



Senate of Maine

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Advance Journal and Calendar

4th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

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

Prayer by Dr. Kharma Amos of Unitarian Universalist Church in Brunswick.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Timothy Nangle of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

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 Regarding the Distribution of Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 572 L.D. 1454

In Senate, April 6, 2023, on motion by Senator **GROHOSKI** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-2) An Act to Reduce Rental Housing Costs by Eliminating Additional Fees at or Prior to the Commencement of Tenancy

H.P. 945 L.D. 1490

In Senate, April 6, 2023, on motion by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

House Papers

(1-3) Bill "An Act to Address Food Insecurity and Support Local Agriculture"

H.P. 1037 L.D. 1612

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act to Remove the Duty of an Individual Exercising Self-defense to Safely Retreat or Abstain from Performing Certain Acts upon Demand"

H.P. 1005 L.D. 1560

(1-5) Bill "An Act to Restore Firearm Rights and Hunting Privileges to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes"

H.P. 1006 L.D. 1561

(1-6) Bill "An Act to Provide a Pathway to Sobriety for Formerly or Currently Incarcerated Individuals"

H.P. 1028 L.D. 1583

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

(1-7) Bill "An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property"

H.P. 1002 L.D. 1557

(1-8) Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Provide Grants to Expand Age Eligibility for Life Skills and Vocational Programs in Public Schools

H.P. 1010 L.D. 1565

(1-9) Bill "An Act to Create a Training Program for School Board Members and Establish School Board Meeting Standards"

H.P. 1012 L.D. 1567

(1-10) Bill "An Act to Provide Meaningful Public Participation at Local School Board Meetings"

H.P. 1016 L.D. 1571

(1-11) Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological and Religious Advocacy in the Classroom

H.P. 1034 L.D. 1589

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

(1-12) Bill "An Act to Eliminate Metallic Mineral Mining Activities Without a Permit"
H.P. 1009 L.D. 1564

(1-13) Bill "An Act to Create the Storm Water Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Fund"
H.P. 1015 L.D. 1570

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

(1-14) Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies"
H.P. 1003 L.D. 1558

(1-15) Bill "An Act to Promote Quality and Innovation in Nursing and Residential Care Facilities"
H.P. 1020 L.D. 1575

(1-16) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Temporarily Restore Benefits Being Reduced by the Federal Government" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1029 L.D. 1584

(1-17) Resolve, to Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1042 L.D. 1617

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

(1-18) Bill "An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion"
H.P. 1039 L.D. 1614

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

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

(1-19) Bill "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing"
H.P. 1022 L.D. 1577

(1-20) Bill "An Act Regarding Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists"
H.P. 1026 L.D. 1581

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

(1-21) Bill "An Act to Enable Occupational License Portability and Prohibit Use of Good Character Qualifications in Occupational Licensing"
H.P. 1031 L.D. 1586

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

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

(1-22) Bill "An Act to Allow a Resident of Agricultural Land to Enlist License Holders to Hunt on the Land" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1008 L.D. 1563

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

(1-23) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Eliminate the Diversion of Revenue from Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees
H.P. 1024 L.D. 1579

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

(1-24) Bill "An Act Regarding Limits on Medication in Vending Machines"
H.P. 1040 L.D. 1615

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**.

(1-25) Bill "An Act to Update the Laws Governing Electronic Device Information as Evidence"
H.P. 1021 L.D. 1576

(1-26) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Profiling and to Strengthen Civil Rights in Maine"
H.P. 1038 L.D. 1613

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

(1-27) Bill "An Act to Protect the Retirement of State Employees and Teachers by Establishing Standards for Fiduciary Responsibility"
H.P. 1007 L.D. 1562

(1-28) Bill "An Act to Help Maine Small Businesses with Increasing Costs by Removing the Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment for the Minimum Wage"
H.P. 1025 L.D. 1580

(1-29) Bill "An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees"
H.P. 1033 L.D. 1588

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

(1-30) Bill "An Act to Create Rent Stabilization and Amend the Laws Regarding Termination of Tenancy and Rent Increase Limitations"

H.P. 1019 L.D. 1574

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

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

(1-31) Resolve, to Convene a Lobster Industry Working Group

H.P. 1043 L.D. 1618

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

(1-32) Bill "An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Under the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows and the Maine Climate Corps"

H.P. 1018 L.D. 1573

(1-33) Bill "An Act to Make the Description of the State Seal Gender-neutral and to Depict One of the Human Images on the State Flag as Female"

H.P. 1041 L.D. 1616

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

(1-34) Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from Property Taxes in Accordance with Their Disability Ratings"

H.P. 1014 L.D. 1569

(1-35) Bill "An Act to Clarify What Constitutes a Homestead for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption"

H.P. 1027 L.D. 1582

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

(1-36) Bill "An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council and Increasing Funding"

H.P. 1004 L.D. 1559

(1-37) Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Recommend Strategies to Achieve the Goal of Eliminating Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries

H.P. 1011 L.D. 1566

(1-38) Bill "An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Highway Fund by Imposing a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration"

H.P. 1017 L.D. 1572

(1-39) Bill "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old"

H.P. 1032 L.D. 1587

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

(1-40) Bill "An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes"

H.P. 1013 L.D. 1568

(1-41) Bill "An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote"

H.P. 1023 L.D. 1578

(1-42) Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators"

H.P. 1030 L.D. 1585

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-43) Andrew T. Mitchell, of Dexter, on his retirement as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 51 after 21 years of service. Mr. Mitchell started and was active in Scouting as a boy in Fairfield. As an adult living in Dexter, he became involved in scouting again when his son joined Cub Scouts. In 1997, he volunteered his time serving as a Committee Member of Cub Scout Pack 75. From 1997 through 2022, he served in many capacities including: Committee Member for Troop 51, Dexter Executive Officer for Cub Scout Pack 75, Dexter Chartered Organization Representative for Cub Scout Pack 75, Merit Badge Counselor for Penquis Region 7, Pack Trainer for Cub Scout Pack 75, Unit Advancement Chair for Troop 51 and Scoutmaster for Troop 51. In 2015, he received the Scouting District Award of Merit. Under his leadership, the troop participated in the winter Klondike Derbies at Maine Maritime Academy, annual trips to Camp Roosevelt, 2 trips down the Allagash Waterway and many evenings at Lake Wassookeag, working on canoeing and other merit badges. During those years, he guided 12 Scouts through their advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 222

(1-44) Amelie Grube, of Winthrop, a senior at Winthrop 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;

HLS 223

(1-45) Sophie Mihm, of Sidney, a senior at Messalonskee 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;

HLS 224

(1-46) Lindsey Himes, of Mapleton, a senior at Presque Isle 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;

HLS 225

(1-47) Kenneth Quirion, of Winslow, who has received the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Community Service Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 226

(1-48) Jordin Williams, of Brewer, who was named the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Girls Ice Hockey Player of the Year, and who was instrumental in the formation of Brewer's Penobscot Pioneers Girls Ice Hockey Team. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 227

(1-49) Hannah Robinson, of Pittsfield, a senior at Maine Central Institute, 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;

HLS 231

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:

(1-50) Alexandra "Sani" Wolf Fogel, of Rockport. Ms. Fogel worked for the Friends Neighborhood Guild in Philadelphia, served as the Volunteer Director of the Park House Guides at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and worked as the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Chapter of Young Audiences, an organization that brings the performing arts into schools. In 1988 she founded the Delaware Valley Grantmakers, now known as the Philanthropy Network of Greater Philadelphia, and served as the organization's director. In 1995 she moved to Maine, becoming the founding Executive Director of the Maine Philanthropy Center and serving in that position until 2001. For over 60 years, she was active with Bay Chamber Concerts, serving as Board President from 2016 to 2021 and as a member of the development committee for over 20 years. She also helped to create the plan and the financial model for the Bay Chamber Music School, which opened in June 2010. She served on the Town of Rockport Select Board from 2006 to 2012 and volunteered on multiple town committees, including the opera house and harbor committees. She served on the board of the United Mid-Coast Charities as well as of the Camden Conference and chaired the Governing Board of the Camden Conference in 2000 and 2001, continuing on the organization's Advisory Board after her term ended. She also served on the boards of The Jackson Laboratory and the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. Ms. Fogel will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 190

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

(1-51) Craig David McLeod, of Sanford. As a young man, Mr. McLeod was a motocross racer, participating in many races throughout New England. He went on to work for Robertson's Power Sports before forming a partnership to establish Morin's Motorsports. Many years later, he created the Restorative Blasting Company. Mr. McLeod will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 228

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

(1-52) Bruce A. Farwell, of Sanford. Mr. Farwell was a veteran of the United States Navy. He served on the USS Daniel Webster and later retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Mr. Farwell will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;

HLS 229

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

(1-53) Polly Welts Kaufman, of Harpswell. Dr. Kaufman was a historian, educator, naturalist and author of many books and articles, including "National Parks and the Woman's Voice" and "Women Teachers on the Frontier." Her scholarly work focused on the personal experiences and practical achievements of diverse women in American history, and she was a lifelong advocate for the empowerment of all women. She enjoyed a long association with the University of Massachusetts, where she co-created and co-taught the core course for training local women to serve as librarians in the Boston Public Schools and worked with others from 1967 to 1987 to establish more than 100 school libraries. She moved to Harpswell in 1991 and was a visiting professor at Bowdoin College that year and an associate professor at the University of Southern Maine from 1995 to 2014, organizing an original course in the history of the inhabitants of the Casco Bay islands. A Fulbright Scholar, she taught American Studies in Norway from 1999 to 2000 and in 2005. She co-founded the Boston Women's Heritage Trail and worked collaboratively to develop similar trails in Portland and Brunswick, as well as in Norway. She also served on the board of the Pejepscot Historical Society, including as its president during the 1990s. Dr. Kaufman will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends and all those whose lives she touched;

HLS 230

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 303

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

April 06, 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1150 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Document, Disclose and Publish All Best Management Practices Regarding the Use of Noise Devices to Control Birds at Orchards (EMERGENCY)

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Bill Pluecker
House Chair

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 304

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 07, 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 Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 271 An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping
- L.D. 837 An Act to Ensure College Credit Classes Taken in Secondary School Are Credited at the University Level
- L.D. 944 An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Michael F. Brennan
House Chair

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 305

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

April 10, 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 Judiciary has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 41 An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 557 An Act to Decrease Discrimination Based on Evictions in Housing Applications
- L.D. 558 An Act Regarding Rental Housing Applications
- L.D. 681 An Act Regarding Indigent Legal Services
- L.D. 690 An Act to Streamline Rental Application Screenings by Allowing Potential Tenants to Use Screening Services

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Anne Carney
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Matt Moonen
House Chair

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 306

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

April 06, 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1032 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors

- L.D. 1055 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes

- L.D. 1109 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Consistent Election Dates for Citizen-initiated Referenda in Even-numbered Election Years

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Craig V. Hickman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Laura Supica
House Chair

SENATE PAPERS

(3-1) Bill "An Act to Standardize Requirements Between Boards of Visitors for County Jails and Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities"

S.P. 643 L.D. 1626

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Reform the Occupational Licensing Regime by Including Portability and Removing Good Character Requirements"

S.P. 645 L.D. 1628

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, HYMES of Waldo, WHITE of Guilford.

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

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Update Criminal Indictment Procedures and Expand the Provision of Counsel to Certain Indigent Defendants"

S.P. 642 L.D. 1625

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

(3-4) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Recognize the Right to Personal Privacy

S.P. 646 L.D. 1629

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

(3-5) Bill "An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities"

S.P. 644 L.D. 1627

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec,
Representative: BOYER of Poland.

(3-6) Bill "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of
Income Source Reporting Requirements"

S.P. 647 L.D. 1630

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Nathan Blades, of Portland, who won the Open Mile, the Will Fulfond Award and the
George Vinall Trophy at the 2023 Southwestern Maine Activities Association Championship.
We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 369

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) Henry Spencer, of Portland, who won the 2023 Class A South Wrestling Championship in
the 170 Pounds Event. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 370

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.

(4-3) Samantha Moore, of Portland, who won the 2023 Class A State Championship in the Open 800 Meter Run and the Open Mile Run Events and the Emily Fletcher Award and the Angie Abrahams Trophy at the 2023 Southwestern Maine Activities Association Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 371

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.

(4-4) Laura Roope, of Presque Isle, who received the Presque Isle Rotary's Service Above Self Award for going above and beyond for the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 373

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-5) the Presque Isle Historical Society, which received the Presque Isle Rotary's Service Above Self Award for going above and beyond for the community. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 374

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

(4-6) Abigail Knapp, of Dover-Foxcroft, a senior at Foxcroft Academy, 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 375

Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative: PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

(4-7) Ken and Elaine Mahar, of Rockland, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 376

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative: GEIGER of Rockland.

(4-8) Jordan Jandreau, of Rockland, who was named Rockland Officer of the Year 2022. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 377

Sponsored by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative: GEIGER of Rockland.

(4-9) the Southern Aroostook High School Boys Basketball Team, of Dyer Brook, which won the Class D State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 378

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-10) Madison Russell, of Oakfield, a senior at Southern Aroostook Community School, who was named the Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player for her performance in the Girls Class D North Basketball Tournament. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 379

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-11) the Southern Aroostook High School Girls Basketball Team, of Dyer Brook, which won the Class D State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 380

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, SWALLOW of Houlton.

(4-12) the Dirigo High School Boys Basketball Team, of Dixfield, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 382

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative: SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico.

Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

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

(4-13) Harold Beebe, Jr., of Portland. Mr. Beebe was a veteran of the United States Navy. For seven decades, he produced countless shows, scores and songs, including a large library of choral music played in churches, theaters, living rooms and schools around the world. He was a prolific writer and composer, including of musicals. One of his most popular musicals, "The Cowboy and the Tiger," ran in New York for two years and was produced for television in 1963. His industrial shows, created for sales professionals, included "Diesel Dazzle" and "Got to Investigate Silicones." After moving to Maine, he and his wife, Nancy, opened and revitalized local theaters, including Biddeford City Theater, the State Theater, Schoolhouse Arts Center and ACTS. Their community theater company, Embassy Players, produced 30 of his original musicals and featured nontraditional casts, with professional and first-time actors. Mr. Beebe will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 71 years, Nancy, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 372

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.

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

(4-14) Michael W. Plummer, of Harrington. Mr. Plummer was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Alabama, Germany and Vietnam and achieving the rank of captain after 5 years of service. He lived in Connecticut and worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, participating in the development of the PW4000 series jet engine. Retiring after nearly 40 years of work, he returned to his hometown of Harrington, moving to Guard Point. He served his community as a town selectman, captain of the Harrington Volunteer Fire Department, member of the American Legion and board member of Harrington Health Center. He also mowed public lands, improved local roads and maintained cemeteries. Mr. Plummer will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 62 years, Marion, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

SLS 381

Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative: STROUT of Harrington.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made"

H.P. 45 L.D. 70

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-24)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-24)**.

(5-2) The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 11 L.D. 7

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-27)**.

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act"

H.P. 65 L.D. 97

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BAILEY of York
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MATHIESON of Kittery
MORRIS of Turner
PRINGLE of Windham
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Signed:

Senator:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CYRWAY of Albion
NUTTING of Oakland

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-25)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-25)**.

Divided Report

(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem"

H.P. 81 L.D. 113

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

HENDERSON of Rumford

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

POIRIER of Skowhegan

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26)**.

Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 213 L.D. 339

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

HENDERSON of Rumford

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

POIRIER of Skowhegan

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

MORIARTY of Cumberland

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

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

Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity"

H.P. 476 L.D. 707

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland

KUHN of Falmouth

LEE of Auburn

MORIARTY of Cumberland

POIRIER of Skowhegan

RECKITT of South Portland

SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

HAGGAN of Hampden

HENDERSON of Rumford

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

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

Divided Report

(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine" H.P. 170 L.D. 265

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

SUPICA of Bangor
BOYER of Poland
COLLINGS of Portland
HYMES of Waldo
MALON of Biddeford
MONTELL of Gardiner
RIELLY of Westbrook
RISEMAN of Harrison
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-23)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-23)**.

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-8) Senator BEEBE-CENTER for the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on 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

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-9) Senator LaFOUNTAIN for the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

S.P. 93 L.D. 189

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)**.

Divided Report

(5-10) The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained in the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride"

S.P. 400 L.D. 981

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

Signed:

Senators:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox
LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook
ARDELL of Monticello
HASENFUS of Readfield
LAJOIE of Lewiston
NEWMAN of Belgrade
NUTTING of Oakland
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

LOOKNER of Portland
MATHIESON of Kittery
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Clarify Maine Law Regarding Background Checks for the Office of Child and Family Services"

H.P. 139 L.D. 218

(6-2) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 328 L.D. 523

Senate As Amended

(6-3) Bill "An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants"

S.P. 57 L.D. 118
(C "A" S-20)

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption"

S.P. 101 L.D. 201
(C "A" S-19)

(6-5) Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

S.P. 419 L.D. 1050
(C "A" S-18)

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance
H.P. 80 L.D. 112
(C "A" H-15)

Emergency Measure

(7-2) An Act to Provide Funding for the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives
S.P. 239 L.D. 568
(C "A" S-11)

Emergency Resolve

(7-3) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization
H.P. 226 L.D. 375
(C "A" H-13)

Acts

(7-4) An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements
S.P. 19 L.D. 27

(7-5) An Act to Make Technical Amendments to Banking Laws
S.P. 53 L.D. 114
(C "A" S-12)

(7-6) An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers
H.P. 265 L.D. 432
(H "A" H-22)

(7-7) An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory
S.P. 240 L.D. 569
(C "A" S-10)

Resolve

(7-8) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

H.P. 243 L.D. 392
(S "A" S-17)

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

JOINT RESOLUTION - Memorializing Leon J. Tanguay, of Sanford
SLS 107

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

Pending - **ADOPTION**

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Carter Butterfield, of Phillips

SLS 157

Tabled - February 28, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing Dan Davis, of Hallowell.

HLS 181

Tabled - March 23, 2023 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

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

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Spruce Mountain High School Girls Basketball Team, of Jay

SLS 346

Tabled - April 6, 2023 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

L.D. 56 - H.P. 31 (C "A" H-9)
L.D. 143 - H.P. 89 (C "A" H-6)

L.D. 210 - H.P. 131 (C "A" H-10)
