



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
First Special Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

5th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, April 13, 2023.

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

Prayer by Father Paul Dumais of St. Joseph's in Farmington and St. Rose of Lima in Jay.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Teresa S. Pierce of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 12, 2023.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 672

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:00 in the morning, or until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

(1-1) Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"

H.P. 1052 L.D. 1642

(1-2) Bill "An Act Regarding Instructional Materials, Surveys, Analyses, Evaluations and Events at Public Schools"

H.P. 1053 L.D. 1643

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

(1-3) Bill "An Act to Prohibit All State Subsidies for Electric Vehicles"

H.P. 1048 L.D. 1623

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

(1-4) Bill "An Act Regarding Environmental Justice"

H.P. 1046 L.D. 1621

(1-5) Bill "An Act to Reduce Plastic Packaging Waste"

H.P. 1055 L.D. 1645

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

(1-6) Bill "An Act to Streamline the Process for Amending a Birth Certificate of an Adult When Genetic Parentage is Not Disputed"

H.P. 1049 L.D. 1624

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

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

(1-7) Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws"

H.P. 1044 L.D. 1619

(1-8) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation"

H.P. 1045 L.D. 1620

(1-9) Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee

H.P. 1047 L.D. 1622

(1-10) Bill "An Act to Vacate or Adjust Sentences and Expunge Arrests, Convictions and Adjudications for Cannabis-related Offenses"

H.P. 1056 L.D. 1646

(1-11) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination Against Cannabis Establishment Owners and Employees and Cannabis Users"

H.P. 1057 L.D. 1647

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

(1-12) Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource

H.P. 1051 L.D. 1641

(1-13) Bill "An Act to Permit the Expenditure of Accumulated Tax Increment Revenues"

H.P. 1054 L.D. 1644

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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-14) the Freeport High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, which won the Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 197

(1-15) Derek Cruz, of Washburn, 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;

HLS 235

(1-16) Arlene Gotreau, of Augusta, who is celebrating her 100th birthday on April 27, 2023. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 237

(1-17) Ella Bowman, of Fairfield, an employee of the Town of Oakland, who has received the Municipal Employee of the Year Award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 239

(1-18) Pamela Lilley, of Ashland, 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;

HLS 240

(1-19) Bailey Curtis, of Rockport, a senior at Camden Hills Regional 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 242

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

Joint Resolutions

(1-20) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1050

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023
AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects all communities in Maine and people of all races, genders and economic backgrounds, and over 14,000 people in Maine are sexually assaulted each year and one in 5 Maine citizens will experience sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the effects of sexual violence have wide-ranging public health ramifications and societal costs, and survivors and their loved ones can experience consequences including mental health crises, substance use disorder, homelessness, lost wages and health care costs, among others; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects certain groups more often, and that disproportionate impact is related to historical experiences of marginalization and oppression, providing the evidence that sexual assault is a tool of control and power; and

WHEREAS, systems of support for survivors of sexual assault often have inadequate resources, do not provide adequate options for justice and healing and retraumatize survivors; and

WHEREAS, widespread stigma and misconceptions around sexual violence result in low rates of reporting of crimes, increased isolation and shame for victims and the continuation of cultures of violence; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness in our communities about the causes of and solutions to sexual violence can lead to long-term positive cultural and systemic changes, and building a future free from sexual violence requires us to commit to making those changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to express our support for and encouragement of all those affected by sexual violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault as a token of our respect and support.

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

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-21) Timothy Michael Anderson, of Sanford. Mr. Anderson was a veteran of the United States National Guard. He worked as a storekeeper for Pratt and Whitney. Passionate about sports, he coached many young athletes. Mr. Anderson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 236

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 314

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

April 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3, §430-B, (5), I am appointing Representative Allison Hepler of Woolwich to the *Surface Water Ambient Toxic Monitoring Program*, effective immediately.

Representative Hepler will serve on this program as a nonvoting member who is a member of the House of Representatives and who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

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

Sincerely,

S/Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 317

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 11, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of each of the four proclamations referring the initiative petitions certified by the Secretary of State to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2023.

The initiatives to be voted on include:

- “An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing”
- “An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair”
- “An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution”
- “An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility”

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

(2-3) The Following Communication:

S.C. 318

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 68,807 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled “An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing”; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that “An Act To Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and To Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing” may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

(2-4) The Following Communication:

S.C. 319

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 74,686 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled “An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair”; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that “An Act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair” may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

(2-5) The Following Communication:

S.C. 320

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 67,550 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled “An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on February 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that “An Act To Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution” may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

(2-6) The Following Communication:

S.C. 321

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and that the document to which this is attached is a true copy from the records of this Department.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, on the eleventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a written petition bearing the signatures of 69,735 electors of this State, which number is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, was addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the fiftieth day after the convening of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in the First Regular Session, requesting that the Legislature consider a proposed measure entitled “An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility”; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State duly certified the petition as valid and submitted the proposed measure to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature in its First Regular Session, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Constitution of Maine, on February 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature failed to enact the proposed measure without change before adjournment without day of the First Regular Session, on March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18, of the Maine Constitution provides that the Governor shall, by proclamation issued within 10 days after the recess of the Legislature to which the measure was proposed, order that the measure proposed to the Legislature but not enacted without change be referred to the people for a referendum vote to be held at an election in November of the year in which the petition was filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, acting under the provisions of Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, do hereby proclaim that an election shall be called for Tuesday, November 7, 2023, so that “An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility” may be submitted to the people of this State for a referendum vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

S/Janet T. Mills
Governor

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

(2-7) The Following Communication:

S.C. 312

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

April 11, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has had under consideration the nomination of Brian Langley of Ellsworth, for appointment of the Maine Charter School Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	2	Rafferty, J. of York, Libby, J. of Cumberland
	Representatives	7	Brennan, M. of Portland, Bagshaw, B. of Windham, Lyman, S. of Livermore Falls, Murphy, K. of Scarborough, Polewarczyk, E. of Wiscasset, Sampson, H. of Alfred, Worth, J. of Ellsworth
NAYS	Senators	0	
	Representatives	1	Dodge, J. of Belfast
ABSENT		3	Sen. Pierce, T. of Cumberland, Rep. Millett, R. of Cape Elizabeth, Rep. Sargent, H. of York

Nine members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Brian Langley of Ellsworth, for appointment of the Maine Charter School Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Joseph E. Rafferty
Senate Chair

S/Michael F. Brennan
House Chair



(2-8) The Following Communication:

S.C. 310

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

April 11, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	8	Zeigler, S. of Montville, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Boyle, J. of Gorham, Dunphy, L. of Embden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Paul, R. of Winterport, Runte, W. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Warren, S. of Scarborough

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Kenneth A. Colburn of Bar Harbor, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair



(2-9) The Following Communication:

S.C. 311

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

April 11, 2023

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
131st Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has had under consideration the nomination of Mark Isaacson of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Lawrence, M. of York, Grohoski, N. of Hancock, Harrington, M. of York
	Representatives	8	Zeigler, S. of Montville, Babin, M. of Fort Fairfield, Boyle, J. of Gorham, Dunphy, L. of Embden, Foster, S. of Dexter, Kessler, C. of South Portland, Paul, R. of Winterport, Runte, W. of York
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Geiger, V. of Rockland, Rep. Warren, S. of Scarborough

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Mark Isaacson of Cumberland, for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair



(2-10) The Following Communication:

S.C. 313

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

April 10, 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 Sen. Chipman of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 455 An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

(2-11) The Following Communication:

S.C. 307

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

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 Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 486 An Act to Encourage Economic Development Through the Manufacture
and Use of Marine Nuclear Power Modules

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. S. Paige Zeigler
House Chair

(2-12) The Following Communication:

S.C. 308

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

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 Labor and Housing has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 742 An Act to Divest State Pensions from Companies Boycotting Maine
Lobster

L.D. 961 An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements
for Employees

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Amy Jean Roeder
House Chair

(2-13) The Following Communication:

S.C. 309

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

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 State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1005 Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions
- L.D. 1047 An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Tim Nangle
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Holly B. Stover
House Chair

(2-14) The Following Communication:

S.C. 315

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

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 Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 89 An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older
- L.D. 149 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Homestead" Under the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Laws
- L.D. 167 An Act Regarding Eligibility for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption
- L.D. 805 An Act to Provide That a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer May Claim a Credit for Sales Tax on the Purchase and Installation of Equipment to Be Used for the Charging of Electric Vehicles
- L.D. 843 An Act to Improve Income Tax Progressivity by Establishing a New Top Individual Income Tax Rate

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nicole Grohoski
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Joe Perry
House Chair

(2-15) The Following Communication:

S.C. 316

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

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

L.D. 1221 An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine
Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections

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 Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System"

S.P. 661 L.D. 1656

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Scarborough.

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

(3-2) Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings"

S.P. 659 L.D. 1654

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

(3-3) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Consumer-owned Water Utilities"

S.P. 660 L.D. 1655

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204

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

(3-4) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors and to Protect All Electors from Harassment and Intimidation

S.P. 658 L.D. 1653

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: MONTELL of Gardiner, RIELLY of Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Daniel Minter, of Portland, who was nominated for Outstanding Literary Work - Children at the NAACP Image Awards for his illustrations in Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond's book "Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky." We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 383

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) Andrew Casares, of Auburn, a member of the Edward Little/Leavitt Swim Team, who won the 200-yard Individual Medley and 100-yard Butterfly Events at the Class A Boys State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 384

Sponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, SHAW of Auburn.

(4-3) Mark White, of Presque Isle, who received the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association 2023 Robert J. Lahey Athletic Administrator of the Year Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 385

Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

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

SLS 386

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: GUERRETTE of Caribou.

(4-5) Faye O'Leary Hafford Library, of Allagash, 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 387

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-6) Long Lake Public Library, of St. Agatha, 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 388

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: ALBERT of Madawaska.

(4-7) Farmers of our Community, of Washburn, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 389

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

(4-8) Perkins-Plourde Post 136 and Unit 136, of Stockholm, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 390

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(4-9) the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School JMG, 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 391

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(4-10) the Maine Preceptor Tau Sorority, of Limestone, 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 392

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(4-11) Woodland Consolidated School, 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 393

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: BABIN of Fort Fairfield.

(4-12) the Caribou High School Boys Alpine Ski Team, which won the Class B State Championship, the team's first state title in 49 years. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 394

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

(4-13) the Fort Kent Community High School Girls Nordic Ski Team, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 395

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-14) the Fort Kent Community High School Boys Nordic Ski Team, which won the Class C State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 396

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-15) Alden Reardon, of Fort Kent, who won the 5K Classic Event at the Class C Boys State Skiing Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 397

Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative: THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

(4-16) Kayley Bell, of Caribou, who won the 5K Classic Event at the Class B Girls State Skiing Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 398

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws"

H.P. 13 L.D. 9

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)**.

Divided Report

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 58 L.D. 90

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

Signed:

Senators:

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
DILL of Old Town
DRINKWATER of Milford
GOLEK of Harpswell
MASON of Lisbon
WOOD of Greene
WOODSOME of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)**.

Signed:

Representative:

THORNE of Carmel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises"

H.P. 87 L.D. 141

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-29)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
BRENNER of Cumberland
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Representative:

RISEMAN of Harrison

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-29)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-29)**.

Senate

Ought to Pass

(5-4) Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers"

S.P. 227 L.D. 510

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

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-5) Senator BALDACCI for the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes"

S.P. 222 L.D. 505

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**.

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information"
(EMERGENCY)

H.P. 213 L.D. 339

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Update the Maine Human Rights Act with Respect to Gender Identity"

H.P. 476 L.D. 707

House As Amended

(6-3) 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
(C "A" H-27)

(6-4) Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Cap on Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers to Which a Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Made" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 45 L.D. 70
(C "A" H-24)

(6-5) Bill "An Act to Repeal the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act"

H.P. 65 L.D. 97
(C "A" H-25)

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem"

H.P. 81 L.D. 113
(C "A" H-26)

(6-7) Bill "An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

H.P. 170 L.D. 265
(C "A" H-23)

Senate

(6-8) 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

Senate As Amended

(6-9) 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
(C "A" S-21)

ENACTORS

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

Acts

(7-1) An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement

H.P. 145 L.D. 224
(C "A" H-21)

(7-2) An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors

S.P. 310 L.D. 752
(C "A" S-16)

(7-3) An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels

S.P. 313 L.D. 755

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

SLS 157

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

Pending - **PASSAGE**

2.

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**.)

3.

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**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from 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

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (9 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - April 12, 2023 by Senator **BEEBE-CENTER** of Knox

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act to Establish the Gas Tax Fairness Credit"

S.P. 648 L.D. 1631

Tabled - April 12, 2023 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

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L.D. 432 - H.P. 265 (H "A" H-22)
L.D. 568 - S.P. 239 (C "A" S-11)
