

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

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
January 21, 2020

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

Prayer by Reverend David Smith of First Congregational Church in Wilton.

REVEREND SMITH: Thank you and I appreciate the privilege of being able to be here this morning and also thank Russell Black specifically for inviting me, thank you. May we be in a spirit of prayer. Just and faithful God, the prayer that is offered in this historic place on this day in the 200th year of the forming of the state of Maine is given with hope and pride. The men and women in this room will deliberate as to what is best for the state as it moves ahead into the future. Maine is a good sized state, and an even bigger state when it comes to caring for all the people, and our prayer offered as one in which we can all grow and prosper and the decisions made in this room can help this happen. May Your will be done. Also as the State of the State is offered this evening, also in this historic building, may Your hope for the present and the future be with all who serve in this place and beyond. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Bradlee T. Farrin of Somerset County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 14, 2020 & Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:
S.O. 24

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature be held at 6:45 this evening, in the Hall of the House, for the purpose of extending to Governor Janet T. Mills an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases her.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, to deliver the message to the House of Representatives. The Senator was escorted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding the Presumption of Abandonment of Gift Obligations"

H.P. 1164 L.D. 1612
(S "A" S-366 to C "A" H-613)

In Senate, June 20, 2019, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** in concurrence.

In House, **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1365.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-661) in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED.**

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Improve Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care by Providing Care in Clinical Reproductive and Sexual Health Care Settings"

H.P. 1390 L.D. 1946

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

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

At this point a message was received from the House of Representatives, borne by Representative **MOONEN** of Portland, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 6:45 in the evening for the purpose of extending to Governor Janet T. Mills an invitation to attend and make such communication as pleases her.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1440

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
PROVIDE ACCESS TO BANKING AND INSURANCE
SERVICES TO LEGAL CANNABIS
AND CANNABIS-RELATED BUSINESSES**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the members of the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, despite being illegal at the federal level, cannabis is now legal in 33 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which account for 68% of the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to the conflict between state and federal law, the vast majority of financial institutions and insurers are unwilling to provide services to legal cannabis businesses, and those that do could be subject to severe criminal and civil penalties; and

WHEREAS, in addition to legal cannabis businesses being denied access to banking services, businesses that serve the cannabis industry, either directly or indirectly, may be denied banking services simply because they are being paid with money derived from cannabis sales; and

WHEREAS, lacking banking services, many legal cannabis businesses operate solely in cash, and cash-based systems are inefficient, expensive and opaque and make illicit activity more difficult for law enforcement agencies and state regulators to track; and

WHEREAS, lacking access to insurance, many legal cannabis businesses are unable to obtain sufficient coverage for business risks, leaving consumers, employees, vendors and owners without adequate financial protection; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan group of 38 attorneys general has identified cash associated with the cannabis industry as a public safety concern; and

WHEREAS, despite guidance from the United States Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to clarify federal Bank Secrecy Act expectations, federal banking regulators lack the legal authority to provide banks a safe harbor from federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has the sole authority to solve the banking and insurance issue by enacting legislation that provides protections for insurers, including surety bond writers, and financial institutions that offer services to legal cannabis businesses and service providers for such businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States enact federal laws regarding the use and sale of cannabis that respect state law and promote public safety without compromising federal enforcement of money laundering laws against criminal enterprises; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United

States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, to begin on this subject, I oppose this Joint Resolution as I care about the safety of each and every person and family environment in Maine, especially our kids and their future. This fell short in the last session when the rules of marijuana were legalized and very little law enforcement involvement. This was left up to the code enforcement officer, who does not do any criminal law, to deal with, to opt in towns. The money does not go to municipalities. It goes to the State. So we put the cart before the horse, the law enforcement. Juveniles look at recreational use as fun and now we are trying to open the door for funding to explore the market. Explore the market. Federal laws supersede state and we are to uphold the state and federal laws as we are sworn to. I had one Senator speak on the Senate Floor two sessions ago several times that the banks would overlook this problem and I told them that they would not. Who was right? We took a Schedule 1 drug, equal to cocaine, a legal substance, to recreationally use by our state and now we want to change an FDA and federal law for banking and insurance use. This is wrong. We have created an illegal monster and think we can feed it to calm it down. It'll get hungry again, believe me. It will ruin the state's future and our youth's. I constantly hear complaints of odor and also lowering the value of property owners. This is supporting the few that get into the business and hurting the rest of the people that own property. The property owners of Maine have very little say. I have seen children in different schools and I listen to resource officers, teachers, and many others that are experiencing three to four times the amount of use of marijuana in their school systems since this has been legalized. What are we doing to our children? We are going to go and legalize it now, or try to push the federal government to say it's okay, and we're worried about an opioid crisis which is killing people and we go and put marijuana first. I'm saddened to hear what's been going on here in the state of Maine and I care about our kids and I've been fighting this for years and I'm still not going to give up. I'm not giving up on our children. So I'm voting no on this today and I hope you follow my light. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BREEN**, and the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Adoption of the Joint Resolution. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#379)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, LAWRENCE, WOODSOME

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

YEAS Senators 2 Millett, R. of Cumberland, Carson, B. of Cumberland

Representatives 9 Kornfield, V. of Bangor, Brennan, M. of Portland, Dodge, J. of Belfast, Drinkwater, G. of Milford, Farnsworth, D. of Portland, Fecteau, J. of Augusta, Ingwersen, H. of Arundel, McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Sampson, H. of Alfred

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Pouliot, M. of Kennebec, Rep. Rudnicki, S. of Fairfield

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Anne E. Roosevelt of Embden, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Rebecca Millett
Senate Chair

S/Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 811

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

January 14, 2020

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 Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Anne E. Roosevelt of Embden, for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees.

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

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#380)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, LAWRENCE, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 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 **Anne E. Roosevelt** of Embden for appointment to the Maine Community College System, Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 813

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

January 18, 2020

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

Dear General Farnham:

We are pleased to invite you to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on, February 18, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., concerning matters of defense, veterans' services, emergency management and any other matters that you may care to bring to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson S/Sara Gideon
President of the Senate Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 809

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

January 13, 2020

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

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to address a Joint Session of the 129th Maine Legislature on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. I appreciate the courtesy of the Legislative Branch of government in inviting me to address the cause of justice in Maine.

I look forward to seeing you on January 28, 2020.

Sincerely,

S/Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 818

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

January 16, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Edward David of Farmington to the Maine Human Rights Commission

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Edward David of Farmington for appointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §4561, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation 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. 819

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

January 15, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Rebecca Asen of Falmouth to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Rebecca Asen of Falmouth for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 820

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

January 15, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Omar Andrews of Portland to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Omar Andrews of Portland for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 821

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

January 15, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Dustin D. Brooks of Portland to the Finance Authority of Maine

Dear Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Dustin D. Brooks of Portland for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 817

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

January 14, 2020

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

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

L.D. 1737 An Act Relating to the Retention and Hiring of Mental Health Staff at the Department of Health and Human Services

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. 812

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

January 13, 2020

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to H.P. 1277, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety is pleased to submit its final report on the Stabilization of Funding for the County Jails and the Regional Jail. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report online through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>.

Sincerely,

S/Susan A. Deschambault S/Charlotte Warren
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 814

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 15, 2020

Hon. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
Hon. Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with Title 9-B M.R.S. § 217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Legislature.

In the event that you may have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format at www.maine.gov/pfr/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III
Superintendent

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 815

**MAINE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
BRUNSWICK, MAINE**

January 15, 2020

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

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) due by February 1, 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Brian Whitney
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 816

**MAINE VENTURE FUND
NEWPORT, MAINE**

January 15, 2020

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

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the attached "Report to Legislature for 2019" on behalf of the quasi-independent state entity, Small Enterprise Growth Board, due February 1, 2020.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Terri Wark
Office Operations Manager
Small Enterprise Growth Board d/b/a Maine Venture Fund

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics"

S.P. 730 L.D. 2060

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, DOW of Lincoln, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Central Aroostook County Emergency Medical Services Authority"
S.P. 723 L.D. 2050

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello and Representatives: STEWART of Presque Isle, WHITE of Washburn.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Qualifications for the State Nuclear Safety Inspector"
S.P. 724 L.D. 2051

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Enact Restrictions on Electronic Smoking Devices and New Tobacco Products"
S.P. 725 L.D. 2052

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CYRWAY of Kennebec, GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Remove the Application of the Maine Background Check Center Act to Facilities That Provide Services to Children"
S.P. 726 L.D. 2053

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Consolidate Certain Reporting Requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services"
S.P. 727 L.D. 2054

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program"
S.P. 721 L.D. 2049

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require State Agencies To Use Renewable and Sustainable Energy and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions"
S.P. 728 L.D. 2055

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, DESCHAMBAULT of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry"
S.P. 731 L.D. 2061

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, STANLEY of Medway, TIPPING of Orono, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board Laws Regarding Registered Equipment"
S.P. 732 L.D. 2062

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Senator: CARSON of Cumberland, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DRINKWATER of Milford, FARNSWORTH of Portland, INGWERSEN of Arundel, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred), the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 722

JOINT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENTIMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS ARE PARAMOUNT IN ALL LEGISLATION AFFECTING PUBLIC EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the writers of the Constitution of Maine recognized that all students should have access to public education and that this education is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people; and

WHEREAS, equity of opportunity for all students to learn, regardless of where they live in the State, has never been more important as we face workforce challenges in heritage industries and the burgeoning technology sector, as well as in future job sectors as yet unknown; and

WHEREAS, our economic future is at risk if we fail to educate all students to their full potential, and our democratic system can thrive only if our young people are taught about the importance of civic engagement and civil interaction; and

WHEREAS, our students of today will be responsible for developing the strategies to mitigate climate change and protect our great natural resources, including the clean air, water and forested land that drive our economy and define our way of life; and

WHEREAS, our 3,478 miles of coastline have supported generations of men, women and children who are proud of their saltwater heritage and who will through education find new and sustainable ways to make their living on the sea; and

WHEREAS, our forests and farms have also supported generations of men, women and children who will through education find new and sustainable ways to continue farming and making their living from the woods; and

WHEREAS, our State's proud heritage as a home for painters, writers, musicians and crafters will be carried on by our aspiring artists who are students in public schools today; and

WHEREAS, our next generation of educators are students in our State's classrooms today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to support putting the interests of students first in all legislation we vote on that is related to public education.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Nate Hanscom, of Portland, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 954

Sponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland,
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland,
CROCKETT of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland,
JORGENSEN of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SYLVESTER of
Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **H. SANBORN:** Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Nate Hanscom of Portland for earning the highest distinction and rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project Nate chose to take on food insecurity, one

of the biggest issues Maine children face today. A graduate of Lyman Moore Middle School in Portland, Nate saw how helpful their school based food pantry had been for students and their families and so, though he was in high school, he wanted to go back and support it for his project. In order to do this, Nate turned to one of his passions, music. He put together a benefit rock concert called Music for Moore Food, and the admission charge was set as at least one nonperishable food item. The concert consisted of four 25 minute sets from local high school bands, including Nate's own band in which he plays guitar and is the lead vocalist as well as, I should say, one of the song writers. The band is called The Chives. I will also say that my son also plays in The Chives and so I have spent many, many hours listening to the wonderful music that they create, including attending the Music for Moore Food concert, which was really quite an event. Nate set a great example for all of us with his Eagle Scout project, showing that everyone can find a way to use their passions to help the community. Please help me in congratulating Nate on his great work helping the food pantry and his commitment to becoming an Eagle Scout. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Nate Hanscom and his parents, Stacey and Brad. They are all from the city of Portland and they are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Heather Sanborn. Would they please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

Eben Charles Dingman, of Leeds. Mr. Dingman travelled to Mexico City, where he taught English as a second language and became fluent in his second language, Spanish. After he returned to Maine, he became a brewer, founding Bear Bones Beer with his friend, Adam Tuuri, in Lewiston and later expanding to Bridgton. He also taught children both swimming and snowboarding. Mr. Dingman will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

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Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **LIBBY**: Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it's with shock and sadness that I rise to speak to this Joint Order. Eben became a notable business owner in Lewiston with his craft brewery that was beloved by just about everybody that I know in town. He was an acquaintance of mine and many of my friends, but close friends with Eben. We are just totally shocked that we've lost such a wonderful human being, a compassionate, thoughtful community member, and it was always a great pleasure to stroll into Bear Bones on Lisbon Street to see Eben behind the bar with a smile and always having interesting conversations. Somehow Eben thought it was a good idea to fuse beet juice with beer. It was a bizarre thing. It sounds weird but it worked and it was my favorite. He loved serving it. He loved his patrons. He loved his friends and family and neighbors who would stop by. Very successful. He was able to open a second brewery in Bridgton. A lot of us know his Dad, Charlie, who is here today with his family. Charlie, we are very sorry for your loss. We really are going to miss Eben. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE**: Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand here today with great sadness and offer my condolences to Charlie and Emily and the Dingman family. I've known Charlie pretty much all my life. Always considered him and his family friends of our family and our community of Lovett Area High School. The loss of Eben and losing a child is something that no parent should ever have to go through. As a parent, it really does break my heart that you're going through this, Charlie. My deepest condolences. From reading the obituary, I didn't know Eben all that well, the world has lost a great young man who did a lot during his time on this earth, and you wouldn't expect any different after knowing his parents. Again, Charlie and Emily, I offer my condolences, and my thoughts and my prayers will continue for all of you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Charlie Dingman, Emily Dingman, and Eliza Townsend. They are all from Androscoggin and the guests of Senator Timberlake. Would they please rise and accept the sincere condolences of the Maine State Senate.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems

H.P. 1446 L.D. 2036

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

H.P. 1459 L.D. 2048

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

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

Resolve, To Allow the Department of Public Safety To Transfer Certain Property to the LifeFlight Foundation

H.P. 1453 L.D. 2042

Bill "An Act To Increase the Death Benefit for Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Medical Services Personnel"

H.P. 1455 L.D. 2044

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

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill "An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System"
H.P. 1454 L.D. 2043

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Immunizations" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1457 L.D. 2046

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.

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of State Employees by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Information in Limited Circumstances"
H.P. 1449 L.D. 2038

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Legislation Known as the Family First Prevention Services Act"
H.P. 1450 L.D. 2039

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Retain Paper Copies of Certain Vital Statistics Records"
H.P. 1451 L.D. 2040

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Allow Access to and Ensure the Confidentiality of Records of Child Advocacy Centers"
H.P. 1452 L.D. 2041

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

Bill "An Act To Ensure an Efficient Contracting Process for the Department of Health and Human Services"
H.P. 1461 L.D. 2057

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Protections for Incapacitated and Dependent Adults from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation"
H.P. 1462 L.D. 2058

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Provision for Care of Infants after Birth"
H.P. 1463 L.D. 2059

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

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Valuation of Certain Retail Property"
H.P. 1456 L.D. 2045

Bill "An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws"
H.P. 1458 L.D. 2047

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

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

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

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until 6:30 in the evening.

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

At this point the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

Following the Joint Convention the Senate was called to order in the Senate Chamber by the President.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Eben Charles Dignman of Leeds.