



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

12th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

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

Prayer by Father Aaron Damboise from Parish of the Holy Savior in Mexico.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Jill C. Duson of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Doctor of the day, Kelly Meehan-Coussee, MD.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) An Act to Invest in Construction Industry Workforce Development
S.P. 163 L.D. 356

In Senate, January 31, 2023, on motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

House Papers

(1-2) Bill "An Act to Transfer Responsibility for Administering the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation"
H.P. 128 L.D. 207

(1-3) Bill "An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes"
H.P. 186 L.D. 288

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

(1-4) Bill "An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name or Pronoun Other than a Child's Given Name or Pronoun Corresponding to the Gender on the Child's Birth Certificate"
H.P. 447 L.D. 678

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

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

(1-5) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers"

H.P. 431 L.D. 662

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

(1-6) Bill "An Act to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms"

H.P. 444 L.D. 675

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**.

(1-7) Bill "An Act Regarding Labeling of Packaged Foods for Genetically Modified Organisms"

H.P. 451 L.D. 682

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

(1-8) Bill "An Act to Promote Affordable Housing by Providing a Tax Exemption for Housing Choice Vouchers"

H.P. 238 L.D. 387

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

(1-9) Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond
H.P. 429 L.D. 660

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

(1-10) Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm Stream Township as Plummer Pond
H.P. 430 L.D. 661

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

(1-11) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Zoning and Land Use Restrictions to Limit Certain Requirements to Municipalities with a Population of More than 10,000"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 135 L.D. 214

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING**.

(1-12) Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to Encourage Housing Construction"

H.P. 215 L.D. 341

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

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-13) Arthur and Ann Bellwood, of Oxford, who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on February 8, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 52

(1-14) Holly Hancock, of Casco, 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;

HLS 55

(1-15) Barbara Fang, of Union, 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;

HLS 56

(1-16) the town employees of the Town of Warren, 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;

HLS 57

(1-17) Larry Gardner, of Fort Fairfield, who has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Mr. Gardner is the winningest coach in Fort Fairfield High School History, coaching boys varsity basketball for 9 years and girls varsity basketball for 25 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 61

(1-18) Anne Lambert, of Chesterville, 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;

HLS 62

(1-19) the Farmington Grange #12, 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;

HLS 63

(1-20) Frank Martin Sons, Inc., of Fort Kent, which has received the Longevity Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 64

(1-21) Jake Robichaud, of Fort Kent, who has received the President's Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 65

(1-22) Acadia Federal Credit Union, of Fort Kent, which has been named Member Business of the Year by the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 66

(1-23) Roger's Sport Center, Inc., of Fort Kent, which has received a Recreational Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 67

(1-24) Fort Kent Power Sports, which has received a Recreational Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 68

(1-25) Corriveau Arctic Cat, of Fort Kent, which has received a Recreational Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 69

(1-26) Aroostook Real Estate LLC, of Fort Kent, which has received a Small Business Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 70

(1-27) Jake's Cleaning Service, of Fort Kent, which has received a Small Business Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 71

(1-28) Odds and Ends, of Fort Kent, which has received the Entrepreneur Award from the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 72

(1-29) Norman Leavitt, of Eliot, who celebrated his 103rd birthday on January 31, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 73

(1-30) Halcyon Grange #345, of Blue Hill, 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;

HLS 74

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

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(1-31) Charles Ernest Ihloff, formerly of Casco. As a young man, Mr. Ihloff interned as an Associate Protestant Chaplain at Boston University and practice taught at both Emerson College and Suffolk University, experiences informing his decision to seek parish ministry. Ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1959, he moved to Portland, where he specialized in youth work at the State Street Church. His first parish was a federation of American Baptist and Congregational Churches in Brooklyn, Connecticut. He served for 20 years at the Congregational Church of South Hadley Falls in Massachusetts before moving to Casco in 1994, where he helped modernize the church building. Retiring on January 1, 2000, he nevertheless was an interim pastor for over 6 years in 3 parishes and was the settled pastor in Cornish for over 8 years. He always had active youth programs in each of his churches and worked over 50 weeks as counselor at church conferences in 2 states. Understanding committee structure, he was scribe and moderator of the Conference Association and was always active at the state level. He also served his communities as a volunteer firefighter for 64 years. Mr. Ihloff will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 53

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

(1-32) Neal Francis Taylor, of Montville. Dr. Taylor worked for a time at Lincoln Laboratory in Boston, Massachusetts before becoming a Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology at the University of California at Davis. He went on to live and work in Waterville and Old Town before moving to Montville. Dedicated to ecological teaching, he served as Field Faculty for the Audubon Expedition Institute at Lesley University, with the Expedition Education Institute, as Lead Instructor for the Center for Ecological Living and Learning in Central America and as a Campus Manager at Ironwood Maine, a residential mental health treatment program and accredited school for teenagers. Dr. Taylor will be long remembered and sadly missed by his partner and wife of 30 years, Larkspur Morton, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 59

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

(1-33) Paula C. Auger, of Winnabow, North Carolina and Biddeford. Ms. Auger worked for New England Telephone before working as a homemaker. She was an active member of the Biddeford chapter of the Daughters of Isabella, serving for a time as Regent, and participated with the Red Hats. Ms. Auger will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

HLS 60

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 136

**STATE OF MAINE
131st LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 21, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 8, Chapter 3, I am pleased to appoint Peter Black to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board. With this appointment, he will serve as a member with expertise in oil storage facility design and installation, oil spill remediation or environmental engineering, 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. 137

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

February 22, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under MRSA Title 5, Part 30, Chapter 623, §24051, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Rebecca Millett of Cape Elizabeth to the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding this reappointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 132

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

February 14, 2023

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House
131st 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 Rep. Eaton of Deer Isle, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 61 An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on
Private Property

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Allison Hepler
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 135

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

February 16, 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 Health and Human Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 99 An Act to Clarify the Allowable Temperature Range in Certain Long-term Care Facilities

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michele Meyer
House Chair

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 134

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

February 16, 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 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 274 An Act Regarding Municipal Costs for Water Used for Firefighting

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Donna Bailey
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne C. Perry
House Chair

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 133

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

February 09, 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 152 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Change the Term "Woodsman" to "Woodsperson" in the Junior Maine Guide Program

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. David P. LaFountain
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Scott Landry
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds"

S.P. 341 L.D. 782

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Support the Maintenance of Historic Fort George in Castine"

S.P. 350 L.D. 791

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and Representative: RUSSELL of Verona Island.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's Minimum Wage Laws"

S.P. 336 L.D. 777

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

(3-4) Bill "An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Maine Good Samaritan Law"

S.P. 361 L.D. 864

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Establish Culturally Informed Reentry or Reintegration Halfway Houses"

S.P. 387 L.D. 895

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston.

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

(3-6) Bill "An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools"

S.P. 364 L.D. 867

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

(3-7) Bill "An Act to Protect Education Access by Prohibiting a Mandate for Schoolchildren for a COVID-19 Vaccine or a Vaccine Under an Emergency Use Authorization"

S.P. 366 L.D. 869

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GUERIN of Penobscot, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

(3-8) Bill "An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State"

S.P. 368 L.D. 871

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-9) Bill "An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 370 L.D. 873

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-10) Bill "An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units"

S.P. 381 L.D. 889

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, RANA of Bangor, ROEDER of Bangor, SUPICA of Bangor.

(3-11) Bill "An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning"

S.P. 384 L.D. 892

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, GEIGER of Rockland, GOLEK of Harpswell, MONTELL of Gardiner.

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

(3-12) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection by Adjusting the Requirements for Certain Hearings and for Certain Agencies by Adjusting the Requirements for Cost-Benefit Analysis"

S.P. 362 L.D. 865

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: O'NEIL of Saco.

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

(3-13) Bill "An Act to Ensure Access by Parties and Attorneys to Records in Child and Adult Protection Proceedings"

S.P. 332 L.D. 773

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-14) Bill "An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment"

S.P. 334 L.D. 775

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

(3-15) Bill "An Act Regarding Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents Under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program"

S.P. 337 L.D. 778

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, GUERIN of Penobscot, LYFORD of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington.

(3-16) Bill "An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services"

S.P. 338 L.D. 779

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, HICKMAN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MORRIS of Turner, PRINGLE of Windham.

(3-17) Bill "An Act to Protect Nursing Home Residents by Requiring Nursing Homes to Provide Silent Bed Alarms for Residents with Dementia"

S.P. 340 L.D. 781

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, INGWERSEN of York, MOORE of Washington, Representative: WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

(3-18) Bill "An Act to Establish Welfare Work Requirements for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents"

S.P. 343 L.D. 784

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of Sanford, MASON of Lisbon.

(3-19) Bill "An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services"

S.P. 344 L.D. 785

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. (BY REQUEST)

(3-20) Bill "An Act to Improve Family Team Meetings in Child Welfare Cases to Ensure Better Outcomes for Children by Providing Adequate Funding"

S.P. 354 L.D. 857

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-21) Bill "An Act to Require the State to Invest in Federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics"

S.P. 355 L.D. 858

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-22) Bill "An Act to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to Provide Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Services"

S.P. 356 L.D. 859

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-23) Bill "An Act to Ensure That Adequate State Resources Are Available to Provide In-person Response to Calls Received on the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline"

S.P. 369 L.D. 872

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-24) Bill "An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 371 L.D. 874

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-25) Bill "An Act to Improve Child Welfare"

S.P. 375 L.D. 878

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: ARATA of New Gloucester.

(3-26) Bill "An Act to Create the Child Care Provider Student Loan Repayment Fund"
S.P. 382 L.D. 890

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of Waterville, MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

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

(3-27) Bill "An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care"
S.P. 348 L.D. 789

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

(3-28) Bill "An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements"

S.P. 388 L.D. 896

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

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

(3-29) Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to Study Financial Incentives for Plumbing and Electrical Contractor Services

S.P. 345 L.D. 786

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

(3-30) Bill "An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development"

S.P. 346 L.D. 787

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative DHALAC of South Portland and Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, RIELLY of Westbrook.

(3-31) Bill "An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State"

S.P. 373 L.D. 876

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

(3-32) Bill "An Act to Permit Recordings of a Protected Person to Be Admissible in Evidence"

S.P. 324 L.D. 765

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, POIRIER of Skowhegan.

(3-33) Bill "An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion"

S.P. 330 L.D. 771

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Auburn and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: JAVNER of Chester, PAUL of Winterport, QUINT of Hodgdon, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SAMPSON of Alfred, SMITH of Palermo.

(3-34) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Bodily Autonomy

S.P. 335 L.D. 776

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

(3-35) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy

S.P. 339 L.D. 780

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Scarborough and Senators: BAILEY of York, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook.

(3-36) Bill "An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act"

S.P. 342 L.D. 783

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham, PAULHUS of Bath, SACHS of Freeport.

(3-37) Bill "An Act to Extend the Protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions That Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of Violence"

S.P. 365 L.D. 868

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, CARNEY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, KUHN of Falmouth, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland.

(3-38) Bill "An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation"

S.P. 367 L.D. 870

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, GROHOSKI of Hancock, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WARREN of Scarborough.

(3-39) Bill "An Act to Allow Use of Courthouse Facility Dogs by Criminal Justice Agencies for Criminal Justice Purposes"

S.P. 379 L.D. 888

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

(3-40) Bill "An Act to Provide Uniform Protections from Retaliation for Maine Workers in Connection with the Exercise of Rights Protected Under the Laws Governing Employment Practices"

S.P. 326 L.D. 767

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-41) Bill "An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund"

S.P. 333 L.D. 774

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, HARRINGTON of York.

(3-42) Bill "An Act to Amend the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks"

S.P. 378 L.D. 887

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BAILEY of York, CARNEY of Cumberland.

(3-43) Bill "An Act to Protect Due Process for Certain Public Sector Employees"

S.P. 383 L.D. 891

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

(3-44) Bill "An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Regular Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 323 L.D. 764

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, RISEMAN of Harrison.

(3-45) Bill "An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants"

S.P. 331 L.D. 772

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, COLLINGS of Portland, MORRIS of Turner.

(3-46) Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry

S.P. 347 L.D. 788

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, RECKITT of South Portland, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(3-47) Bill "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women"

S.P. 353 L.D. 794

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, JAUCH of Topsham, O'NEIL of Saco, TERRY of Gorham.

(3-48) Bill "An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000"

S.P. 360 L.D. 863

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-49) Bill "An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China"

S.P. 374 L.D. 877

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

(3-50) Bill "An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 385 L.D. 893

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RUSSELL of Verona Island, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

(3-51) Bill "An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor"

S.P. 386 L.D. 894

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

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

(3-52) Bill "An Act to Provide a Turnpike Gasoline Fairness Credit for Maine Turnpike Drivers"

S.P. 351 L.D. 792

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, GREENWOOD of Wales, LIBBY of Auburn, MASON of Lisbon, SHAW of Auburn.

(3-53) Bill "An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing"

S.P. 352 L.D. 793

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

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

(3-54) Bill "An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study"

S.P. 357 L.D. 860

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, O'CONNELL of Brewer, RANA of Bangor.

(3-55) Bill "An Act to Identify the Canadian Pacific Railway Railroad Lines from Hermon Station Through Brownville and Jackman to Quebec and Montreal as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study"

S.P. 358 L.D. 861

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and Representative: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

(3-56) Bill "An Act to Move Jurisdiction over Railroad Lines from the Department of Transportation to an Independent Rail Authority"

S.P. 359 L.D. 862

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

(3-57) Bill "An Act to Improve Visibility and Restore the Beauty of Maine's Roadways by Limiting Signs in the Public Right-of-way"

S.P. 363 L.D. 866

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

(3-58) Bill "An Act to Allow Mini-trucks to Be Operated on Roads in the State"

S.P. 372 L.D. 875

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor and Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, THERIAULT of Fort Kent, WHITE of Guilford.

(3-59) Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

S.P. 377 L.D. 880

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CRAVEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LEE of Auburn.

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

(3-60) Bill "An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes"

S.P. 325 L.D. 766

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative MALON of Biddeford and Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BRENNER of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, SUPICA of Bangor, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

(3-61) Bill "An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections"

S.P. 327 L.D. 768

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield and Senators: HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, HYMES of Waldo.

(3-62) Bill "An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

S.P. 328 L.D. 769

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative ROEDER of Bangor and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BOYER of Poland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Guilford.

(3-63) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day"

S.P. 329 L.D. 770

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: HARRINGTON of York, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

(3-64) Bill "An Act to Require Disclosure for Communications Paid for Using Maine Clean Election Act Funding"

S.P. 349 L.D. 790

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Senator LYFORD of Penobscot and Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, LYFORD of Penobscot, Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, PAUL of Winterport.

(3-65) Bill "An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places"

S.P. 376 L.D. 879

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, MALON of Biddeford.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Chocolats Passion, of Portland, owned by Catherine Wiersema, which won two Silver Medals with their Miso Sesame and Pistachio Raspberry confections at the Academy of Chocolate Filled Confections 2022 Competition held in London, England, the platinum standard of chocolate competitions. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 152

Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DUSON of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, LOOKNER of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, SKOLD of Portland, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ZAGER of Portland.

(4-2) Sarah Davis, of Solon, to whom the Town of Solon has dedicated its Town Report for the extensive service she has provided to the town's citizens, including through her work with the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen/Overseers of the Poor, the Friends of the Coolidge Library, the First Park Committee and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 154

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Representative: DUNPHY of Embden.

(4-3) Lindsay Hamilton, of Clinton, a senior at Carrabec High School, who is a recipient of a 2023 Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 155

Sponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senator: FARRIN of Somerset, Representative: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

(4-4) the Presque Isle Rotary Club on its Centennial. Founded on April 25, 1923, the club has more than 70 members, who take the lead in addressing issues such as poverty, public health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment. The Presque Isle Rotary Club has provided services to many initiatives and organizations, including The Aroostook County Dialysis Center, the Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce, the Aroostook Agency on Aging, the Mantle Lake and Riverside Playgrounds, the United Way of Aroostook, Hope and Justice, the Central Aroostook Humane Society and Maine School Administrative District #1 student academic scholarships, to name a few. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 156

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-5) Carter Butterfield, of Phillips, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 157

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

(4-6) Christoph Mutschin, of Farmington, an officer of the Farmington Police Department, who has received the Officer of the Year Award for 2022 in recognition of the efforts he made in community relations and his proactive efforts, professionalism and discipline. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 158

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

(4-7) Martha Young, of Wellington, 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 159

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: WHITE of Guilford.

(4-8) Marsha Doherty, of Corinna, 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 160

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth.

(4-9) the Corinth Fire and Rescue Volunteer Department, 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 161

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford.

(4-10) Rodney Cross, of Roxbury, 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 162

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-11) Kevin Jamison, of Rumford, 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 163

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: HENDERSON of Rumford.

(4-12) the Worthley Pond Association, of Peru, 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 164

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

(4-13) Douglas A. Alexander, of Phippsburg, 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 165

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich.

(4-14) James Peavey, of Georgetown, 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 166

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich.

(4-15) Katy Powers, of West Bath, 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 167

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich.

(4-16) Mary Elaine Diaz, of Bowdoinham, 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 168

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham.

(4-17) Greg West, of Bowdoin, 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 169

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, GALLETTA of Durham.

(4-18) the Perry Elementary Parent-Teacher Committee, 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 170

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Calais.

(4-19) the Skowhegan Area High School Field Hockey Team, which won the 2022 Class A State Championship. Members of the team include Norie Tibbetts, Samantha Thebarger, Callaway LePage, Riley Enright, Kate Kelso, Paige Gilbert, Lanie Vanadestine, Jackie Dodge, Emmah Corson, Nyah Gunst, Masyn Atwood, Laney LeBlanc, Layla Conway, Jayla Gentry, Savanna Michaud, Gemma Kennedy, Kaylee Bruce, Julia Fitzgerald, Sydalia Savage, Elli Quinn, Lucia Siren, Michela Provost, Sophie Noyes, Katriel Garcia, Aubrey Obert, Kally Price, Marley Dore and Grace Mayo; scorekeeper James Alberico; filmer Leanna Lemieux; assistant coaches Tammie Veinotte, Fawn Haynie, Kim Leo, Elizabeth York and Megan Smith; and head coach Paula Doughty. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 171

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative: POIRIER of Skowhegan.

Joint Resolutions

(4-20) On motion by Senator **BAILEY** of York, the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 380

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 5, 2023
AS EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, eating disorders are serious but treatable mental and physical illnesses that can affect people of all genders, ages, races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, body shapes and weights; and

WHEREAS, while no one knows for sure what causes eating disorders, a growing consensus suggests that it is a range of biological, psychological and sociocultural factors; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 9% of people will experience an eating disorder at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders have the 2nd highest mortality rate of all mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, the National Eating Disorders Association helpline has experienced a 107% increase in contacts since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collective effort of individuals from every walk of life, including persons with lived experience, family members and friends; students, educators and coaches; and professionals, health care providers and organizations committed to raising awareness of eating disorders; 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 27 to March 5, 2023 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week and encourage the citizens of Maine to support the annual awareness campaign to educate the public about the realities of eating disorders and to provide hope, support and visibility to individuals and families affected by eating disorders.

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-21) Alan A. "Butch" Willey, of Caribou. Mr. Willey was a veteran and earned a National Defense Service Medal and had a long career at the family-owned business, Highway Tire. Mr. Willey will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Charlotte, his family and his friends;

SLS 153

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Change of Committee

(5-1) The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport

H.P. 316 L.D. 501

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

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**.)

2.

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**

3.

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**

4.

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**

5.

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**

6.

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**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services"
H.P. 393 L.D. 616

Tabled - February 14, 2023 by Senator **BAILEY** of York

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

(In House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.)

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

NOMINATION - of Megan Garratt-Reed of South Thomaston for appointment as the Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care

Tabled - February 16, 2023 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer of State and Municipalities to Invest in Gold, Silver and Other Precious Metals"

S.P. 292 L.D. 734

Tabled - February 16, 2023 by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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