

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber  
Tuesday  
May 28, 2019

Senate called to order by President Pro Tem Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin County.

Prayer by Pastor Joshua Lovelace, Truth Baptist Church in Jefferson.

**PASTOR LOVELACE:** Our Heavenly Father, Lord, I thank You so much for the chance we have to be together here this morning. I thank You for every one of these that are representing the people around the state. Lord, I thank You for their sacrifice, Lord, for the chance to have to serve and, Lord, to represent us, as they have put aside a lot in their life. Lord, some travel great distances to be here. Lord, I thank You for every single one of them, Lord, as we paused yesterday in remembrance of those that were fallen, I thank You for this great country. I thank You, Lord, for the sacrifice of those that have gone on before us so that we, as a state, Lord, can have these rights to stand here today. I thank You for the chance, again, Lord, to gather together with these men and women, Lord, to make decisions. I pray for wisdom. I pray for guidance and grace and mercy and will give You the glory through it all. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator David C. Woodsome of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Jessica Richmond, M.D. of Sebec.

Off Record Remarks

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, To Require a Study of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions from the Proposed Central Maine Power Company Transmission Corridor (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 202 L.D. 640

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)** (10 members)

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

In Senate, May 9, 2019, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-82)**.

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-82) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-345)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Streamline the Eviction Process"

H.P. 780 L.D. 1057

Report **"A" - Ought to Pass** (6 members)

Report **"B" - Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, May 21, 2019, Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS, READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby Report **"B"**, **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**, was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, the Senate **INSISTED**.

**Joint Orders**

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1266

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the House, a bill relating to options to adjust upper payment limits for services under MaineCare.

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

READ and PASSED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 485

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

May 22, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of The Honorable James A. Boyle of Gorham, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

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

Table with 4 columns: YEAS, Senators, Representatives, and Names. YEAS: 3 Senators (Lawrence, Miramant, Woodsome), 9 Representatives (Berry, Caiazza, Doudera, Foster, Grohoski, Hanley, Kessler, Riley, Rykerson). NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 1 Representative (Rep. Grignon).

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 James A. Boyle of Gorham, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY 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 (#134)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 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 James A. Boyle of Gorham for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was CONFIRMED.

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

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber from Gorham, the Honorable and former member of this Body, Jim Boyle. Would he please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

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.

The Following Communication: S.C. 486

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

May 22, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of The Honorable Joan Welsh of Rockport, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Miramant, D. of Knox, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	9	Berry, S. of Bowdoinham, Caiazzo, C. of Scarborough, Doudera, V. of Camden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Grohoski, N. of Ellsworth, Hanley, J. of Pittston, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Riley, T. of Jay, Rykerson, D. of Kittery
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Grignon, C. of Athens

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 Joan Welsh of Rockport, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence                      S/Seth A. Berry  
Senate Chair                                      House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:  
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#135)**

YEAS:            Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **Joan Welsh** of Rockport for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 487

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

May 22, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Glenn S. Poole of Orrington, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Miramant, D. of Knox, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	9	Berry, S. of Bowdoinham, Caiazzo, C. of Scarborough, Doudera, V. of Camden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Grohoski, N. of Ellsworth, Hanley, J. of Pittston, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Riley, T. of Jay, Rykerson, D. of Kittery

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Rep. Grignon, C. of Athens

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 Glenn S. Poole of Orrington, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence Senate Chair	S/Seth A. Berry House Chair
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**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:  
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#136)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **Glenn S. Poole** of Orrington for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 484

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

May 22, 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Suzanne MacDonald of Rockland, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

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

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Miramant, D. of Knox, Woodsome, D. of York
	Representatives	9	Berry, S. of Bowdoinham, Caiazzo, C. of Scarborough, Doudera, V. of Camden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Grohoski, N. of Ellsworth, Hanley, J. of Pittston, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Riley, T. of Jay, Rykerson, D. of Kittery
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		1	Rep. Grignon, C. of Athens

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 Suzanne MacDonald of Rockland, for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence  
Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry  
House Chair

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The President Pro Tem laid before the Senate the following:  
"Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** be overridden?"

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#137)**

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 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 **Suzanne MacDonald** of Rockland for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

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The Following Communication: S.C. 477

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Michael Carey of Lewiston to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Michael Carey of Lewiston for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: S.C. 478

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Sarah A. Churchill of Windham to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Sarah A. Churchill of Windham for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 479

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Robert P. Cummins of Portland to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Robert P. Cummins of Portland for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 480

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Robert C. LeBrasseur of Sabattus to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Robert C. LeBrasseur of Sabattus for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 481

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Ronald W. Schneider Jr. of Wells to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Ronald W. Schneider Jr. of Wells for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 482

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Joshua A. Tardy of Newport to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Joshua A. Tardy of Newport for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 488

**STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

May 21, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 1, §2B, I am pleased to appoint Joyce Oreskovich of Brunswick to the State Compensation Commission, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 483

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of Mary Zmigrodski of South China to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Mary Zmigrodski of South China for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

The Following Communication: S.C. 489

**STATE OF MAINE  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

May 21, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 1, §2B, I am pleased to appoint Christine Brawn of Hallowell to the State Compensation Commission, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson  
President of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 491

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

May 22, 2019

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

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Roger J. Katz of Brunswick to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable Roger J. Katz of Brunswick for appointment to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Pursuant to Title 4, MRSA §1803, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 492

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

May 24, 2019

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

RE: State Board of Education

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Peter Geiger, for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S.A. §401, this appointment is contingent on Confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills  
Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 493

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

May 21, 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. 326 An Act To Decriminalize Engaging in Prostitution

L.D. 1636 An Act To Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System

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. 494

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

May 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. 516 An Act To Establish a Statewide Voluntary Firearm Collection Day and Ongoing Program
- L.D. 747 An Act To Promote the Safe Use and Sale of Firearms
- L.D. 869 An Act Regarding Gun Control
- L.D. 1033 An Act To Protect Children from Accidental Injury Due to Unsafe Storage of Firearms
- L.D. 1071 An Act To Prohibit the Sale of High-capacity Magazines

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. 495

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

May 17, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1707 An Act To Ensure Accuracy and Reliability of Environmental Testing by Requiring Compliance Testing by 3rd-parties

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Brownie Carson Senate Chair S/Rep. Ralph L. Tucker House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 497

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

May 17, 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 and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 752 An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity and Promote Economic Growth

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Geoff Gratwick Senate Chair S/Rep. Patty Hymanson House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 496

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

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

- L.D. 132 An Act To Eliminate Insurance Rating Based on Age, Geographic Location or Smoking History and To Reduce Rate Variability Due to Group Size

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn Senate Chair	S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler House Chair
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**READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 498

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

May 21, 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. 3 An Act To Enhance and Increase the Availability of Mental Health Providers in Maine (EMERGENCY)

- L.D. 183 An Act To Increase the Number of Teachers in Maine

- L.D. 349 An Act To Extend the Refundability of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit to Students in the Behavioral Health Field

- L.D. 386 An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program

- L.D. 686 An Act To Ease Record-keeping Requirements for Auctioneers

- L.D. 872 An Act To Forgive Education Debt for Certain Health Care Professionals Who Work in the State

- L.D. 1445 An Act To Provide Debt-free Educational Opportunities for Maine Residents

- L.D. 1530 An Act To Expand Incentives To Live and Work in Maine through a Tax Credit for Certain Student Loans

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.**

The Following Communication: S.C. 499

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

May 17, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1503 An Act To Establish the Maine False Claims Act
- L.D. 1522 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Orders of Abandonment for Residential Properties in Foreclosure

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

May 20, 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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1736 An Act To Compensate Corrections and Mental Health Workers for Injuries and Illness Suffered While Working

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Shenna Bellows                      S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester  
 Senate Chair                                      House Chair

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

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The Following Communication:      S.C. 502

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

May 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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 958 An Act To Amend the Maine Income Tax Laws

This is notification of the Committee's action.

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael E. Carpenter              S/Rep. Donna Bailey  
 Senate Chair                                      House Chair

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

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The Following Communication:      S.C. 500

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

May 15, 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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 312 An Act To Reduce the Cost of Workers' Compensation Insurance for Small Employers
- L.D. 1605 An Act To Provide Fair Contracts in the Logging Industry

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Shenna Bellows                      S/Rep. Mike A. Sylvester  
 Senate Chair                                      House Chair

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

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The Following Communication:      S.C. 501

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan Tipping  
House Chair

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

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State"

S.P. 604 L.D. 1788

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.  
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Clarify and Enhance Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Laws"

S.P. 603 L.D. 1787

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.  
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Order**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The St. Dominic Academy Boys Hockey Team, of Auburn, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 600

Sponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin,  
Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, BROOKS of Lewiston,  
CLOUTIER of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn, SHEATS of Auburn.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Claxton.

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I rise to recognize the St. Dominic Academy Boys Hockey Team for their accomplishment in winning the Class A State Championship. They're known locally and affectionately as St. Dom's, unless you happen to be one of the many schools that loses to them over the course of their soccer, hockey, and any number of seasons. So they are representing the students from a significant number of towns in the center part of the state and they came together to accomplish the amazing things that they can be accomplished when people grow, learn, and master together. I celebrate their accomplishment and invite the Chamber to recognize their success.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair is pleased to recognize in the balcony Coaches and team members of St. Dominic Academy Boys Varsity Hockey Team. They are from Lewiston and Auburn. They are the guests today of the Senators from Androscoggin, Senator Claxton and myself. Will they please rise and accept the greetings of the Senate.

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

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities Severely Affected by Pest Infestations" H.P. 464 L.D. 643

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

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot  
BLACK of Franklin  
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

HICKMAN of Winthrop  
HALL of Wilton  
KINNEY of Knox  
KRYZAK of Acton  
MAXMIN of Nobleboro  
McCREA of Fort Fairfield  
PLUECKER of Warren  
ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick  
SKOLFIELD of Weld

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-341)**.

Signed:

Representative:

O'NEIL of Saco

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

Reports **READ**.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Restore System Administration Allocations in Maine School Administrative Units to the Level Prescribed for Fiscal Year 2017-18"

H.P. 321 L.D. 412

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-310)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland  
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD 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-310)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-310) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for Civil Legal Services"

H.P. 177 L.D. 214

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-316)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook  
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

BAILEY of Saco  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
CARDONE of Bangor  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
HARNETT of Gardiner  
RECKITT of South Portland  
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:  
CURTIS of Madison  
HAGGAN of Hampden

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-316)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Print Publications from Sales Tax"  
H.P. 899 L.D. 1238

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-330)**.

Signed:

Senators:  
CHIPMAN of Cumberland  
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland

Representatives:  
TIPPING of Orono  
CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
DENK of Kennebunk  
MATLACK of St. George  
STANLEY of Medway  
TERRY of Gorham

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

Signed:

Senator:  
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:  
BICKFORD of Auburn  
KRYZAK of Acton  
MAREAN of Hollis

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-330)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-330) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Remove Sales and Use Taxation on Gold and Silver Coins"  
H.P. 1058 L.D. 1446

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

Signed:

Senators:  
CHIPMAN of Cumberland  
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland

Representatives:  
TIPPING of Orono  
CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
DENK of Kennebunk  
MATLACK of St. George  
STANLEY of Medway  
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-333)**.

Signed:

Senator:  
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:  
BICKFORD of Auburn  
KRYZAK of Acton  
MAREAN of Hollis

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Signed:

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.

Representatives:  
ACKLEY of Monmouth  
HICKMAN of Winthrop  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

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

The Secretary opened the vote.

Reports **READ**.

**ROLL CALL (#138)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, JACKSON, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM LIBBY

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

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Open Maine's Primaries and Permit Unenrolled Voters To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections" H.P. 174 L.D. 211

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Signed:

Senators:  
LUCHINI of Hancock  
CYRWAY of Kennebec  
HERBIG of Waldo

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish Open Primaries for Certain Federal and State Offices" H.P. 96 L.D. 114

Representatives:  
SCHNECK of Bangor  
ANDREWS of Paris  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
DOLLOFF of Rumford  
HANINGTON of Lincoln  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
STROM of Pittsfield

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

Signed:

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)**.

Senators:  
LUCHINI of Hancock  
CYRWAY of Kennebec  
HERBIG of Waldo

Signed:

Representatives:  
SCHNECK of Bangor  
ANDREWS of Paris  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
DOLLOFF of Rumford  
HANINGTON of Lincoln  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
STROM of Pittsfield

Representatives:  
ACKLEY of Monmouth  
HICKMAN of Winthrop

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

Reports **READ**.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-311)**.

Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Chenette.

Senator **CHENETTE:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I rise as the lead co-sponsor of this common sense reform as the co-Chair of the Democracy Reform caucus and in opposition to the pending motion. The largest voting block in Maine isn't Democrats or Republicans, it's unenrolled voters. While they should be considered Independent, it largely means voters not affiliated with one party. The latest voter registration numbers from September of 2018 largely reflect long-term trends in Maine. About 35% of voters are unenrolled, 33% are Democrat, and 27% are Republican. While these numbers can change and fluctuate from one election to the next, this has largely been the case in Maine. About a third, a third, and a third. My Senate District largely reflects this same breakdown. I am in strong support of unenrolled voters, or Independents, being able to vote in our primary elections for the simple fact that they pay for it. We aren't talking about private party leadership elections. We aren't talking about caucus elections run by and paid for by political parties. We are talking about primary elections run by the Secretary of State and town clerks in every corner of our state, paid with taxpayer funds. A third of my constituents pay for an election they are not allowed to participate in. They are purposely shut out of the electoral process. Why? Some think that allowing those who are unenrolled to vote in a primary would somehow harm or weaken party candidates or the party itself. I strongly disagree. As a proud Democrat, I believe in expanding voting rights and access. Increasing voter participation and civic engagement in the political process is a core democratic value. It's in our party platform and, as a party, we sometimes, and often times, talk about respecting the will of the voters and protecting our democratic institutions. We either want participation or we don't. We either want to expand voting or we don't. Picking and choosing makes us look indecisive and goes against our core beliefs. It's because I'm a Democrat that I support opening up our primary, not in spite of. If you support common sense reforms, like automatic voter registration, early voting, ranked-choice voting, and other electoral reforms to improve our political system, to make it easier, not harder, to vote, then you should consider supporting opening up our primaries as well.

According to the bi-partisan Policy Center, 'The reality is that many unaffiliated voters lean strongly towards one side. If a party wants to broaden its reach for the General Election, allowing Independents to cast ballots in primaries could help with both party building and boosting turnout.' I love that. Welcoming unenrolled voters into any party will ultimately lead to more benefits in electoral outcomes rather than if we continue to shun them from participating in the process. Voter turnout is around 3% to 10% higher on average in states that have opened up their primaries versus states that have closed primaries. I think this is a really important point; Maine is actually an outlier in the entire country when it comes to how we treat our unenrolled neighbors. Under current law, unenrolled voters can only participate in a partisan primary if they register or enroll in that particular political party. Individuals must wait 90 days before unenrolling. Maine is one of less than a dozen states with closed primaries. The rest of the country has some form of open primary systems. This

includes our New England neighbors like New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. They must be on to something.

This bill is a common sense measure that seeks to create semi-open primaries. Semi-open primaries refers to a system where those who are not enrolled in a political party can select which party to vote in during the primary election without actually having to register in that party. This allowance would not be for those already involved in a political party, so we aren't opening up Democratic primaries to Republicans. We aren't opening up Republican primaries to Democrats. This is a semi-open system, just allowing unenrolled voters to vote in a primary of their choosing. In Maine, polling has shown that between 75% and 80% of Maine voters support moving to a semi-open primary. With our Senate Districts reflecting the very same breakdown of party affiliations as statewide numbers, an entire third of my constituents cannot participate in an election that they pay for. Ahead of 2020, I think any voter wishing to vote should be welcomed and encouraged with open arms, wink, wink, okay. Every citizen deserves a right to vote in our elections, not just ones dictated by political parties. My constituents deserve the right to fully engage in the political process and fulfill their civic duty at the ballot box that they pay for. Don't continue to deny one-third of the voting population in Maine in my district from having a choice. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you very much, Mr. President Pro Tem. I just wish to speak very briefly in opposition to the current motion at this time. I think that this is an issue whose time has come. To look at the larger issues, there's a great disenchantment with the way our political system is working. I think this could bring more younger voters into the whole realm of civic engagement. It's going to help increase the number of people voting in elections and I think it's really going to help the crisis we're beginning to experience in our democracy with this type of partisanship. I will urge people to oppose the current motion.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#139)**

**YEAS:** Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, DOW, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MILLETT, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT PRO TEM LIBBY

**NAYS:** Senators: BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, DIAMOND, FOLEY, GRATWICK, JACKSON, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI



EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-313) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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Off Record Remarks

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees"  
H.P. 861 L.D. 1187

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-313)**.

Signed:

Senators:  
LUCHINI of Hancock  
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:  
SCHNECK of Bangor  
ACKLEY of Monmouth  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
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 Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:  
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:  
ANDREWS of Paris  
DOLLOFF of Rumford  
HANINGTON of Lincoln  
STROM of Pittsfield

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-313)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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**Divided Report**

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The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Enact the Maine Citizens' Initiatives Clean Election Act"

H.P. 1145 L.D. 1583

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

Signed:

Senators:  
LUCHINI of Hancock  
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:  
SCHNECK of Bangor  
ANDREWS of Paris  
COOPER of Yarmouth  
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
STROM of Pittsfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-318)**.

Signed:

Senator:  
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:  
ACKLEY of Monmouth  
DOLLOFF of Rumford  
HANINGTON of Lincoln  
HICKMAN of Winthrop

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.

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**Senate**

**Ought to Pass As Amended**

Senator MILLETT for the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 214 L.D. 701

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-139) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Convene a Task Force To Study the Need for Long-term Acute Care Hospital

S.P. 117 L.D. 439

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-145) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Codes under MaineCare

S.P. 163 L.D. 498

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-144)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-144) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Promote Quality and Transparency in the Provision of Services by Assisted Housing Programs That Provide Memory Care

S.P. 485 L.D. 1548

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-142)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-142) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Education about the Holocaust"

S.P. 310 L.D. 1050

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-147)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland  
CARSON of Cumberland  
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-148)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-147)** Report.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#140)**

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-147)** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-147) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-147)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Stabilize the Behavioral Health Workforce and Avert More Expensive Treatments (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 180 L.D. 593

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-143)**.

Signed:

Senators:

GRATWICK of Penobscot  
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York  
CRAVEN of Lewiston  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
MEYER of Eliot  
PERRY of Calais  
STOVER of Boothbay  
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
O'CONNOR of Berwick

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-143) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION** of Committee Amendment "A" (S-143).

**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Minimum Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Traveling Sales Representatives"

S.P. 274 L.D. 919

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

Signed:

Senators:

BELLOWS of Kennebec  
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland  
AUSTIN of Gray  
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth  
CUDDY of Winterport  
DOORE of Augusta  
LOCKMAN of Bradley  
MORRIS of Turner

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

Signed:

Representative:

RYKERSON of Kittery

Reports **READ**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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**Divided Report**

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, To Conduct a Comprehensive Study of the Compensation System for State Employees

S.P. 376 L.D. 1214

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-146)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BELLOWS of Kennebec  
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland  
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth  
CUDDY of Winterport  
DOORE of Augusta  
PEOPLES of Westbrook  
RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray  
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
LOCKMAN of Bradley  
MORRIS of Turner

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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 PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I wanted to rise for a minute to talk a little bit about this bill. I believe that Mainers deserve to have the best people working on behalf of their state government, whether it's at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or at the Department of Education. Ensuring that these jobs offer competitive wages, benefits, and opportunities for growth are essential to attracting and retaining qualified people to fill these positions. However, too many Maine State employees are overworked and underpaid. This is especially true if you look at their private sector counterparts. One 2009 study found that the State employees were paid roughly 7.5% to 22% less than a private sector employee for the same work, depending on the job. For most people, myself included, that's a lot of money, especially when you're paying for a mortgage, saving for retirement, and raising a family. It's no wonder it's becoming increasingly difficult for the State to keep good employees over the past decade. Why would you stay at a job when you can earn more money doing even less working elsewhere? To rebuild our State we need to rebuild and support our State workers. Overhauling Maine's compensation system is long, long overdue. This hasn't been done since 1975. While changes have been made here and there, the system remains largely out of date. A study to better understand how Maine's compensation system compares to other states, the private sector, and cost of living in Maine will help lawmakers make appropriate changes going forward. There is a reason this bill has so many co-sponsors. Maine lawmakers know that State employees are worked hard and underpaid, and we know all about the stories that we heard about having not enough snowplow drivers across the state, the low wages that are being paid. We rely on them to serve our constituents each and every day. They deserve to be paid fairly. This study will pave the way to making that a reality. I appreciate your vote on this issue.

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** 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 (#141)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, JACKSON, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT PRO TEM LIBBY

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-146) **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.

**ENACTORS**

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

**Constitutional Amendment**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

H.P. 447 L.D. 619  
(C "A" H-42)

Comes From the House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

**Constitutional Amendment**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Facilitate the Use of Ranked-choice Voting for Governor and Members of the Legislature

H.P. 1079 L.D. 1477  
(C "A" H-236)

Comes From the House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Transfer the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund to the Office of the Treasurer of State

H.P. 849 L.D. 1160  
(C "A" H-258)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 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 Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Ensure the Availability of Community Integration Services

H.P. 568 L.D. 763  
(C "A" H-252)

Comes From the House, **FAILED ENACTMENT**.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, To Transfer the Guilford Butler School Property to the Town of South Thomaston

H.P. 943 L.D. 1300  
(C "A" H-264)

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

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 28: Allowances for Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 1211 L.D. 1696

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

**Emergency Resolve**

Resolve, To Increase Funding for Assertive Community Treatment

H.P. 824 L.D. 1135  
(C "A" H-253)

Comes From the House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE.**

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

**Acts**

An Act To Require That Nonmotorized Carriages Be Equipped with Reflective Tape and Lights

H.P. 161 L.D. 198  
(C "A" H-243)

An Act To Ensure Protection of Patients in Medical Reviews by Health Insurance Carriers

S.P. 61 L.D. 249  
(C "A" S-107)

An Act To Limit the Number of Students and Prevent the Addition of Grade Levels at Virtual Public Charter Schools

H.P. 370 L.D. 513  
(C "A" H-239)

An Act To Enhance Highway Safety by Strengthening the So-called Move Over Law

S.P. 168 L.D. 546  
(C "A" S-98)

An Act To Allow Chiropractic Internships

H.P. 623 L.D. 849  
(C "A" H-262)

An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle Registrations

S.P. 272 L.D. 917  
(H "A" H-279 to C "A" S-70)

An Act To Authorize Public Schools To Periodically Test for Radon

H.P. 802 L.D. 1079  
(C "A" H-251)

An Act To Allow Maine Medical Marijuana Caregivers To Measure Cultivation Limits by Plant Canopy Size

H.P. 878 L.D. 1218

An Act To Create a System Using the Permit for Disposition of Human Remains To Track the Burial of Cremated Remains in a Public Cemetery

H.P. 1086 L.D. 1484

An Act To Amend the Date by Which an Applicant for Funds under the Local Road Assistance Program Must Provide Certification to the Department of Transportation

H.P. 1106 L.D. 1513

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

An Act To Raise the University of Maine System Debt Ceiling

H.P. 169 L.D. 206  
(C "A" H-26)

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

An Act To Address Student Hunger with a "Breakfast after the Bell" Program

S.P. 99 L.D. 359  
(S "A" S-100 to C "A" S-78)

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

An Act To Provide Adequate Reimbursement under MaineCare for Ambulance and Neonatal Transport Services

S.P. 269 L.D. 915  
(C "A" S-104)

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

An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs  
H.P. 773 L.D. 1043  
(C "A" H-256)

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

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An Act To Require the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Be Credentialed  
S.P. 397 L.D. 1277  
(C "A" S-101)

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

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An Act To Improve Oral Health and Access to Dental Care for Maine Children  
H.P. 1014 L.D. 1399  
(C "A" H-249)

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

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An Act To Expand Access to Head Start To Assist Opioid-affected and Other At-risk Families  
H.P. 1030 L.D. 1417  
(C "A" H-265)

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

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An Act To Expand Application of the Maine Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1973 to Harvesters and Haulers of Forest Products  
S.P. 444 L.D. 1459

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 PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm actually glad that the good Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Timberlake, requested a roll call on this because last week, when we had this bill before us, I was surprised after we had the roll call vote then that the people that voted for and against it. I was pretty sure going in that we would have a pretty strong vote, bi-partisan vote, on it because over the

last couple of years in this Chamber we've had a number of these issues that we've taken up that have been bi-partisan and, while it didn't end up that way, I thought, 'Well, that's unfortunate' but the bill went down to the House where I did listen to the testimony over the weekend and a little bit shocked down there at some of the reasons why this wasn't a good bill to have going forward.

One of the things that I heard down the House end, that this had been tried before and that it is true that something similar to this was tried back in 2004. The difference was that that legislation, it actually had a trigger where three independent contractors had to ask the State for a rate setting procedure. What happened after that was one of the major landowners at that time all of a sudden bought all kinds of equipment and made sure that no one worked in what they considered the zone, and because of that people felt like they couldn't ask for the rate setting and, quite honestly, felt pretty much in a position where if they did ask for a rate setting things would get even worse. That bill stayed in there for five years, with no one actually using and the reason that it went away is because people came to this Legislature and told us that if we didn't get rid of the legislation, the rate setting part, they would close down one of the saw mills in Aroostook County. So we actually suspended the law for a year and, low and behold, what did they do? They closed down the mill. Then they came back the next year and told us that if they didn't get rid of the bill completely, no stalling, no waiting, they were just going to shut down operations altogether. Then that put a lot of people in, obviously, a real lurch. A law that hadn't been used because they had done everything they could to try to make sure people couldn't use it was up against whether we should continue to hold it or, you know, do we want to take that they're going to shut down complete operations. Well, obviously, the way that it felt that time was that if can't get the rate setting we might as well get rid of the law. So this Legislature, myself included, voted to repeal the law. The thing that was unfortunate about that was the big part of that bill was the rate setting procedure for the State Board of Arbitration. But a piece of it in there that was really important, and I wish I would have had more knowledge, more power, more ability to hold onto, was the idea of allowing independent contractors to be able to talk to each other in these negotiations. That really is what we're talking about today, allowing independent contractors to be able to talk about rates and things like that. No rate setting procedures or anything like that. So for people to say that this has been tried before, that's really not the case. Something similar or like it was tried but it had a whole lot of different parameters around it that made it very hard.

The other thing that I heard talked about down in the House end was that no loggers testified in support of this and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine are not in support of this. Well, there were 35 or 40 people that came as loggers to speak in favor of this and there were 3 or 4 that actually spoke in favor of it. An interesting dynamic with the loggers sitting in the back of the room, which is what we're accustomed to, with the landowners sitting in the front of the room. It's obviously pretty hard to get someone to want to come up and put themselves right in the line of fire that directly. But we did have 3 or 4 people that actually did speak in favor of this. Mind you, we did not have one logger or one logging contractor speak in opposition to this bill, as has been proclaimed by some. While they didn't speak in favor of it, the PLC, Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, I'm pretty sure if you ask them they're going to tell you that they are in support of it. They know, just like many of us, that you don't want

to be too vocal on these issues. You might find yourself in even a worse position. The reason why I know that is because even before I was really old enough to understand any of these issues, you know, the stories that are left by the people that came before me in my area talk about a time whenever there was a large, large strike in Northern Maine and the major landowner at the time up in that area, Irving, told the people that he would see grass grow up in the streets before he'd give in on this issue. At the time Governor James Longley came to Allagash. I don't know if there's been another Governor that's come or not, but I'm sure that's a big deal when you have a Governor come to a small community like that to talk about these issues. The man came there and told the crowd that he would not accept this type of behavior in the logging industry and that people had to stand down. In my time, not long after that, I can remember driving along in the springtime, when people are out of work, and almost every yard that you went by throughout the Saint John Valley had either a logging truck or had a cable skidder sitting in the yard, people working at it, because that's the way the industry operated. People owned their own equipment from as far back as I can remember and every one in my community had one. I can remember going along with my father and him talking about how this guy could cut 100 cords, unlimb, he was a big worker. This guy was one of the best truckers he'd ever worked with. That was the community that I remember and the community that I represent today. That's not like that so much anymore. People have, you know, mechanical equipment much more often. But the point that I want to make about that is that we always owned our own equipment. Guys had skidders. Guys had chainsaws and stuff like that. So it never was what you'd consider a true employee-employer relationship. But at that time it was an employee relationship. People were working. They'd get paid for their hourly wages. They'd get the payroll taken out, the workers' comp, social security. They also got a check for their cable skidder or for their truck. That's the way the industry worked. Not long after, you know like I said, I started going with my father more and more in the woods. One of the things that he used to tell me consistently, he said 'Don't do this when you grow up.' This is not the type of thing that I really want or can imagine anyone to actually go forward with for your family. In 1981, I remember my Dad taking me to a place called the High Landing in Allagash and another logging strike against the same company. When we showed up there the place was full of vehicles. It felt like there was well over 100 men there. When we got out, I mean I was 11 years old, they were all kidding around, joking, laughing, cursing, carrying on. As an 11 year old, I probably didn't understand, you know, all of the laughter and carrying on was probably a way to quell the anxiety and the fear that they probably mostly felt for what was coming up later on that afternoon. But when the landowner showed up and got out of the car, you know, he didn't get out and say 'Hey guys, I know it's tough. We've got to work together to try to resolve this.' He didn't get out and say 'I'm sorry that we just cut the rates,' you know, I think at that time 30%, 'That times are tight.' He didn't say anything like, you know, 'What can we do to fix this?' He didn't get out and act decent. What he did was he got out and he said 'If you don't go back to work in the morning I'm going to replace you all with Canadians.' That really is how negotiations have gone throughout my entire life and at that time there was people that had to be made examples of because it isn't even about money. More than anything it's about control. That was a major, major issue for me. You know, I stood behind my father and watched a man that

controlled the entire area tell him that his life wasn't worth what he was asking for. Just staying on rate. Not even asking for more money. What I also know about that was that was probably the beginning of them switching people over to independent contractors. None of us, I mean, I was 11 years old and I'm probably not still that very smart, but no one at that time understood what was coming, what the reasoning was for the switch to making people that had done their job good and had worked incredibly hard at a dangerous occupation, no one knew why there was going to be a switch over like this. But all of a sudden they started flipping people over to 'Hey, wouldn't you want to be an independent contractor? You own your own equipment. You'll be your own boss,' and all this. I could remember my father owning a 1987 Peterbilt trailer truck and being an employee. Just like that, overnight, in 1992 he became an independent contractor. He didn't change anything. He didn't go quit hauling. He was hauling the same product, the same place. Just, all of a sudden, he's an independent contractor. That's important because that's what we're talking about today. Should people that have been allowed to be used in what I would say a very bad way be allowed now, as independent contractors, I would also say not by their own volition, should they be allowed now to get together and collectively bargain, or even talk about rates? That, I think, is the big part of what we're talking about and, you know, we sit here in this Chamber and talk about small businesses and how they're the backbone. All these people are small business owners that own equipment, you know, provide work, do things like that. We also talk about the free market and I have a hard time to understand how you can say on one hand it's a free market and on the other we've got a system where, you know, we've allowed major landowners to dictate 100% how things work and they tell you what type of equipment you had to have, where to buy your fuel. They even put these black boxes in your equipment so they can track your movements all day long and you have to give that to them at the end of the day, at the end of the week, so they can download it and tell you how you can become more efficient so they can cut the rate on you. It's a system that is completely out of whack, and it's not just in Northern Maine. Let's not kid ourselves there. I mean, this is an issue that has permeated statewide now. If you're a large landowner you've been following suit to make sure that you can maximize every dollar out of these people that you can. So I am very, very frustrated by the fact that, you know, we worked on bills already this session to make sure that Canadian loggers wouldn't have any benefits that American loggers didn't get and landowners fought against that. We have a system right now, last summer the price that mills were paying for wood was at an all-time high and it never filtered down to the loggers. I mean we literally had mills that have come to us now and say 'Look, you know, we know there's something wrong. We're having a harder and harder time to get loggers to come in the industry but we're paying more and more.'

I tell you, ladies and gentlemen, the landowners, the big, large landowners, which have consistently fought against these things, consistently held onto control, are the ones that are banking the money and if we don't do something, you know, pretty quick we're going to lose more and more people out of this industry. All this bill does is allow people, and we wouldn't even be the first state, we'd be the seventh state to allow it in the nation, and even in Maine we've already allowed it for potato farmers and for fish cooperatives. So we're not doing anything at all out of bounds here but what it would do is allow people to get



together and talk about issues that they've been siloed off for years. Most of the time it wouldn't even, might not even be about rates. I mean, what we heard consistently is people that have to work 24 hours a day are told to work 24 hours a day, they have to work Saturday, they have to work Sunday. What, you know, is really frustrating about this is the Maine Forrest Products Council put out an alert across the industry, telling people that this bill was up and anyone that was in support of it was an entitled logger. An entitled logger, if you support it, maybe only work 16 hours a day, maybe taking Saturday off and being with your family. That right there is what the mindset has been for my entire life. Don't get out of line or you're entitled and we'll make an example of you. I can tell you that I can point the people out that were hard working men and women, families, that had the example made of them. They are all across the state. So I would definitely appreciate your vote today. I'm going to sit down and hopefully you'll think about, you know, what this means to a lot of hardworking people that have had no voice in this Legislature for well on 60 years.

The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to his seat on the floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#142)**

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

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

**Resolves**

Resolve, To Reduce Food Waste in Schools  
H.P. 398 L.D. 541  
(C "A" H-255)

Resolve, Concerning the Adoption of Rules To Carry Out the Purpose of the Bridging Rental Assistance Program  
H.P. 441 L.D. 613

Resolve, To Require Professional Licensure for Home Inspectors  
H.P. 492 L.D. 671  
(C "A" H-223)

Resolve, To Review Asset Limits for Social Service Programs  
H.P. 570 L.D. 765  
(C "A" H-247)

Resolve, To Examine Issues Relating to Bullying in Schools  
S.P. 402 L.D. 1306  
(C "A" S-105)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services To Conduct a Surplus Property Inventory  
H.P. 1008 L.D. 1394  
(C "A" H-263)

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

Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services  
H.P. 727 L.D. 972  
(C "A" H-245)

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

Resolve, To Establish and Fund Interventions for At-risk Families and Children  
H.P. 769 L.D. 1039  
(C "A" H-250)

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

Resolve, To Require Reimbursement for Bed-hold Days in Adult Family Care Homes  
S.P. 345 L.D. 1125  
(C "A" S-103)

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

**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 (5/23/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require That Hospital Liens Be Satisfied on a Just and Equitable Basis"

H.P. 822 L.D. 1133

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

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

Pending - motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Senate **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report in concurrence (Roll Call Requested)

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In Senate, May 23, 2019, on motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

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

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to speak in support of Reconsideration of this vote. I'd like to read from the testimony from the Maine Hospital Association and in their testimony they strongly oppose this bill and their question that they asked is: what public policy interest is served by reducing a hospital lien on a claim when the patient still owes the hospital payment for the services rendered? Even with liens, hospitals currently lose over \$100 million per year on bad debts, and that does not include

charity care. So their question about what public policy interest is served, there is no public policy interest served with this bill. This is a lawyer bill, plain and simple. This bill will increase litigation by creating a larger pool of money to make lawsuits more enticing for lawyers to take on. It does so by forcing hospitals to accept less payment than their service warrants. Currently, the hospital's bill for services and the related hospital liens are settled at the same time at the end of the lawsuit. Under this bill the hospital lien goes away but the patient still owes the money, so a different lawsuit will have to be filed. Since this bill does not take away the personal liability of the patient it simply means the hospital must take on the extra cost of going after the payment separately. This bill forces litigation. This bill makes the system less efficient and wasteful. For these reasons, this bill will increase the cost of healthcare for all Maine citizens as hospitals will incur losses and extra costs and these will have to be passed on. Even with liens, hospitals, as they stated, currently lose over \$100 million per year on bad debts. This bill flies in the face of our search in other legislation to combat the high cost of healthcare. I also feel that this bill is an insult to our Maine hospitals who are fair and compassionate in working with their patients to develop feasible payment plans and to also reduce the overall bill. Why, with no problem brought forward, no public policy interest served, would we implement this biased and unfair treatment on an industry in Maine that is so essential to our community health and wellbeing, only to the benefit of lawyers? I urge you to reconsider your motion. Thank you.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter.

Senator **CARPENTER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I don't oppose the good Senator from Oxford's motion to Reconsider. However, assuming that then the motion would be Enactment and I would ask that you support this fair and equitable bill. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#143)**

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/23/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions"

S.P. 18 L.D. 54

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

Tabled - May 23, 2019 by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHENETTE** of York, Senate Amendment "A" (S-150) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) **READ**.

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 York, Senator Chenette.

Senator **CHENETTE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the pending motion. I just want to clarify what this floor amendment does and what it doesn't do. So what this floor amendment does is basically add back into the bill language that was already in there that basically ensures that there isn't a giant loophole. So if we're not to pass the floor amendment, we would basically be allowing lobbyists to continue to give donations to legislator-led political action committees and gubernatorial candidate political action committees. So that's a blatant loophole and in my conversations with the Maine Ethics Commission's staff they pointed this loophole out and that's why it was so critically

important for us to put this forward so that we have a comprehensive campaign finance reform to make sure that we're limiting the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in this building and we're tightening the rules. I think we've seen time and time again how the public is behind common sense reforms like the one that's before us, Mr. President, to limit the role of money in politics, whether we're talking PACs or whether we're talking campaign accounts. There should be no difference and I think this floor amendment should be adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The pending question before the Senate is Adoption of Senate Amendment "A" (S-150) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-132). Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

**ROLL CALL (#144)**

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

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHENETTE** of York to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "A" (S-150) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-132), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-150) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-132) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-150)** thereto.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Education Laws"  
H.P. 1270 L.D. 1785

Comes 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.

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Bill "An Act To Increase Land Permit by Rule Application Fees"  
H.P. 1269 L.D. 1784

Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Sales Prohibition on Upholstered Furniture Treated with Flame-retardant Chemicals"  
H.P. 1271 L.D. 1786

Come 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.

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Bill "An Act To Amend the Motorcycle Rider Education and Driver Education Laws"

H.P. 1267 L.D. 1782

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"  
H.P. 1268 L.D. 1783

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

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

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

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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**House**

**Ought to Pass**

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Advance College Affordability by Convening a Task Force To Recommend a Sustainable Funding Model for Maintaining Maine's Public Higher Education Infrastructure (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 925 L.D. 1283

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.

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

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The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Scallop Drag Size Limitation in Blue Hill Bay"  
H.P. 1234 L.D. 1732

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.

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**Ought to Pass As Amended**

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Substance Use Disorder Clinic at the Cumberland County Jail"

H.P. 47 L.D. 46

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-354)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-354)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-354) **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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder" H.P. 282 L.D. 373

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-353)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-353)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-353) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Access to Medical Cannabis for Visiting Qualifying Patients"

H.P. 395 L.D. 538

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-347)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-347)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-347) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Review the Implementation of the Maine Background Check Center Act

H.P. 689 L.D. 934

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-348)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-348)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-348) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Increase Funding for Children's Behavioral Health Issues in Order To Return to the State Children Who Are Currently Housed in Residential Treatment Systems outside of the State and To Suspend Certain Contracts Related to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities H.P. 739 L.D. 984

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-352)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-352)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-352) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

H.P. 818 L.D. 1129

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-346)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-346)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-346) **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 AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Create a Limited Benefit MaineCare Card for Individuals Eligible for the Medicare Savings Program  
H.P. 889 L.D. 1228

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-367)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Support Medically Monitored Crisis Support and Intervention"

H.P. 950 L.D. 1315

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-351)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-351)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-351) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Increase Access to Housing-related Support Services

H.P. 953 L.D. 1318

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-349)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-349)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-349) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds"

H.P. 1139 L.D. 1577

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-350)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-350) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in Maine"

H.P. 1110 L.D. 1517

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-363)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-363)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-363) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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Off Record Remarks

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On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**  
until Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.