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Advance Journal and Calendar

20th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

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

Prayer by Reverend Donald Coverdale, Sunday River Christian Ministry in Newry.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Matthew G. Pouliot of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick, M.D. of Penobscot County.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 334

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act To Require Public Schools To Periodically Test for Radon"
H.P. 802 L.D. 1079

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

(1-2) Bill "An Act To Support the Role of Municipalities in Expanding Broadband Infrastructure"
H.P. 786 L.D. 1063

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**.

(1-3) Bill "An Act To Reduce the Number of Domestic Assaults and Suicides By Increasing the Tax on Alcohol"
H.P. 793 L.D. 1070

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Criminal Negligence"
H.P. 815 L.D. 1111

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

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

(1-5) Bill "An Act To Account for Market Change in the Adult Use Marijuana Excise Tax"
H.P. 799 L.D. 1076

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-6) O'Connor Auto Park, in Augusta, which has received the 2019 Large Business of the Year Award from the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 97

(1-7) Ally Waller, of Augusta, a senior at Cony High School, who is a recipient of a 2019 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 98

(1-8) the Central Aroostook High School Varsity Cheerleaders, of Mars Hill, who won the 2019 Class D State Championship. This was the team's sixth consecutive championship in Class D and eleventh overall in the past twelve years. Members of the team include Megan Brewer, Audree Burtt, Natalie Corson, Emma Fletcher, Amy Gerritsen, Gracie Giberson, Daisy Grant, Elizabeth Hotham, Madison Howlett, Mersaydez Johnston, Olivia Pelletier, Jenna Rusby, Jack Schafer, Janelle Tweedie and Jillian Tweedie; and coaches Sami Allen and Janice Lyons. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 99

(1-9) Danica Haskell, of Presque Isle, a freshman at Presque Isle High School, who has been named a Distinguished Finalist for 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 100

(1-10) Kassidy Mathers, of Island Falls, a senior at Southern Aroostook Community School, who is a recipient of a 2019 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 101

(1-11) the Central Maine Christian Academy Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, of Lewiston, which won the Maine Christian School Sports League Basketball Championships. Members of the teams include Calvin Jeselskis, Grant Jeselskis, Jaden Legare, Bobby Simond, Alex Hilton, Owen Drake, Gavin Trafford, Dolan Shane, Kallie St. Hilaire, Hannah St. Hilaire, Rachael Frye, Brianna Johnson, Judith Ross, Katelyn Burnette, Anna Wilkins, Olivia Morrisette, Jordan Drake, Abi Hilton and Olivia Sepulveda; and coaches Randy Jeselskis and Jake St. Hilaire. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 102

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-12) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 804

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

WHEREAS, social workers have paved the way for change by enhancing the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped lead the nation's struggle for social justice and continue to advocate for positive social change and, more than the members of any other profession, social workers recognize that more must be done to address the persistent social problems that plague the State; and

WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that individuals and communities together can bring about change; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for the rights of the disadvantaged and oppressed; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for children's rights to a safe environment and a good education; and

WHEREAS, social workers advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to ensure good care is provided to older adults; and

WHEREAS, social workers help provide community support for veterans and their families after their service; and

WHEREAS, social workers strive to improve access to mental health treatment and health care services in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers effect change and put the ideals of citizenship into action every day through legislative, regulatory and social policy efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize March 2019 as Social Work Month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the University of Maine, Orono, School of Social Work; the University of Maine, Presque Isle, Department of Professional Programs, Social Work; the University of Southern Maine, School of Social Work; the University of New England, School of Social Work; and St. Joseph's College, Social Work program.

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

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-13) the Reverend Lionel Gerard Chouinard, of Lewiston, a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Portland. Over 52 years in active, full-time ministry, Father Chouinard served as parochial vicar or assistant pastor at St. Christopher Parish on Peaks Island, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Madawaska and Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston, including as part-time chaplain at St. Dominic High School and as temporary administrator of the parish, and as pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Machias, St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish in Mexico, St. Augustine Parish in Augusta and Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls, also assuming responsibility for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Sabattus and its Mission, St. Francis, in Greene. He later served as administrator of the parish communities in Lisbon Falls, Sabattus and Green. He also served with the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella as a chaplain, as well as with many other organizations. Father Chouinard will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 103

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

(1-14) Ray LeRoy Cole, of Bethel. While engaged in a career as a high school history teacher and superintendent of schools in Florida and New York, in 1959 Mr. Cole bought a large camp property on Great Pond in Belgrade Lakes with his brother, starting a long-term familial bond with the State that continues today. In 2001 he took up full-time residence in Bethel. He will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 64 years, Joan, and by his family and friends;

HLS 104

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

(1-15) Madison "Maddy" Anne Graham, of Eliot. Ms. Graham was raised in South Berwick and Eliot, attended York High School and Marshwood High School and graduated from Arthur R. Gould School. She was a talented artist, writer and singer. She will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 105

Come from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 167

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

March 5, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to the December 2015 Report of the Intergovernmental Pretrial Justice Reform Task Force, I am pleased to appoint Senator Mike Carpenter to said Task Force as a member of the Senate, effective the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 168

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

March 5, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRS 420-B, I am pleased to appoint Senator Carson to the technical advisory group for the Surface Water Ambient Toxic monitoring program. He will serve as the Senator on the committee having jurisdiction over natural resource matters.

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

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 169

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

March 5, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 355 An Act To Exclude Domesticated Species Used for Agricultural Purposes from the Laws Governing Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 171

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

March 1, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 14 | An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students |
| L.D. 55 | An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State |
| L.D. 387 | An Act To Require Cursive Handwriting Instruction in Grade 3 to Grade 5 |
| L.D. 464 | An Act To Change the Period To Request a Due Process Hearing for Costs Related to a Unilateral Private School Placement from a Public School |
| L.D. 557 | An Act To Create and Fund the School Revolving Maintenance Fund To Support the Usefulness and Longevity of Public School Buildings (EMERGENCY) |
| L.D. 589 | Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Rebecca Millett
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield
House Chair

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 170

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

March 1, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

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| L.D. 175 | An Act To Extend the Deer Hunting Season by 2 Saturdays |
| L.D. 188 | An Act To Provide for an Expanded Muzzle-loading-only Deer Hunting Season |
| L.D. 190 | An Act To Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Senior Resident Lifetime Hunting License Holders |
| L.D. 337 | An Act To Start a Spring Bear Hunting Season |
| L.D. 525 | An Act To Increase the Registration Fee for Snowmobiles for Residents |
| L.D. 652 | An Act To Modify Maine's Ice Fishing Laws with Respect to Cusk Fishing |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Catherine M. Nadeau
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act To Humanely Treat Animals Trapped in Buildings"

S.P. 333 L.D. 1114

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, EVANGELOS of Friendship, WARREN of Hallowell.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-2) Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Municipalities and School Administrative Units"

S.P. 339 L.D. 1119

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln, President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-3) Bill "An Act To Raise the Floor of State Education Funding"

S.P. 356 L.D. 1170

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-4) Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers from Price Gouging by Utility Companies"
S.P. 340 L.D. 1120

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland and Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox,
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BAILEY of Saco, RYKERSON of Kittery.

(3-5) Bill "An Act Regarding Telecommunications Infrastructure Costs"
S.P. 343 L.D. 1123

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis,
DILL of Penobscot, President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: HALL of Wilton,
HEAD of Bethel, RILEY of Jay, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

(3-6) Bill "An Act To Expand Community-based Solar Energy in Maine"
S.P. 347 L.D. 1127

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, LAWRENCE of York, WOODSOME of York,
Representatives: RILEY of Jay, STROM of Pittsfield.

(3-7) Bill "An Act Regarding Energy, Utilities and Technology"
S.P. 351 L.D. 1163

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-8) Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in the Redemption of Beverage Containers"
S.P. 335 L.D. 1115

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, GRATWICK of
Penobscot, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, FOLEY of Biddeford.

Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** suggested and ordered
printed.

(3-9) Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Lead Poisoning Control Act" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 336 L.D. 1116

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MORALES of South Portland.

(3-10) Bill "An Act To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Related to Bad Debt and Bed-hold Days"

S.P. 345 L.D. 1125

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representative: PERRY of Calais.

(3-11) Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes

S.P. 346 L.D. 1126

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, KEIM of Oxford, MOORE of Washington, Representative: PERRY of Calais.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act To Restrict the Use of Mercury in Dental Fillings in State-funded Dental Procedures"

S.P. 349 L.D. 1161

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, PERRY of Calais, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, SWALLOW of Houlton, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-13) Bill "An Act To Encourage Turkey Hunting"

S.P. 337 L.D. 1117

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HARNETT of Gardiner, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, WARREN of Hallowell.

(3-14) Bill "An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Rule-making Authority To Establish a Bear Season Framework and Bag Limits"

S.P. 338 L.D. 1118

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DILL of Penobscot, GUERIN of Penobscot, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, STEARNS of Guilford.

(3-15) Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Process"

S.P. 344 L.D. 1124

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-16) Bill "An Act To Acknowledge Potable Water as a Necessity"

S.P. 341 L.D. 1121

Presented by Senator CHENETTE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senator: CARSON of Cumberland, Representative: BAILEY of Saco.

(3-17) Bill "An Act To Improve the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit"

S.P. 352 L.D. 1164

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and Senators: DOW of Lincoln, LIBBY of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FECTEAU of Biddeford, STEWART of Presque Isle.

(3-18) Bill "An Act To Provide Ready Access to Defibrillators in Businesses and Pharmacies"
S.P. 355 L.D. 1169

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland and Senators: BELLOWS of
Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND
BUSINESS** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-19) Bill "An Act To Further Expand Drug Price Transparency"

S.P. 350 L.D. 1162

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER of Topsham and Senators: FOLEY of York, President
JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives:
MELARAGNO of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, STEWART of
Presque Isle.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-20) Bill "An Act To Clarify Statutes Related to Establishing a Municipal Charter
Commission"

S.P. 348 L.D. 1128

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

(3-21) Bill "An Act To Expand Tax Increment Financing"

S.P. 342 L.D. 1122

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

(3-22) Bill "An Act To Support the Operation of Fixed-wing Air Medical Transport in Northern Maine"

S.P. 353 L.D. 1165

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

(3-23) Bill "An Act To Require Public Transit To Be Accessible to Blind or Visually Impaired Riders"

S.P. 354 L.D. 1166

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, COLLINGS of Portland, McLEAN of Gorham, SHEATS of Auburn, WHITE of Waterville.

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the Friends of Wilson Lake, of Wilton, which was named the 2018 Lake Association of the Year by the Maine Lakes Society for being a leader in lake protection and inspiring other lake associations to be proactive in protecting the State's valuable freshwater resources. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 101

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: HALL of Wilton.

(4-2) Jason Madore, of Fort Kent, who received the 2018 Firefighter of the Year award from the Fort Kent Fire Department. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 102

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

(4-3) the Biddeford High School Field Hockey Team, of Biddeford, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 103

Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford.

(4-4) the Biddeford High School Cheerleading Team, which won the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 104

Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DENK of Kennebunk, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford.

(4-5) James Bergeron, of Dallas Plantation, who received the 2018 Outstanding Conservation Cooperator of the Year award from the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 105

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: HEAD of Bethel.

(4-6) Mary Lowe, of Houlton, who is retiring as a Department of Health and Human Services Caseworker in the Office of Aging and Disability Services after 39 years of service working with adults with developmental disabilities. Well-liked by consumers, providers and co-workers, she has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for those she has served and to help them achieve their dreams. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 106

Sponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Evaluate and Address the Transportation Needs of Maine's Veterans

H.P. 134 L.D. 171

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Ought to Pass

(5-2) The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 86 L.D. 100

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

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

(5-3) The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine Law Regarding the Tips of Service Employees"

H.P. 67 L.D. 81

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

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

(5-4) The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide That Persons Who Produce Maple Syrup and Honey Commercially Are Eligible for the Sales Tax Refund and Exemption for Commercial Agricultural Production" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 72 L.D. 86

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

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

(5-5) The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Rename the Stillwater Bridges in Old Town the Llewellyn Estes Bridge

H.P. 170 L.D. 207

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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-6) The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 84 L.D. 98

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-3)**.

(5-7) The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Reporting Requirements"

H.P. 26 L.D. 25

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-2)**.

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Maine Potato Board Districts"
H.P. 109 L.D. 127

ENACTORS

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

Act

(7-1) An Act Regarding Rules Adopted by the ConnectME Authority
H.P. 32 L.D. 31

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

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

1.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Sustain Maine's Forest Products Industry by Implementing Certain Existing Solid Waste Management Policies"

S.P. 96 L.D. 356

Tabled - January 24, 2019 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Create an Airplane Mechanic Education Program"

H.P. 414 L.D. 570

Tabled - February 7, 2019 by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS.**)

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing John Menario, of Yarmouth

SLS 78

Tabled - February 12, 2019 by Senator **SANBORN, H.** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Resolve, To Require the Approval by the Public Utilities Commission of a Proposal for a Long-term Contract for Deep-water Offshore Wind Energy (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 284 L.D. 994

Tabled - February 19, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.)

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce"
H.P. 468 L.D. 647

Tabled - March 28, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS.**)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - HONORING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY

H.P. 754

Tabled - March 28, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ADOPTION**

(In House, **READ** and **ADOPTED.**)

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program"

S.P. 311 L.D. 1051

Tabled - March 28, 2019 by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.)

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 77 L.D. 91

Majority - Ought to Pass (10 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - March 5, 2019 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report

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

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy"

S.P. 79 L.D. 267

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - March 5, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECONSIDER**

(In Senate, March 5, 2019, on motion by Senator **SANBORN, H.** of Cumberland, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **FAILED**.)
