

STATE OF MAINE
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Off Record Remarks

In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
February 11, 2020

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

Prayer by Rabbi Jared Saks of Congregation Bet Ha'am in South Portland.

RABBI SAKS: When Irving Berlin was a child on the Lower East Side of New York he heard his mother, who came to America with small children, with no English, and no skills, say over and over again God bless America, God bless America. It wasn't a triumphant God bless America over everyone else. It was a prayer, a petition, may God bless America, which immigrants of all shapes and sizes have said in gratitude when this country has lived up to its highest ideals. Berlin wrote God Bless America as a peace song. When it was first sung by Kate Smith on Armistice Day in 1938 some in this country criticized it. It didn't have the triumphant militarism of the Star Spangled Banner. The Ku Klux Klan actually forbade its members from singing God Bless America because it was written by a Jew.

God of holiness, we hear Your message: Justice, justice shall you pursue. God of freedom, we hear Your charge: Proclaim liberty throughout the land. Inspire us through Your teachings and commandments to love and uphold our precious democracy. Let every citizen take responsibility for the rights and freedoms we cherish. Let each of us be an advocate for justice, an activist for liberty, a defender of dignity, and let us champion the values that make our nation a haven for the persecuted, a beacon of hope among the nations. We pray for courage and conscience as we aim to support our country's highest values and aspirations, the hard won rights that define us a people, the responsibilities that they entail. We pray for all who serve our country with selfless devotion, in peace and in war, from fields of battle to clinics and classrooms, from government to the grassroots, all those whose noble deeds and sacrifice benefit our nation and our world. We are grateful for the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that our founders attributed to You, our Creator. We pray for their wisdom and moral strength, that we may be guardians of these rights for ourselves and for the sake of all people, now and forever. May God bless America. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator G. William Diamond of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 6, 2020.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013"
H.P. 571 L.D. 766
(H "A" H-655 to C "A" H-648)

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

RECALLED from the Governor's Desk, pursuant to Joint Order (H.P. 1421).

Comes from the House, Bill **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 908

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

February 6, 2020

Honorable Darek Grant
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5 MRSA, §20065, I have appointed the following members to the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission effective immediately:

Honorable Anne Perry of Calais

Honorable Richard Pickett of Dixfield

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 909

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

February 6, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs from its review and evaluation of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35. Under the Act, the Veterans and Legal Affairs has jurisdiction to review and to evaluate the Military Bureau, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services and Maine Military Authority within the department, while the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety has jurisdiction to review and to evaluate the operations of the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs finds that the portions of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management within the committee's jurisdiction are operating effectively and efficiently within their statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Representative John C. Schneck,
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 910

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

February 5, 2020

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives

129th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources from its review and evaluation of the Board of Underground Storage Tank Installers under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Board of Underground Storage Tank Installers is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Brownie Carson
Senate Chair

S/Ralph Tucker
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Require Third-party Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges"
S.P. 749 L.D. 2100

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: LIBBY of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, McLEAN of Gorham, MOONEN of Portland.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Resolutions

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York (Cosponsored by Representative **GRIFFIN** of Levant and Senators: **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, Representative: **TUELL** of East Machias), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 750

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2020 AS 211 MONTH**

WHEREAS, in order to promote 211 Maine, a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline that provides Maine citizens free and confidential referrals to needed resources, we recognize February 2020 as 211 Month; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides around-the-clock service statewide through efficient and effective responses from people employed in Maine to questions arising from the growing complexities and needs in health, financial and human services; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 211 Maine call specialists have assisted with more than 750,000 requests to locate health and human services information, fielding more than 40,000 calls, text messages and e-mails in 2019 from people looking for help for themselves or someone they know; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 211 Maine has directed more than 16,000 Maine citizens to heating and utility assistance services, which may have prevented people from contacting the wrong agency for heating assistance, prevented utility shutoffs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides emergency planning and response support during natural and other disasters, including providing accurate and timely information for preparations and longer-term referrals for follow-up services, as evidenced by its role in supporting the Maine Emergency Management Agency during the agency's responses to the October 2017 windstorm, as well as its support of seasonal needs such as warming and cooling centers and fielding questions about growing issues such as browntail moth infestations; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine handles a number of specialized services, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline, and is also a resource for finding information about needs such as tax preparation and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides a powerful example of how the government and nonprofit and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life of Maine citizens; 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 recognize February 2020 as 211 Month.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Secretary Grant. That was well done. I wish to draw your attention to what you have on your desks. We passed out 2-1-1. Yes, to make the month of February, excuse me, we're almost at

the end of February. However, this is a significant day. Today's date is February 11th, 2-11 so don't forget that one. I want to bring this to your attention and I'm so honored to do this for 2-11. About a month ago I had a column in the paper about how to survive the winter months and where to go for fuel if you're running out of fuel, if you feel you're suffering from seasonal affective disorder. Just a myriad of, you know, with the darkness of the days, depression, where you can turn to and in that column I put try 2-1-1. After that I got e-mails, telephone calls, from people thanking me and I didn't know how much 2-1-1 does. It's a United Way program and there are trained specialists that can answer many of your questions and direct you. I think it's very appropriate. We get phone calls, read our e-mails at home and I'm sure you're like me. I make the note and I said, 'I got to talk to my aide tomorrow and see if we can help this person,' when sometimes all they need is to try to call this number and see if someone can help them. So I, again, am very pleased to do this and I hope that we can get more of these and you can pass them out. It will help many people, especially in the rural areas where they don't know where to go for help. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Representative **RECKITT** of South Portland and Senator: **DOW** of Lincoln, Representative: **TUELL** of East Machias), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 751

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAINE'S CHARITABLE NONPROFIT
SECTOR AND THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF
NONPROFITS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
17TH ANNUAL NONPROFIT DAY AT
THE STATE HOUSE**

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of Nonprofits is hosting the 17th Annual Nonprofit Day at the State House on February 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of Nonprofits, the only statewide organization that represents the full spectrum of the State's nonprofit organizations, was founded in 1994 by a core group of 7 nonprofit organizations and works to strengthen the leadership, voice and organizational effectiveness of nonprofit organizations throughout the State so that they can better enrich the quality of community and personal life in Maine; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 nonprofit members and hundreds of business and individual supporters of the Maine Association of Nonprofits work cooperatively to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of Maine's nonprofit sector; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of Nonprofits adds value to and reduces costs for nonprofits by reaching across traditional boundaries and developing innovative solutions and programs; and

WHEREAS, in an era of declining revenues and increasing needs, the Maine Association of Nonprofits is committed to helping nonprofits and government work together to ensure the

well-being of our residents and the qualities that make Maine the place we all love; 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 recognize Maine's charitable nonprofit sector and express our appreciation to the Maine Association of Nonprofits for its excellent work on behalf of nonprofit organizations and for organizing the Annual Nonprofit Day at the State House; and be it further

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

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of this Resolution. Regardless of who we are or where we come from we're united in a desire to make Maine a better place for our people. The non-profits are united in that they all share a social change mission, a mission to make our communities, our state, our country, and our world stronger, better places for people to live and work. Non-profits in Maine contribute \$11 billion a year to our economy. They are almost 20% of Maine's gross state product, 18.9% of our gross state product to be specific. Non-profits employ 1 in 6 Maine workers, making the non-profit sector the largest sector of employment in the state. So I rise today because non-profits do so much to support, to educate our children, to protect our environment, to promote leadership and entrepreneurship, to promote arts and culture in every corner of the state, and they promote a stronger economy. So please join me today in celebrating Maine Non-Profit Day and let us support this Resolution unanimously. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate to take up a matter that is not on calendar? Seeing no objection.

The Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, of Skowhegan, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 880

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **FARRIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize such a hardworking and dedicated group of field hockey players and coaches. While this is not the first time the team has been to Augusta, it is the first opportunity I have had to

recognize them in this Chamber. The Skowhegan Field Hockey team is a well-oiled machine. Under the guidance and leadership of Coach Doughty, they have brought home 16 Class A State Championships over the last 19 years and 19 State Championships overall. After a difficult loss to Biddeford in the State Championship last year, Skowhegan tweaked their game plan and set out for a winning team this year. These young ladies had a 17 - 0 record going into the State Championship game. They really wanted this game and it wasn't just about winning but about taking back the title that they lost to the same opponents the previous year. At the half, the game was 0 - 0 but the team was fired up and quickly scored three goals in the second half to win back the State Championship title. Their record of State Championships is very impressive but their season score is also quite impressive as they outscored their opponents this past season 94 - 6 with 9 shut outs. In addition to playing well as a team, Skowhegan has a talented group of young ladies. Four members of this team were All-State and Brianna Kennedy was named Miss Maine Field Hockey. With 11 members of the team graduating, next year they will need to tweak their game plan a bit. However, I expect to see them back in this Chamber next year. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize up in the Gallery the Skowhegan Field Hockey team with their Coaches Paula Doughty and Faun Haynie, and also the bus driver, Bob Bolbick. Would they please rise and accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine Senate. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Very, very briefly. Folks know that I proudly represent the city of Lewiston but I'm also proud to say I grew up in the Skowhegan area. The Skowhegan Field Hockey team was winning championships way back when I was in high school. In fact, Mrs. Doughty was my AP Government teacher in high school. So if you have questions or concerns about how that class went, what I got out of it, please see Mrs. Doughty up in the balcony. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Paula Doughty, of Farmington, coach of the Skowhegan Area High School field hockey team, who has been named the MAX Field Hockey 2019 Maine State Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1048

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representative: LANDRY of Farmington.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **FARRIN:** Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to speak on the sentiment before us. It's not very often that you get one over on the Coach, so this is kind of a surprise to her. While Paula was aware that we would be recognizing the Skowhegan Field Hockey team today because of their Class A State title, she probably wasn't aware that we would be recognizing her on her recently being named MAX Field Hockey Coach of the Year. MAX selects a coach from each state and this year that honor goes out to Paula. Paula has a record that few, if any, in Maine can compare. You know, we're here in New England and we've got Tom Brady and the Patriots and Robert Craft and Belichick and some of the Yankee fans around here talk about that. But we've got Paula coaching for 39 years, over 555 wins, 19 State Championships, and inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. The Skowhegan community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding coach. Recognizing Paula today for her wins as a coach is great but it's an honor to be able to recognize her on a more personal basis as well. Aside from coaching, Paula taught for many years and, as Senator Libby referenced, she taught me in high school as well. Exactly, hard to believe. We're going to have a conversation, with all due respect, about who the better student was. We'll do that off the record. Paula is an incredible woman, mentor, and role model. In closing, I'd like to read a quote from an alumni of hers that speaks volumes to the lady that Paula is. 'Field hockey's important but raising strong, independent, confident, and educated women was always more important than the game.' Thank you, Paula, for not only bringing Skowhegan bragging rights in respect to our outstanding field hockey teams but on being an instrumental role model and teacher to so many people in our community. Congratulations on, once again, being named Coach of the Year.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to honor Coach Paula Doughty because I had the good fortune not to be taught by her but to be coached by her when she joined the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine when I was a brand new Executive Director. Didn't always know what I was doing but her guidance and her coaching in the role helped me be a better Executive Director. So to all the young women in Skowhegan, you're very fortunate to have her coach you in field hockey and teach you in school and let that coaching continue for the rest of your lives. It certainly helped me on my half. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I, too, rise to honor Paula. I have a little different memory than Senator Farrin and Senator Libby. I went to school with Paula. We were in school at Wilton Academy and then we finished up at Mt. Blue High School. But it is with great honor I rise and acknowledge her great feats that she has done with the Skowhegan Field Hockey and I know when Mt. Blue plays Skowhegan it's always a battle and it hasn't always turned out our

way. So, thank you for all you've done and best in the future, Paula.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize up in the balcony Paula Doughty. She's coach of the Skowhegan Field Hockey team. Would she please rise and very much accept the greetings and congratulations of the Maine State Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter 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.

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

Mildred Stafford, of Arrowsic. Mrs. Stafford was an active member of her town, having started the Ladies Auxiliary of Arrowsic Fire Department during World War II, before the fire department was formed. The auxiliary bought the town's first pumper and fire trucks. She served as secretary of the Arrowsic Fire Department, and she also served on the town's conservation committee, school board and long-range planning committee and as the town historian. In 2019, the town christened the new fire truck in her name. Mrs. Stafford will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

SLS 1041

Tabled - February 6, 2020 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **ADOPTION**

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, I rise today to speak in honor and in memory of one of Arrowsic's finest, Milly Stafford. Arrowsic is a small town, roughly 430 inhabitants. We have few tangible assets, no school, no retail establishments. If you drive through the town on the way to Reed State Park, you will pass our Town Hall and the new fire station marked by a sign for Stafford Lane, named in honor of Milly's late husband, George. This time of year you might see folks ice fishing or skating on Sewall Pond. What you don't see, but those of us who live here feel every day, is the heart and soul belonging to a community of hardworking, generous, dedicated residents who know how to come together to make things work.

Whether organizing a Halloween party at the town hall, counting alewives entering Sewall Pond, or doing the business of town government, Arrowsic residents make it happen. We would not be this kind of engaged community were it not for Milly Stafford and the standard and the example she set for how to get things done. As you heard, Milly took on many roles over the years, perhaps none more lasting than her involvement with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Arrowsic Fire Department, which she started before there was a fire department. Milly arrived in town in 1943 when there was a telephone but no electricity. The men in town finally did form a volunteer fire department and the Auxiliary raised the funds to buy the first truck.

For many years Milly served as recording secretary of the fire department, keeping detailed minutes of meetings which met every other week. She recorded fire events, who responded, how much was billed for their time, and discussions about any new equipment the department was contemplating purchasing. Her minutes, which I've read, also revealed a bit about Milly. After the minutes of the November 30, 1980 meeting Milly added this note: 'Just for the record, no member of the fire department got his or her deer this year. The excuses were numerous. Let's hope they are better fighting fire than they are hunting deer.' When the Fire Chief forgot a regularly scheduled meeting and showed up late the minutes noted: 'The next meeting will be at Chief Ater's house, March 1st at 6 PM. He may forget but he won't be late.'

When I arrived in town some 40 years ago, I was indeed awed and inspired by Milly and it didn't take too many town meetings, observing her at work, before I agreed to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the beginning of my public service. Milly, with her vast knowledge of the people in the town she loved and served so well, inspired many of us, perhaps none more so than those who knew her best. Her granddaughter, who is here today, has this to say about her Grammy: 'She taught me to broaden my mind and would challenge my way of thinking at times to teach me to be a woman of conviction and clarity. She taught myself and most of my cousins to hunt. She showed us that you don't hunt more than you can eat and to honor the animal for their sacrifice. We were taught compassion and wisdom in her way many of us didn't realize until well into our adulthood. Grammy lived a life with the perspective my pastor would call discernment. She had a vision and lived her life as such. Her heart was given to us, her passion shared with everyone, and those who are lucky enough to have known her respected and adored her.' Milly Stafford passed away at the age of 97 in December. She touched the lives of all who knew her and she will be sorely missed. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Lee Stafford of Woolwich; Tina Stafford of Woolwich; Sukey Heard of Arrowsic; Michael Kriendler and Michelle Galliard of Arrowsic. They are all guests today of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli. Would they please rise and accept the condolences of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass Pursuant to Resolve

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

H.P. 1495 L.D. 2098

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**, pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 23, section 2.

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**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences"

H.P. 1326 L.D. 1855

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-671)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
FECTEAU of Augusta
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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-671) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **HERBIG** for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2020 and 2021 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 706 L.D. 2004

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-381)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-381) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **DIAMOND** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicle Child Restraint Systems To Allow Certain Exceptions"

S.P. 652 L.D. 1900

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-382)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-382) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **LUCHINI** for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow the Assignment of State Vehicles to Field Personnel Directly Concerned with Maine National Guard Facilities and To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Military Bureau Employees To Be Used for Commuting" S.P. 699 L.D. 1997

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-380)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-380) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Separate Alternative Compliance Payment Rates for Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard and To Amend the Laws Governing Thermal Renewable Energy Credits" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 648 L.D. 1896

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-384)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
RILEY of Jay

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

Signed:

Representative:

HANLEY of Pittston

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-384) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Operation of Pedal-powered Tour Vehicles"

S.P. 316 L.D. 1084

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

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
AUSTIN of Skowhegan
BRYANT of Windham
CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
PERKINS of Oakland
SHEATS of Auburn
WHITE of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-383)**.

Signed:

Representative:

COLLINGS of Portland

Reports **READ**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act Regarding the Naming of Bridges and Designating Bridge 5818 as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge" H.P. 1341 L.D. 1875

Bill "An Act Regarding the Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program Concerning the Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council" H.P. 1349 L.D. 1883

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Public Health Infrastructure" H.P. 190 L.D. 227 (C "A" H-667)

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

H.P. 777 L.D. 1054 (C "A" H-669)

Bill "An Act To Repeal and Replace the Canton Water District Charter"

H.P. 1346 L.D. 1880 (C "A" H-670)

Bill "An Act To Establish First Responders Day as a State Holiday on September 11th"

H.P. 1362 L.D. 1908 (C "A" H-668)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Protecting Job Applicants from Identity Theft"

S.P. 688 L.D. 1986

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Buildings

H.P. 299 L.D. 390 (C "A" H-662)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **CYRWAY**, the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **CARPENTER**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dual Liquor Licenses
H.P. 1350 L.D. 1884
(C "A" H-664)

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 **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.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Mildred Stafford of Arrowsic.