged us to vote Ought to Pass on L.D. 548. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. If you are in favor of accepting that report you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#56)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, CARSON

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 7 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-48) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **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.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/23/19) matter:

Mandate

An Act To Prevent Food Shaming in Maine's Public Schools
H.P. 130 L.D. 167
(C "A" H-91)

Tabled - April 23, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill **FAILED ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

(In Senate, April 23, 2019, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill **FAILED ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

This being a Mandate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with 5 Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 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.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/23/19) matter:

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Disposable Food Service Containers
H.P. 213 L.D. 289
(H "A" H-55 to C "A" H-49)

Tabled - April 23, 2019 by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, 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 Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. This bill would make Maine the first state in the nation to ban polystyrene, making it so businesses would have to find other materials to package their products. In other words, we're putting Maine on the island that nobody else is on and our businesses have to look for products that nobody else has come up with yet. Alternatives to this product often add an increase cost and don't solve the litter problem. It's just a substitute for one type of material for another. For example, this would ban meat trays that are currently used in all of the stores

and the alternative for meat trays that are currently used is another type of plastic. So we're swapping one plastic for another plastic. We're not stopping litter. We're not preventing anything. Banning this material would add an added cost to schools who use polystyrene trays. Some say it would increase costs by 87% on these schools. I would argue that this bill is an unfunded mandate. This bill currently has written exemptions for hospitals and the lobster industry from this ban. I assume this was done because the alternatives are so expensive. If the material is so bad why are we not banning these completely then? In closing, I see this bill as a bad business bill that does nothing to address littering and recycling challenges in this state. It adds costs to small businesses and will put them in a difficult situation when the ban becomes effective in less than two years with no known alternative to fix these. So I ask you to please join me in voting down this motion.

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

Senator **CARSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to speak for enactment of L.D. 289, the bill to prohibit the use of certain food containers made of polystyrenes. We all know, because we have seen it in our own lives, on our beaches, in our ponds, along the road, that this type of plastic is very persistent, 500, some say even 1,000, years in the environment. It just doesn't go away. It cannot be economically recycled or reused. In speaking with Kevin Roche from EcoMaine, he said it wasn't even economical to be used as waste for fuel. This means it ends up either on the landscape or in our landfills for many, many years. Polystyrene has been shown to be carcinogenic and a neurotoxin when heated, according to the National Toxicology Program, especially when in the proximity of grease. Polystyrene is made of petric chemicals which, as we all know, are not found in Maine but rather imported and, in fact, there are good alternatives for the kinds of single use food containers where polystyrene is now principally found. Briefly last week I spoke of a conversation that I had had with the plant manager of Huhtamaki, the former Keyes Fibre, which employs 500 Maine men and women in the manufacture of recyclable and recycled food containers. They make, as you may recall from my comments then, recycled newsprint, trays to hold multiple cups for beverages. They make a food tray out of compostable paper material that holds food for things like school lunches and, in fact, they make single service food containers out of paper. We want to support industries like our own Huhtamaki, a branch of a much larger company that makes this kind of container in other plants all across the country. When polystyrene enters, or as we know it mostly as Styrofoam, the water system it breaks down into very small parts. Some people call these micro plastic beads. These pieces then become part of the aquatic food chain. There is proof that these micro plastics affect the reproductive rate of fish and stunt the growth of shellfish. Why would we threaten an important part of the Maine economy to use a product that has alternatives? Finally, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, there are quite a large number of municipalities, including New York City; Tacoma, Washington; cities like Portland, Oregon; Nantucket; Minneapolis; that actually have banned this type of polystyrene and as we speak, and I did not check this morning to see its status, the Legislature of the State of Maryland is considering the prohibition of the use of single plastic polystyrene containers. If we pass this bill it is true we will be the first state to do so, but I believe that

Maine's state motto, 'Dirigo, I lead,' has meaning and I hope very much that you will support this ban so that we can lead in an important area of environmental protection. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Enactment. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#57)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, CHENETTE

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Clean Energy Fund and To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Capitalize the Fund" H.P. 1177 L.D. 1634

Bill "An Act To Restore Local Ownership and Control of Maine's Power Delivery Systems" H.P. 1181 L.D. 1646

Come 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.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Conflict of Interest Requirements for the Board of Environmental Protection" H.P. 1179 L.D. 1644

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.

Resolve, To Ensure Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment H.P. 1173 L.D. 1630

Comes 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 To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in Maine" H.P. 1183 L.D. 1648

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

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

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness to Maine's Middle Class and Working Families" H.P. 1182 L.D. 1647

Comes 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.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting, Voting by Absentee Ballot and Voting by Mail H.P. 1174 L.D. 1631

Bill "An Act To Legalize Keno and Historical Instant Racing" H.P. 1176 L.D. 1633

Come 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.

**Pursuant to Statute
Administrator of the unorganized territory**

The **Administrator of the unorganized territory**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2019-20" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1178 L.D. 1643

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Joint Order

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding the State's Container Redemption Laws"
H.P. 1171 L.D. 1628

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 883.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Future Evaluations of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program"
H.P. 1172 L.D. 1629

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 1001, subsection 2.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for 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 Directing That the Towns Constituting Hospital Administrative District No. 4 Hold a Vote on the Proposed Merger with Northern Light Health

S.P. 488 L.D. 1553
(C "A" S-63)

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.

On motion by Senator **FARRIN** of Somerset, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Corporal Eugene Cole of Norridgewock.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today to take a moment to remember Corporal Eugene Cole. Today is the one year anniversary of the end of his watch. It is a day that Gene's family, the residents of Norridgewock, and the citizens of Somerset County will never forget. Gene Cole was more than just a member of law enforcement. He was a husband, father, son, brother, and grandfather. He was also a generous member of the community and mentor to many young deputies. As Sheriff Lancaster said, 'He loved the town of Norridgewock. He's been referred to as Norridgewock's deputy sheriff. He truly embodied community policing.' Last session I submitted a bill to name the bridge in Norridgewock in memory of Corporal Cole. Our community held a bridge ceremony on October 7th, which would have been Gene's 62nd birthday. Gene's family, members of the community, and first responders from across the state came together to partake in this special time of remembrance and to show their love and support to the entire Cole family. Since then we have continued to remember his sacrifice and the legacy he left behind. In doing so, the town of Norridgewock has named today 'Corporal Eugene Cole Day' and we are making an effort to do something Gene did so well, giving back to the community. As our Town Manager put it, today is a day to encourage people to volunteer, to be active in their community, give back, pay things forward, and really carry out what Gene stood for within our community. Locally, people have been donating non-perishable food and personal care items for food pantries and local organizations. This afternoon Gene's wife, Sheryl, will be part of the delivery team. As you go about your I hope you take some time to remember the life of Gene Cole, his family; Sheryl, Tom, David, Phil, Joe, Jill, and the entire Cole family, that continues to mourn his loss and consider doing something to give back in local community. To quote his wife, Sheryl, and make no mistake, never refer to her as a widow. Sheryl is Gene's wife. 'To honor Corporal Eugene Cole follow in his footsteps. Be kind. Help your fellow man. We're all the same race, the human race. Treat each other as such. Let this be part of his legacy.' Mr. President, I ask that when we adjourn today we do so in the memory of Corporal Eugene Cole. Thank you.
