

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

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
January 30, 2020

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

Prayer by Reverend Deborah J. Blood, Conference Minister, Maine Conference, UCC.

REVEREND BLOOD: Let's join our hearts in a prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving. O God of love and mercy and grace, we thank You for this day, a day that is frigidly cold and achingly beautiful. We thank You for the beauty of our great state of Maine, for the abundance of wildlife and woodlands, lakes and ocean, mountains and river valleys. Your creations surround us and define us, feed us, and gives us places of recreation. We thank You for the diverse resilient, resourceful, remarkable people of our state. North and south, young and old, many ethnic and cultural backgrounds, impoverished and well-off, all genders and gender expressions, differently abled and those of us temporarily abled. We thank You for those who have recently arrived and those who have been here a long time, especially our Wabanaki sisters and brothers, for parents and children, singles and elders, for those with no home and those with good homes. We thank You for the service of these dedicated Senators, for long hours of service to constituents, whether in districts or here in Augusta, for perseverance in the interests of the people of Maine, for the times that each Senator seeks unity and understanding and common purpose. We ask Your blessing for these gifted and capable public servants who give so much to our beloved Maine. We pray today that each Senator will have the courage and grace to listen deeply to one another and their constituents, speak and act boldly for the health and wholeness of our people and our environment. May each Senator bring their best today, always holding in mind and heart the people and the ecology of our state. May we do unto others as we would have them do unto us. God, on this day we send up a prayer for our sisters and brothers in the U.S. Senate, for they are doing hard work. We pray simply, God, that You will enter their hearts and minds with love, grace, mercy, and justice, that somehow some good will come of this time for the American people. As this session begins, Gracious God, may Your light surround and uphold these Senators this day and every day. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Dana L. Dow of Lincoln County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Letourneau, MD of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from York, Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**, the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, the Senator from Somerset, Senator **FARRIN**, and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **CARPENTER**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 742

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:00 in the Morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

The following Joint Order:

H.P. 1489

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out, to the House, a bill requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its nursing facility licensing rules to enhance cost of care collection.

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

READ and PASSED, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 862

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

January 28, 2020

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

ROLL CALL (#382)

YEAS: Senators: None
NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT JACKSON
EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, LAWRENCE, VITELLI, WOODSOME

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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Stephen D. Nelson of Houlton, for appointment as a Superior Court Justice.

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 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 **Stephen D. Nelson** of Houlton for appointment as a Superior Court Justice was **CONFIRMED**.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carpenter, M. of Aroostook, Bellows, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	9	Bailey, D. of Saco, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, Curtis, P. of Madison, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Haggan, D. of Hampden, Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Talbot Ross, R. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Sen. Keim, L. of Oxford, Rep. DeVeau, J. of Caribou

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 863

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

January 28, 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:

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 Stephen D. Nelson of Houlton, for appointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Thomas R. McKeon, Esq. of Falmouth, for appointment as a Superior Court Justice.

Signed,

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

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 **JUDICIARY** 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.

YEAS Senators 1 Bellows, S. of Kennebec
 Representatives 9 Bailey, D. of Saco, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, Curtis, P. of Madison, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Haggan, D. of Hampden, Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Talbot Ross, R. of Portland

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 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 **Thomas R. McKeon**, Esq. of Falmouth for appointment as a Superior Court Justice was **CONFIRMED**.

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

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Carpenter, M. of Aroostook, Sen. Keim, L. of Oxford, Rep. DeVeau, J. of Caribou

The Following Communication: S.C. 860

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

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Thomas R. McKeon, Esq. of Falmouth, for appointment as a Superior Court Justice be confirmed.

January 28, 2020

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

Signed,

S/Michael E. Carpenter
 Senate Chair

S/Donna Bailey
 House Chair

Dear Mr. President:

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Nancy D. Mills of Cornville, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court.

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.

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:

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS Senators 2 Carpenter, M. of Aroostook, Bellows, S. of Kennebec

ROLL CALL (#383)

YEAS: Senators: None

Representatives 8 Bailey, D. of Saco, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, Curtis, P. of Madison, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Talbot Ross, R. of Portland

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

NAYS 0

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, LAWRENCE, VITELLI, WOODSOME

ABSENT 3 Sen. Keim, L. of Oxford, Rep. DeVeau, J. of Caribou, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Nancy D. Mills of Cornville, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael E. Carpenter
Senate Chair

S/Donna Bailey
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 861

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

January 28, 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 Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Roland A. Cole of Wells, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court.

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Carpenter, M. of Aroostook, Bellows, S. of Kennebec
	Representatives	8	Bailey, D. of Saco, Babbidge, C. of Kennebunk, Cardone, B. of Bangor, Curtis, P. of Madison, Evangelos, J. of Friendship, Harnett, T. of Gardiner, Reckitt, L. of South Portland, Talbot Ross, R. of Portland
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Keim, L. of Oxford, Rep. DeVeau, J. of Caribou, Rep. Haggan, D. of Hampden

Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Roland A. Cole of Wells, for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Michael E. Carpenter
Senate Chair

S/Donna Bailey
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** 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 (#384)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: CARPENTER, DESCHAMBAULT, FARRIN, LAWRENCE, VITELLI, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 29 Senators having voted in the negative, with 6 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 **Roland A. Cole** of Wells for appointment as an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court was **CONFIRMED.**

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 858

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

January 28, 2020

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A § 7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint Meredith Strang Burgess of Cumberland to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this re-appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 859

**STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

January 28, 2020

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, Chapter 371-A § 7030 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I am pleased to re-appoint Ruth Kermish-Allen of Appleton to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this re-appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 864

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

January 23, 2020

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 12 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Design and Construction of a New Fish Hatchery and To Improve Hatchery Infrastructure

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cathy Breen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Drew M. Gattine
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 865

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

January 23, 2020

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. 1215 An Act Relating to Defenses and Self-defense in the Maine Criminal Code

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. 866

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

January 28, 2020

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. 951 An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Agencies
- L.D. 952 An Act To Coordinate and Standardize Data Collection Protocols
- L.D. 1687 An Act Regarding the Water Quality Certification of Graham Lake on the Union River (EMERGENCY)

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. 867

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

January 24, 2020

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. 1985 Resolve, Directing the Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing To Adopt Rules To Facilitate Speech-Language Therapy

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 855

**STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
LIMESTONE, MAINE**

January 23, 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 required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2020.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 856

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

January 22, 2020

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

Honorable Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Jackson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS), I respectfully submit the attached report on certain procurements, contributions, and policy changes for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023.

To compile this report, MCCS used customized reporting features built into our business management systems. We then tested the validity of those reports and reviewed several transactions with college personnel. Combined, the seven colleges and the MCCS System Office make thousands of purchases each year.

While reporting is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with existing policies is extremely high, and expenditures are consistently mission related. In those few areas where we have identified need for improvement, refinements have been made or are under way.

MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue to monitor compliance through regular reporting and an ongoing dialogue with auditors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

S/David Daigler
President

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 857

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR**

January 24, 2020

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgement, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following reports and schedules:

- Communication with Those Charge with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements
- Management Representation Letter

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

Respectfully submitted,

S/Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws"
S.P. 739 L.D. 2090

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, MOONEN of Portland, SYLVESTER of Portland.
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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act and Make Other Implementing Changes"

S.P. 741 L.D. 2091

Presented by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock.
Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services 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 Order

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 740

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall report out, to the Senate, a bill regarding the study of the creation of a comprehensive career and technical education system and increased crosswalks for academic credit between secondary schools and career and technical education programs.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE**.

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Bryce and Sarah Hach, of Falmouth, whose Portland-based educational food tour Maine Food for Thought has won the Best Food or Beverage Tour Experience Award at the 5th Annual Food Trekking Awards in London, England. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1015

Sponsored by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: **CROCKETT** of Portland, **PIERCE** of Falmouth.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **BREEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'm here with some great news to share with the people of Maine and with this Body. We often talk about how we need young people to move to Maine and to build businesses and to become entrepreneurs. We have a great example right here with us today. Sarah and Bryce Hach, owners of Maine Food for Thought, are here to accept this sentiment for winning the 2019 Food Trekking Award for Best Food or Beverage Tour Experience. I didn't even know food trekking was a thing until recently. They traveled to London, England last November to accept the award. Maine Food for Thought showcases Maine's world class culinary scene by taking people from Maine, tourists, anyone who wants to, on tours of some of our finest establishments, showing folks from all over the world what Maine has to offer and telling the story behind the cuisine. Customers are educated on issues such as the effects of climate change on our seafood industry and how immigration plays a role in food production here, all while enjoying some of the best food and beer in the world. In addition to winning the Food Trekking Award, Maine Food for Thought is the number one food and drink tour on Trip Advisor. It's been ranked among the 15 best things to do in Portland by Conde Nast Traveler magazine and has been featured in both Yankee and Forbes Magazines. The restaurants on the tours are committed to using local Maine ingredients and they partner with and promote the work of organizations that address food insecurity, conservation, and sustainability, such as Full Plates, Full Potential; Good Shepard Food Bank; the Gulf of Maine Research Institute; and Maine Farmland Trust. Sarah and Bryce came to Maine just once, on their honeymoon, fell in love with it and decided to pack up and move here. Lucky us. Since then they've worked hard to build a successful business that celebrates our great state and I am thrilled that they're joining us today so that we can recognize their efforts. 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 Bryce and Sarah Hach of Falmouth. They are the guests today of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine State Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Refer to the Committee on Judiciary Pursuant to Joint Rule

From the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Family Law Advisory Commission Concerning Adoption and Minor Guardianship"
H.P. 1480 L.D. 2079

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CLAXTON for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Recounts in Municipal Elections"
S.P. 691 L.D. 1989

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-375)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-375) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Permit the Expansion of Municipal Membership of the Greater Portland Transit District" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1430 L.D. 2009

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.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Buildings"
H.P. 299 L.D. 390

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-662)**.

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-662) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses"
H.P. 1350 L.D. 1884

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-664)**.

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-664) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, in regards to the Bonney Eagle High Girls Cross Country Track team.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I thank you for your indulgence. These teams, as you would expect, are being recognized down in the House for some unusual accomplishments. We want to welcome all the students here today and coaches from Bonney Eagle High School. They really do exude not only sportsmanship and good sports teams, championship teams, but also academics and also the character that they build at that school, along with the teachers and the coaches. I really would like to welcome, start with the Lady Scots of Bonney Eagle High School Cross Country team. The Head Coach, Mike Burlison, and Assistant Coach, T.J. Hesler. This is an amazing story. So glad you are able to hear this. This is a team of tradition, a team that has made some unusual accomplishments. Understand this, not only the champions, the State Class A Champions of this past year, 2019, but let me take you back to 2012 State Champions, 2013 State Class A Champions, 2015 Class A State Champions, and there's more. 2016, 2018, 2019. How extraordinary is that? That's more than just excellent talent, that's all about the tradition of the school, the tradition of the coaching, and kids knowing when they come to that team that they're joining something special. I talked with the Coach this morning and asked him how does this happen. How do you win six out of eight Class A State Championships? He said, 'We have talent, of course, but we also have a tradition of what it means to be a student, what it means to be a representative of Bonney Eagle High School.' So, Mr. President, I just want to recognize the Girls Cross Country team and all the extraordinary things they and the coaches have done. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Bonney Eagle High School Girls Cross Country Track Team. Would the Senate please rise and give congratulations to the team.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Mr. President, if I may continue. As an extraordinary school as it is, I'd now like to recognize the Bonney Eagle High School Class A State Champion Football team. They, too, have a team and a tradition of not only winning but also presenting unusually well planned and well trained and also the character of the school, these football teams, year after year. You have to credit Coach Kevin Cooper and his staff for not only teaching these kids how to play football but also how to be young men that everyone will be proud of in representing their school. They have achieved so many different things. Since 2004, they've been the Class A State Champions seven times. That's almost every other year. So what you're looking at here, ladies and gentlemen, you're looking at what Bonney Eagle High School really is. You're seeing the school, which I think is the second largest high school in the state, but you're looking at them right here. These are the types of young men and women that come out of that school, to represent their school. So the football team's extraordinary, as is the cross country team. Mr. President, I would like to recognize them as well.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber the Bonney Eagle High School Football Team. Would the Senate please rise and give congratulations to them.

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

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President. As if that wasn't enough. The Maine Gatorade Football Player of the Year for the state of Maine is a young man that exudes all of those things you just heard me say. His name is Zach Maturo and Zach has really achieved a lot. Not only is he considered maybe, according to a coach, somebody who knows, he may be the best basketball, football player ever to come out of Bonney Eagle High School. That's saying quite a bit. Now let me not stop there. Let me add even more, which is may be, to many of us, even more important, and that is he also puts academics in the top rate for what he does and why he does it. His GPA is nearly 3.5. So not only does he excel in academics but he also excels in the classroom. So I just wanted to say we're proud of him. We don't really single people out in these teams because it's a team effort but in this case, where he has done so many things and become such an extraordinary young man, we just wanted to point that out. I think that, again, he exemplifies the teams. He exemplified the school and we're all very proud of him, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber somewhere Zach Maturo of Standish. He is a student at Bonney Eagle High School and he has been named the 2019 - 2020 Gatorade Maine Football Player of the Year. Would the Senate please rise and give the greetings.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:00 in the morning.