



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature  
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

Governor's State of the Budget Address

10th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

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

Prayer by Reverend Malcolm Himschoot of the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono.

National Anthem Performed by Livie Richard and Adriana Ramirez of Scarborough.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Glenn Curry of Waldo County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Constance Adler, MD.

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**Troy D. Jackson**  
*President of the Senate*

**Darek M. Grant**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

On motion by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 13

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature be held at 6:45 this evening in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as she may be pleased to make.

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

### Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Ruth White, of Orono, a junior at Orono High School, who has been named the Gatorade Maine Girls Cross County Runner of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;  
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(1-2) Ruth White, of Orono, a junior at Orono High School, who has been named the Varsity Maine Runner of the Year for Girls' Cross Country by the Portland Press Herald. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 42

(1-3) Diane Polky, of Fayette, who is retiring from public service with the City of Hallowell. Ms. Polky was hired as Hallowell's Deputy City Clerk in August 1999 and was appointed City Clerk in July 2016, in which capacity she managed elections, a large city cemetery and city council preparations and meetings and performed many other duties. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 44

(1-4) the Sanford High School Marching Band, which won the Gold Medal at the Maine Band Director Association's Finals on October 29, 2022 with its production "We Are Spartans." We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 45

(1-5) the Sanford High School Wrestling Team, which won the Dual State Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 46

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

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**Joint Resolutions**

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-6) the Honorable Rodney Latham Scribner, of Randolph. Mr. Scribner was a veteran of the United States Navy and worked in the United States Merchant Marine. He served as Maine State Treasurer from 1975 to 1976 and also as State Budget Officer, State Controller, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration and Acting Commissioner of the Department of Indian Affairs. He was Staff Coordinator for the Maine Management and Cost Survey Commission, worked as an assistant legislative finance officer and worked as a staff accountant for Staples and Boyce, CPAs. He taught Governmental Finance at the University of Maine and wrote "Raising State and Local Revenues: Emerging Patterns in Revenue Systems." A lifelong Democrat, he served as a Representative in the 103rd Legislature, during which he served on the appropriations committee. He was active in state politics, working in town, city and county Democratic committees and as a campaign worker for 17 years, participated in voter registration drives for 12 years and served as Kennebec County Committee Chair and as Augusta City Committee Treasurer. He served as Campaign Director and Treasurer for Governor Curtis in 1966 and was Maine Financial Advisor for the Carter-Mondale ticket. He was a member of the Maine Society of Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, of which he was past president of the Maine chapter, American Society for Public Administration and National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers. Mr. Scribner will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 47

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

(1-7) Robert Phillip Johnson, Sr., of Lincolnville. Mr. Johnson was a veteran of the United States Navy Reserve. He became a teacher and taught for 20 years at Belfast Area High School as a foreign language teacher. During his tenure, he also served as chief negotiator for the teacher's union, supporting the rights of teachers in the district. During the summer months, he worked as a foreman for Nash Blueberry Farm. He retired from Belfast Area High School in 2000 and went to work full time for the Maine Education Association as a UniServ Director. He also taught for a time at Camden Hills Regional High School. Mr. Johnson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 60 years, Betty, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 48

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 103

**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

February 8, 2023

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

RE: Appointment of Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland to Maine State Fire Marshal

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that with the advice and consent of the Governor, I am nominating Richard M. McCarthy of Oakland to Maine State Fire Marshal.

Pursuant to Title 25 MRSA §2396, this appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Maine State Senate after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Michael Sauschuck  
Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 101

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 6, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 312      An Act to Improve Health Outcomes by Expanding the Perinatal Workforce to  
Include Professionals Such as Community Health Workers and Doulas and to  
Provide MaineCare Reimbursement for Services

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer  
House Chair

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(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 98

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 1, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 124      An Act to Ensure the Maintenance of Circular Intersections on State and State  
Aid Highways

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lynne A. Williams  
House Chair

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(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 99

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 7, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 38      Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan  
                 Memorial Bridge

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lynne A. Williams  
House Chair

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(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 100

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 1, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross,

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

L.D. 76      Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Study the Width of Road  
Shoulders

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lynne A. Williams  
House Chair

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(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 102

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

February 08, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate  
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House  
131st Legislature  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

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

L.D. 175                      An Act to Increase the Use of Municipal Waste-to-energy  
Processes as a Source of Renewable Energy

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence  
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Stanley Paige Zeigler  
House Chair

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(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 104

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PAID FAMILY AND  
MEDICAL LEAVE BENEFITS PROGRAM**

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President  
Maine State Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker  
Maine House of Representatives  
State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Pursuant to Public Law 201, Chapter 635, Part KK, the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at [www.legislature.maine.gov/opla](http://www.legislature.maine.gov/opla).

Sincerely,

S/Matthea E. L. Daughtry  
Senate Chair

S/Kristen Cloutier  
House Chair

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**SENATE PAPERS**

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Support Farmland Conservation and Transition Planning for Farmers"  
S.P. 247 L.D. 579

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, PIERCE of Cumberland, Representatives: HALL of Wilton, LANDRY of Farmington, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Require Major Substantive Rulemaking for the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund"

S.P. 263 L.D. 595

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, GUERRETTE of Caribou, SAMPSON of Alfred.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Improve Maine Agriculture and Food Systems"

S.P. 267 L.D. 650

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

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(3-4) Bill "An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons"

S.P. 250 L.D. 582

Presented by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, GUERIN of Penobscot, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, THORNE of Carmel, WOOD of Greene.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program"

S.P. 256 L.D. 588

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, NANGLE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, LAJOIE of Lewiston, NEWMAN of Belgrade, SALISBURY of Westbrook, WHITE of Waterville.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-6) Bill "An Act to Ensure That the Maine Electric Grid Provides Additional Benefits to Maine Ratepayers"

S.P. 257 L.D. 589

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

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(3-7) Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review"

S.P. 264 L.D. 596

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representative: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

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

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(3-8) Bill "An Act to Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Sites"  
S.P. 252 L.D. 584

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, Representative: JAUCH of Topsham.

(3-9) Resolve, to Automatically Increase a Residential Care or Nursing Facility Resident's Personal Needs Allowance Under the MaineCare Program When the Consumer Price Index Increases

S.P. 255 L.D. 587

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot and Senator: MOORE of Washington.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment"

S.P. 260 L.D. 592

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, Representative: MADIGAN of Waterville.

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

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(3-11) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Health Care

S.P. 258 L.D. 590

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, INGWERSEN of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, COLLINGS of Portland, PLUECKER of Warren, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

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(3-12) Resolve, Directing the Finance Authority of Maine to Establish a Pilot Program to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

S.P. 271 L.D. 654

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-13) Bill "An Act to Increase the Bag Limit for Smelts for Personal Use from 2 Quarts to 4 Quarts"

S.P. 261 L.D. 593

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Representative: DAVIS of East Machias.

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

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(3-14) Bill "An Act to Provide for Municipalities to Allow Grocery Stores up to 10,000 Square Feet to Open on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas"

S.P. 251 L.D. 583

Presented by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington, Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(3-15) Bill "An Act to Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs Through Economic Incentives"

S.P. 265 L.D. 648

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

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(3-16) Bill "An Act to Facilitate Communication Between Pro Se Defendants and Assistant District Attorneys"

S.P. 244 L.D. 576

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, RECKITT of South Portland.

(3-17) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations

S.P. 246 L.D. 578

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure"

S.P. 248 L.D. 580

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Allow Equitable Tolling of Post-conviction Review Filings"

S.P. 253 L.D. 585

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Representatives: POIRIER of Skowhegan, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Address the Shortfalls of the Current Resource Parents' Bill of Rights Policy"

S.P. 262 L.D. 594

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. (BY REQUEST)

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping"

S.P. 266 L.D. 649

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, DOUDERA of Camden, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, WARREN of Scarborough.

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Support Constitutionally Required Public Defense by Creating the Maine Office of Public Defense Services"

S.P. 270 L.D. 653

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative MOONEN of Portland and Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, HAGGAN of Hampden, HENDERSON of Rumford, LEE of Auburn, POIRIER of Skowhegan, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

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(3-23) Bill "An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Premiums for Certain Retired State Employees"

S.P. 259 L.D. 591

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative HASENFUS of Readfield and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ROEDER of Bangor, SACHS of Freeport, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards"

S.P. 268 L.D. 651

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative BOYLE of Gorham and Senator: BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, PERRY of Bangor.

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

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(3-25) Bill "An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs"

S.P. 249 L.D. 581

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, DAVIS of East Machias, GOLEK of Harpswell, HEPLER of Woolwich, SACHS of Freeport, WARREN of Scarborough.



(3-26) Bill "An Act to Protect Maine Fisheries from the Effects of Industrial Recirculating Aquaculture Operations"

S.P. 254 L.D. 586

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and Representative: SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** suggested and ordered printed.

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(3-27) Bill "An Act to Increase Availability of Election Information on Local Government Websites"

S.P. 245 L.D. 577

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

(3-28) Bill "An Act to Address Climate Change by Reducing Carbon Emissions from State Vehicles"

S.P. 272 L.D. 655

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, DHALAC of South Portland, PAULHUS of Bath, RISEMAN of Harrison.

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

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(3-29) Bill "An Act to Allow the Reinstatement of Certain Commercial Driver's Licenses"

S.P. 269 L.D. 652

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

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**ORDERS**

**Joint Orders**

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Jane Case, of Scarborough, who is celebrating her 100th birthday on February 16, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 111

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-2) Livie Richard, of Scarborough, who was chosen to participate and perform with the 2022 All-National Honor Ensembles Mixed Choir in Washington, D.C., representing the highest performing high school musicians in the country. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 112

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-3) Adriana Ramirez, of Scarborough, who was chosen to participate and perform with the 2022 All-National Honor Ensembles Mixed Choir in Washington, D.C., representing the highest performing high school musicians in the country. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 113

Sponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: CARNEY of Cumberland, Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Scarborough, WARREN of Scarborough.

(4-4) the late Honorable John L. Tuttle, Jr., of Sanford, a posthumous recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service;

SLS 114

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, LANIGAN of Sanford, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, WHITE of Guilford.

(4-5) Nathan McCoy, of Waterboro, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 115

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Alfred, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(4-6) Duane O. McCoy, of Waterboro, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 116

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Alfred, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

(4-7) Boy Scout Troop No. 369, of Lebanon, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 117

Sponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Representative: ADAMS of Lebanon.

(4-8) the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband Team, of Sweden, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 118

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

(4-9) Daniel Callahan, Jr., of Minot, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 119

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: LIBBY of Auburn.

(4-10) Bob Pelletier, of Bridgton, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 120

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: RISEMAN of Harrison.

(4-11) Carol Noonan, Jeff Flagg and the staff of the Stone Mountain Arts Center, of Brownfield, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 121

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: NESS of Fryeburg.

(4-12) the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband Team, of Denmark, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 122

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: RISEMAN of Harrison.

(4-13) Roy Andrews, of Fryeburg, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 123

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: NESS of Fryeburg.

(4-14) John and Leone Callina, of Norway, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 124

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

(4-15) Ronald Kugel, of Oxford, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 125

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: JACKSON of Oxford.

(4-16) Michelle Emery, of Mechanic Falls, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 126

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: BOYER of Poland.

(4-17) Ethan Monk, of Alexander, a student at Woodland Junior/Senior High School and a member of the boys basketball team, who recently scored his 1,000th career point. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 127

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of East Machias.

(4-18) Robert Grindle, Jr., of Franklin, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 128

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(4-19) Raymond Jones, of Gouldsboro, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 129

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(4-20) Danielle Garrish of Mia Sorello's Studio, of Saco, who has received the New Business of the Year Award from the Biddeford and Saco Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 130

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco.

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**Joint Resolutions**

(4-21) On motion by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook (Cosponsored by Representative **GRAMLICH** of Old Orchard Beach), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 243

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS 211 MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, 211 Maine is a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline that provides Maine people free and confidential referrals to needed resources; and

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

**WHEREAS**, since 2006, 211 Maine call specialists have assisted with requests for information regarding topics ranging from substance use and recovery services to housing support and food resources, in 2022 fielding over 85,000 calls, text messages and e-mails from people looking for help; and

**WHEREAS**, 211 Maine has supported the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the people of Maine by fielding general questions about COVID-19 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, including questions regarding how people can best protect themselves, the common symptoms of COVID-19, travel advisories and the latest information on testing, and in this support role has fielded over 97,000 contacts; and

**WHEREAS**, during this past year, 211 Maine directed over 20,000 Maine people to heating and electric utility assistance services, which may have prevented their contacting the wrong agency for heating assistance, prevented utility shut-offs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, 211 Maine handles a number of specialized services and partnerships, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline and serving as the centralized access point for the Help Me Grow Maine program, helping families with children from birth to 8 years of age get connected to needed services, and is also a resource for finding information about needs such as tax preparation, mental health services and browntail moth caterpillar prevention, mitigation and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, 211 Maine provides a powerful example of how the government and nonprofit and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life of the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2023 as 211 Month.

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Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-22) Eugene E. Richardson, Jr., of Turner. Mr. Richardson was the owner and operator of Richardson Trucking in Turner and previously owned Richardson Enterprises. He was a member of the Nezinscot Lodge #101, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Richardson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of nearly 62 years, Edna, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 110

Sponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

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

(4-23) Leonard Johnson, of Saco. Mr. Johnson was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving for over 20 years and retiring in 1968 as a master sergeant. He served in Korea from 1951 to 1952, Hawaii from 1958 to 1961 and Venezuela from 1964 to 1967, working in administration, finance and accounting. After his military service, he started Lenco, Inc., selling and servicing Troy-Built rototillers and other equipment for over 20 years. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Air Force Sergeants Association and a sponsor of the Air Force memorial in Washington, D.C. He was also a member of the Thornton Academy 1811. Mr. Johnson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

SLS 131

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, O'NEIL of Saco.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Senate**

**Ought to Pass**

(5-1) Senator NANGLE for the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay"  
S.P. 58 L.D. 119

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

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**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 Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 8 L.D. 1

Tabled - January 17, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, December 7, 2022, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

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2.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Jules Vazquez, of South Portland

SLS 72

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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3.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Zackery Ellis, of Farmingdale

SLS 73

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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4.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Corbin Eldridge, of Farmingdale

SLS 74

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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5.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Zachary Truman, of Farmingdale

SLS 75

Tabled - January 31, 2023 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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6.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing James Wilson, of South Portland

SLS 90

Tabled - February 7, 2023 by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland

Pending - **PASSAGE**

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7.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford

SLS 107

Tabled - February 9, 2023 by Senator **HARRINGTON** of York

Pending - **ADOPTION**

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