

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 5, 2020

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

Prayer by Pastor Scott Millett of Garland Community Baptist Church.

PASTOR MILLETT: I wish to thank Senator Paul Davis and the entire State Senate for the privilege and honor of being here today. I am grateful to remember my grandfather, Obed Millett of Palmyra, who served in the House from 1949 to 1950. I'm also thankful to be part of a tradition going back two centuries, with the acknowledgement of the blessings of prayer for any governing Body. Let us pray.

Father God, I thank You for this time here today, this moment where we can acknowledge Your manifold grace that is afforded us. I pray that the blessings of liberty that we, as a state, have experienced for 200 years and more still ring in these halls and in the hearts of the leaders and the people of Maine. May all of us, including those here who are entrusted with leadership of this state, be ever mindful of this and may we always seek to uphold that heritage. I thank You, Father, for those here who give generously of their time, energy, and talents to do the important work of the State of Maine. Grant them wisdom, prudence, justice, and equity as they labor this day and may they understand the enormous responsibility they have been given as well as the recognition that theirs is a wondrous and yet grave calling of authority that falls to them as Your servants and servants of the people of Maine. Lord, grant this day protection, strength, guidance, and I pray that each day would be a reflection of the guiding principles of scripture that teaches we are to use our liberty not to serve our own selfish desires but instead to serve others. All this I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 767

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

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Define the Term "Caucus Political Action Committee"
S.P. 654 L.D. 1902
(C "A" S-391)

In Senate, February 27, 2020, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-391).**

Comes from the House, Bill **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 985

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

February 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of John Jemison of Orono, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control.

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 Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin
Representatives 8 Hickman, C. of Winthrop, Hall, R. of Wilton, Kinney, M. of Knox, Kryzak, T. of Acton, Maxmin, C. of Nobleboro, O'Neil, M. of Saco, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Roberts, T. of South Berwick

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Skolfield, T. of Weld

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 John Jemison of Orono, for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, the Senator from Waldo, Senator **HERBIG**, and the Senator from York, Senator **WOODSOME**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

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 (#409)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, POULIOT, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 30 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **John Jemison** of Orono for reappointment to the Board of Pesticides Control was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 984

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION
AND FORESTRY**

February 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of William Gilmore of Kingfield, for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

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 Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin

Representatives 8 Hickman, C. of Winthrop, Hall, R. of Wilton, Kinney, M. of Knox, Kryzak, T. of Acton, Maxmin, C. of Nobleboro, O'Neil, M. of Saco, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Roberts, T. of South Berwick

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 986

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION
AND FORESTRY**

February 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Colon Durrell of Farmington, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission.

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	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin
	Representatives	8	Hickman, C. of Winthrop, Hall, R. of Wilton, Kinney, M. of Knox, Kryzak, T. of Acton, Maxmin, C. of Nobleboro, O'Neil, M. of Saco, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Roberts, T. of South Berwick
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		3	Sen. Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Skolfield, T. of Weld

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 Colon Durrell of Farmington, for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3 Sen. Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield, Rep. Skolfield, T. of Weld

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 William Gilmore of Kingfield, for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Jim Dill Senate Chair S/Craig V. Hickman House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#410)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **William Gilmore** of Kingfield for reappointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** 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 (#411)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, WOODSOME

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 31 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 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 **Colon Durrell** of Farmington for reappointment to the Maine Milk Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 987

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Daniel Harrington of Woolwich to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Daniel Harrington of Woolwich for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 988

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Robert Begin of Boothbay Harbor to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Robert Begin of Boothbay Harbor for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 989

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Reappointment of Kristin ("Togue") E. Brawn of Cape Elizabeth to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Kristin ("Togue") E. Brawn of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 990

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Dana Hammond, II of Bristol to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Dana Hammond, II of Bristol for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 991

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of John Bigelow Marsh, III of Bremen to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating John Bigelow Marsh, III of Bremen for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 992

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Curtis D. Haycock of Milbridge to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Curtis D. Haycock of Milbridge for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 993

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Abden Simmons of Waldoboro to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Abden Simmons of Waldoboro for appointment to the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 994

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of James I. Cohen of Portland to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating James I. Cohen of Portland for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 995

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Carol Murray of Sanford to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Carol Murray of Sanford for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 996

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Reappointment of Dana F. Connors of Gray to the Northern
New England Passenger Rail Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Dana F. Connors
of Gray for reappointment to the Northern New England
Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23, MRSA §8112, this reappointment is
contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 997

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

March 3, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of The Honorable Nichi S. Farnham of Bangor
to the Maine Human Rights Commission

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating The Honorable
Nichi S. Farnham of Bangor 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. 998

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

March 3, 2020

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

Re: Appointment of Michael R. Danforth of Brewer to the Marine
Resources Advisory Council

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Michael R.
Danforth of Brewer for appointment to the Marine Resources
Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12, MRSA §6024, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 999

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

March 3, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Andrew Conant, CPA of Hancock to the
Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Andrew Conant,
CPA of Hancock for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1000

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

March 3, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Steven J. Silver, Esquire of South Portland to
the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Steven J. Silver,
Esquire of South Portland for appointment to the Gambling
Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1001

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

March 3, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Charmaine Brown, DVM of Monmouth to the
Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Charmaine
Brown, DVM of Monmouth for appointment to the Gambling
Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent
on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint
Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1002

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

March 3, 2020

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

RE: Appointment of Grant J. Henderson, Esquire of Portland to the Gambling Control Board

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Grant J. Henderson, Esquire of Portland for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Pursuant to Title 8, MRSA §1002, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1003

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

March 3, 2020

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

RE: University of Maine System Board of Trustees – Appointment of Beth Dobson of Falmouth

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Beth Dobson of Falmouth for appointment to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §12004-C, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 1008

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

March 3, 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 Rep. Tucker of Brunswick, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 327 An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws

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. 1004

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

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

L.D. 1293 An Act To Improve Investigative Efficiencies at the State Fire Marshal's Office

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. 1005

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

February 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 791 An Act To Provide School Districts with Full State Funding for Students with High-cost Special Education Needs
- L.D. 1857 An Act To Protect Teachers from Punitive or Retaliatory Transfers

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rebecca Millett
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1007

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

February 27, 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 and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 697 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Review of Rules Governing In-home Personal Care Assistance Services
- L.D. 1944 An Act To Expand Eligibility for Home Accessibility Adaptation Benefits under the MaineCare Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Geoff Gratwick
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Patty Hymanson
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 1006

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

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

- L.D. 1387 An Act To Increase Access to Safe and Affordable Prescription Drugs

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.**

David Gross, of Bucksport, a senior and a football player at Bucksport High School, who has received the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive Lineman Award for his strong leadership on the field, in the classroom and in the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1101

Sponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

SENATE PAPERS

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rates for Home-based Services (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 768 L.D. 2137

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, HARNETT of Gardiner, PIERCE of Falmouth, WARREN of Hallowell.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 American Sign Language Interpreters Licensing Laws"

S.P. 770 L.D. 2138

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen.

Senator **ROSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. David, a senior on the Bucksport football team, is the recipient of the Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive Lineman Award. Along with this prestigious award comes a \$5,000 scholarship, the largest high school football scholarship of its kind in the country. David has earned All-Little Ten Conference honors since his freshman year. He won the league's George "Toogie" McKay Offensive Lineman of the Year Award as a junior and the Bob Carmichael Defensive Lineman of the Year Award in 2019. Also he was selected to the All-LTC first team on both offense and defense each of the last two years and was named Conference Player of the Year as a senior. In addition to football, David is a two-time State Wrestling Champion, in case you can't tell by looking at him, and last year finished second in the heavyweight division at the New England championships. He has demonstrated strong leadership on and off the field, volunteering over 100 hours of his time to youth football and wrestling programs, as well as visiting assisted living residences. Maintaining honors throughout his academic career thus far has solidified David's role as a member of the National Honor Society, Bucksport High School's student council, and is a Boys State delegate. Continuing his athletic career, David has signed a letter of intent to play Division 1 football at the University of Maine this fall. Thank you for being a role model for your community and our state, David. We extend our congratulations to you and best wishes in all your future endeavors. No doubt you will continue to make your family and community proud.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber David Gross; his coach, Joel Sankey; Principal Josh Tripp; David Gross, his father; his brother, Jaxon Gross. All of the town of Bucksport and they are from the awesome county of Hancock and they are the guests today of the Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen. Will they all please rise and accept the congratulations of the Maine Senate.

ORDERS

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **GUERIN** of Penobscot (Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland,

CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, CURTIS of Madison, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, DeVEAU of Caribou, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Rumford, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LOCKMAN of Bradley, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle,

STOVER of Boothbay, STROM of Pittsfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, ZEIGLER of Montville), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 769

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS BLEEDING
DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability; 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 March 2020 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

The Joint Resolution was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN**: Thank you, Mr. President. Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month is observed in March and sponsored by the National Hemophilia Foundation. A bleeding disorder is present when the blood does not clot properly and these disorders impact millions of patients worldwide. Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month and the National Hemophilia Association educate and advocate on behalf of those who struggle with a bleed disorder. Now in its third year, the Red Tie Campaign began as a grassroots awareness initiative to raise funds and awareness and to find better treatments and cures for blood disorders. Today it's a nationwide campaign that runs throughout Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month and officially ends on April 17, which is World Hemophilia Day.

On a personal note, I would like to commend my former second grade student, Tracey Gideon, on her leadership as Executive Director of the Hemophilia Association of Maine. I'm so proud of the woman leader you have become, Tracey. To my

fellow Senators, I hope you will join me in supporting this Joint Resolution and take some time to learn about Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month. Thank you.

The Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Tracey Gideon. She's the Executive Director of the Hemophilia Association of Maine, she's from the town of Eddington, and also other representatives from the Maine Hemophilia Association. They are all the guests today of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Guerin, and the Senator from Hancock, Senator Rosen. Would they all please rise and accept the greetings and thanks of the Maine State Senate.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Pursuant to Resolve

Senator DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Outcome-based Forestry and the Use of Glyphosate" S.P. 771 L.D. 2142

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**, pursuant to Resolve, chapter 84, section 1.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Presentation of Legislative Memorial Scholarship Awards.

THE PRESIDENT: At this time, the Chair will pause our work in our Senate calendar to recognize the recipients of the 2020 Legislative Memorial Scholarship Awards.

Every year, the Maine Legislature recognizes one student from each county who is currently pursuing or planning to pursue education at a two or four year Maine college or technical school. Awards are given to a Maine resident high school senior or full or

part time postsecondary student accepted to or enrolled in an accredited Maine college for graduate or undergraduate degrees.

The Chair would like to call members attention to the handout on your desk about the Scholarship Award and before we start I'd like to recognize the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. Mr. President, you just covered what I was going to say, which I appreciate that. Thank you very much. Well done. But while I'm here I would like to say thank you to every one of you. As you know, we were very successful at raising money last year at our fundraiser, enough to give scholarships last year and this year. So one from every county, as you heard, and it's really, really important that we're able to do this, continue to do this. It started back in the '70's and still going strong. So I'm very proud of all the students that are here and appreciate the parents' support. So thank you very much, everybody, for all of your contributions and all the help that you put forth to make these scholarships possible. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: First off we're going to recognize the recipients who are unable to be here today and then we're going to move to the people who are here today. I'll have the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, come down to the Well. So with that:

The recipient from Aroostook County is Abigail Dionne of Easton. Abigail is a nursing major at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

The recipient from Cumberland County is Nathan Ingersoll of North Yarmouth. Nathan majors in marine sciences at the University of Maine.

The recipient from Hancock County is Meagan Eastman of Sullivan. Meagan is a nursing major at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

The recipient from Knox County is Igli Bixhaku of Rockland. Igli is in the marine transport operations program at the Maine Maritime Academy.

The recipient from Lincoln County is Kayla Hodgkins of Whitefield. Kayla is a nursing major at the University of Maine at Augusta.

The recipient from Oxford County is Travis May of South Paris. Travis majors in auto collision repair at Northern Maine Community College.

The recipient from Penobscot County is Shannon O'Roak of Exeter. Shannon attend the University of New England for applied exercise science and physical therapy.

The recipient from Waldo County is Kyra Branch of Brooks. Kyra is a criminal justice major at Husson College.

The recipient from York County is Chase Lamontagne of Kennebunk. Chase attends the University of New England for applied exercise science and physical therapy.

I would definitely like to congratulate all the recipients. We wish them all the best in their academic endeavors.

The Senate will now recognize the recipients here with us today and the Chair would ask that Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, come to the Well of the Chamber to present the awards.

As each recipient is called, the Sergeant-At-Arms will escort the student with their guests and their Senator to the well of the chamber to receive the award.

The recipient from Androscoggin County is Orion Schwab of Livermore Falls. Orion majors in civil engineering at the University of Maine. He is here today with his parents, Ann and Tim, and his younger brother, Owen. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Orion and his guests, along with the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim, to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Franklin County is Lilly Towers of Jay. Lilly majors in psychology at the University of Maine at Farmington. She is here today with her mother, Lynelle; her father, Chris; her brother, Lucas; and her sister, Emma. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Lilly and her guests, along with the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black, to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Kennebec County is Taylor Davis of Augusta. Taylor attends the Maine College of Health Professionals in Lewiston and majors in radiologic technology. She is here today with her mother, Karen; her father, Edward; and her brother, Hunter. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Taylor and her guests, along with the Senator from Kennebec County, Senator Pouliot, to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Piscataquis County is Connor Diangelo of Greenville Junction. Connor majors in finance and financial economics at the University of Maine. He is here today with his parents, Bette and Joe. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Connor and his guests, along with the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Sagadahoc County is Andrew Goodall of Richmond. Andrew is a nursing major at St. Joseph's College. He is here today with his mother, Sara; father, Thomas; and his brother, James; and his girlfriend, Katelyn. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Andrew and his guests, along with the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli, to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Somerset County is Abby Pelletier of Hartland. Abby is a nursing major at Kennebec Valley Community College. She is here today with her fiancé, Zachary. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Abby and her guest, along with the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Davis, to the front of the Chamber.

The recipient from Washington County is Evan Merchant of Beals. Evan majors in captive wildlife care and education at Unity College. He is here today with his mother, Andrea, and father,

Adam. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Evan and his guests, along with the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore, to the front of the Chamber.

Once again I'd certainly like to give congratulations to all the students who received an award and best of luck for all your endeavors. The Chair would also like to thank the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond, the members of the Legislature, obviously all of your hard work in working on this issue, and Legislative staff, and everyone else who volunteered, donated items, participated, and contributed to the scholarship fund. It obviously was another successful year for the Legislative Memorial Scholarship and it is always most rewarding to see the positive results of this program and it certainly is one of the best days. I really appreciate everyone's efforts on working on this. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Carpenter.

Senator **CARPENTER**: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I know you're all starving for a tale from the '70's. I'll be brief. Having been around here when this whole thing was commenced, I just thought it was important. We have several students that received scholarships today from the University of Maine. Steve Gould was an older gentleman who came here as the Representative from Orono many years ago. He had retired as the Chief of the Campus Police at Orono and he was just a lovely man and everybody just thought the world of. Played the trumpet here during the waning days of the Legislature, was a great source of enjoyment around here. Dave Michaud was a page from Fort Kent and a student at the University of Maine at Fort Kent who would come down with then Speaker John Martin. He was killed in a tragic automobile accident, as I recall, back home on the weekend. That's where the Gould - Michaud Scholarship auction started. Changed over to the Legislative Scholarship Fund and driven by Senator Diamond for at least the last 100 years and has resulted in literally tens of thousands of dollars being raised and given out for scholarships. I thought it might be interesting to see where it all came from. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: This concludes the scholarship ceremony. We're going to move back to your printed calendar, item 5-1. Once again, I want to thank everyone. I want to thank the students and obviously the parents. All that goes together in making sure that we have the best opportunities for all the people here in Maine. So I really want to thank you all for a great job.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Provision for Care of Infants after Birth"
H.P. 1463 L.D. 2059

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.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Ensure Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1291 L.D. 1813

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-702)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-702)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-702) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Modify Teacher Certification Expiration Dates for Teachers Who Use Family Medical Leave"

H.P. 1445 L.D. 2035

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-703)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-703)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-703) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Economic Development and Critical Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet"
H.P. 136 L.D. 173

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-698)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-698)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-698) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care"
H.P. 1401 L.D. 1957

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-704)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-704)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-704) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-700)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-700)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-700) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Composition of the Shellfish Advisory Council"

H.P. 1360 L.D. 1906

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-697)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-697)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-697) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 141 L.D. 178

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-701)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
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:

Representative:

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 AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-701)**.

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-701) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator DESCHAMBAULT for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements Imposed on State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies and the Department of Public Safety"

S.P. 685 L.D. 1983

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Report **READ**.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just would like to have a little clarity on this bill. I just, I see where it says certain record keeping and reporting requirements and didn't know if there was any specific language that that would clarify.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone that may be able to answer. The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** Thank you for that question. This is a Commissioner's bill, a Department bill. This has to do with forfeiture of property. Right now, and I don't have it before me, they have to submit a yearly report to, and I'd have to look it up,

one of the Departments. It's been noted that the Public Safety Department keeps track of all that information and where they dispense the information and that was sufficient. It's to remove them having to do it every year.

Report **ACCEPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator GRATWICK for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on 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

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas"

S.P. 711 L.D. 2021

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-414)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
HANLEY of Pittston

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Evaluate Emissions from Heated Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks

S.P. 662 L.D. 1915

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-415)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARSON of Cumberland
CHENETTE of York
FOLEY of York

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BLUME of York
CAMPBELL of Orrington
FAY of Raymond
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
HOBBS of Wells
SKOLFIELD of Weld
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Representative:

JOHANSEN of Monticello

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-415) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

Nine members of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Net Energy Billing Limits"

S.P. 744 L.D. 2093

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

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

Three members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-413).**

Signed:

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
HANLEY of Pittston

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY REPORT.**

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Amend the Qualifications for the State Nuclear Safety Inspector

S.P. 724 L.D. 2051

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure To Improve Transportation and Internet Connections"

H.P. 1524 L.D. 2134

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Government Accountability"

H.P. 1527 L.D. 2139

Comes 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.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Tobacco Product' To Exclude Matches and Lighters" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1525 L.D. 2135

Resolve, To Ensure Continued Services for Children with Disabilities by Imposing a Delay on MaineCare Rulemaking until an Impact Study Is Completed

H.P. 1529 L.D. 2141

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.

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

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1528 L.D. 2140

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

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/27/20) matter:

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1526 L.D. 2136

Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in the Revitalization of Maine's Paper Industry"

S.P. 763 L.D. 2123

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Tabled - February 27, 2020 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

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

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.)

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Statute

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations for Review of the Licensing Laws for Certain Licensed Health Professionals Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1523 L.D. 2133

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (2/27/20) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Community College System No-cost Tuition Program" H.P. 634 L.D. 860

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-692)** (8 members)

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

Tabled - February 27, 2020 by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland

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

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-692).**)

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, 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 Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to speak in support of the motion. This bill, as amended, establishes a really important program for our Community College System students. It provides that a student is eligible for the program if the student is a resident of the state and is eligible for a federal PELL grant. In addition, maintains a minimum grade point average. This grant program is absolutely essential to help more of our young Mainers achieve higher education affordability. From the Community College System President's testimony, I will share that he said that this establishes a program that is scalable, sustainable, and targets those PELL eligible Maine students whose federal and existing Maine-based grants do not cover the full cost of attending one of Maine's Community Colleges. It would address those PELL eligible students whose grant awards do not cover the full cost of attending college and at the same time possibly incentivize more Maine people to complete the free application for federal student aid, or FAFSA, and pursue higher education. Currently, some 37% of Maine high school graduates chose not to further their education, a decision that has increasingly negative consequences for them and for Maine. In fact, we have in statute that by 2025 we would like 60% of Mainers to hold a higher education or workforce credential as part of a statewide effort to ensure Maine workforce is productive and competitive. MaineSpark is a coalition of education and business leaders who are committed for the next 10 years to move Maine forward. It is time for the Maine Legislature to step up as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I think it's important for the members of this Body to recognize the fact that we have a need to increase the baseline budget for Maine Community College System and so a no vote on this bill isn't a no vote toward college education for Maine students. It's really recognizing what the President of the Community College System said in his testimony in the final paragraph, which was that we would prefer these resources go towards the baseline budget for the Maine Community College System so that they can help to keep tuition low for all students, not just certain students that may or may not qualify. So I want to be clear about the no vote that I'll be taking and probably see some others might as well. But it's not because we don't support this particular effort to help students in the state of Maine but rather that we recognize that reducing the overall costs and putting that into the baseline budget for the Maine Community College System is a way to further guarantee that it will be helping more Maine students. Thank you.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just rise again to be very clear about what this bill does. It sets into statute the Maine Community College System PELL grant match program. If you vote no then this will not be in statute. It's written in a way where if the funds are not available then the Community College is not necessarily required to fund this program, but I would encourage us to allow this bill to go to the Appropriations Table so that it could be part of the budget discussion and we can get this important workforce bill in front of the AFA Committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#412)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, DOW, GRATWICK, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: CHIPMAN, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 5 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-692) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

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

Off Record Remarks

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