



Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature
Second Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

19th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, February 29, 2024.

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

Prayer by Pastor Zebulon Green of North Yarmouth Congregational Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Henry L. Ingwersen of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Medical Provider of the Day, Robert Rousseau PA-C of Sidney.

Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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

S.P. 961

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-1) Josie Quimby, of Orrington, who is celebrating her 101st Birthday on February 28, 2024. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 761

(1-2) Pamela Kinsey, of Easton, a K-12 music teacher for the Easton School District, who received the National Federation of High Schools 2023-24 Music Association Outstanding Educator Award. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 762

(1-3) Chad Pulkkinen, of Windham, who was named the 2024 Maine Association of Basketball Coaches North AA Boys Coach of the Year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 764

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

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(1-4) Ernie Brien, of Buxton. A high school three-sport athlete, Mr. Brien was also the 1938 Maine Golden Gloves middleweight boxing champion. Enlisting in the United States Army National Guard in August 1940, he served as a clerk at Fort Williams in Maine. During World War II, he attended Infantry Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. In 1944 in Europe, he commanded an infantry company in the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion of the 4th Armored Division, which spearheaded General Patton's Third Army. For his service in the Battle of the Bulge, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal. He was twice awarded the Bronze Star Medal and was twice wounded and awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He also helped liberate of the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp in April 1945. In June 1950, he fought in the Korean Conflict, serving with the 7th Infantry Battalion. Wounded in September 1950, he was awarded his third Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal. Retiring from the Army in 1961 as a captain, Mr. Brien then worked for the United States Postal Service in Portland, serving for 20 years as a letter carrier, clerk and manager. In his community, he was an usher at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Portland for many years and was a longtime member of Harold T. Andrews American Legion Post 17 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6859. He was Co-Grand Marshal for Cape Elizabeth's 2017 Memorial Day Parade, the Grand Marshal for Portland's 2020 Veterans' Day Parade, and the Grand Marshal for Portland's 2022 Memorial Day Parade, and the Cape Elizabeth Town Council proclaimed October 5, 2020 as "Ernest Brien Day." Mr. Brien will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

HLS 763

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

COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

S.C. 961

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

February 26, 2024

The Honorable Troy Jackson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross
Speaker of the House of Representatives

131st Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing from its review and evaluation of the Maine State Housing Authority (MaineHousing) under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the committee notified the Maine State Housing Authority by letter dated April 20, 2023 of its intent to conduct a review. MaineHousing submitted its program evaluation report on November 1, 2023.

The committee has reviewed the report and unanimously finds that the Maine State Housing Authority is operating within its statutory authority.

Additionally, the committee discussed the relationship between MaineHousing and the Legislature. MaineHousing is a quasi-independent entity governed by a Board of Directors but is subject to funding, policy decisions, directives and review by the Legislature. Committee members acknowledged there is no executive branch "Department of Housing" and wonder how this effects policy outcomes and products generated by MaineHousing. The Committee discussed that perhaps a future Legislature may want to examine the structure of MaineHousing and what changes may be necessary to meet the State's housing demand.

The Committee appreciates and welcomes additional thoughts on oversight from both the Legislature and the Executive Branch on different mechanisms of oversight especially as it pertains to program development.

Sincerely,

S/Mike Tipping
Senate Chair

S/Amy Roeder
House Chair

(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 962

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

February 28, 2024

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of The Honorable Chandler Woodcock of Farmington, for appointment to the State Harness Racing 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	Ingwersen, H. of York, Black, R. of Franklin
	Representatives	10	Pluecker, B. of Warren, Costain, D. of Plymouth, Cray, D. of Palmyra, Guerrette, T. of Caribou, Hall, R. of Wilton, Hepler, A. of Woolwich, Jackson, C. of Oxford, Jauch, R. of Topsham, Osher, L. of Orono, Shaw, K. of Auburn

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Sen. Hickman, C. of Kennebec

Twelve 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 The Honorable Chandler Woodcock of Farmington, for appointment to the State Harness Racing Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Henry Ingwersen
Senate Chair

S/Bill Pluecker
House Chair



(2-3) The Following Communication:

H.P. 1436

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148**

February 27, 2024

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 131st Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures".

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State

**STATE OF MAINE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 76,081 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 23, 2024, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 67,682.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the Twenty-seventh day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

The accompanying bill:

(2-4) Bill "An Act to Limit Contributions to Political Action Committees That Make Independent Expenditures"

I.B. 5 L.D. 2232

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

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) the Deering High School Debate Team, of Portland, which placed 2nd in debate overall at the Maine State Speech and Debate Championship Tournament held by the Maine Forensics Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1470

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

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

(4-2) the following members of the Deering High School Debate Team, of Portland: Eli Tuchinsky, Isabella Figdor, Mya Landry and Violet Blum-Levine. They competed in teams of 2 in the Varsity Public Forum Debate competition at the Maine State Speech and Debate Championship Tournament, and the 2 teams were named Co-Champions by the Maine Forensics Association. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1471

Sponsored by Senator DUSON of Cumberland.

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

(4-3) the Freeport High School Girls Indoor Track Team, which placed second at the Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1472

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-4) Emma Graham, of Freeport, a student at Freeport High School, who won the Junior 55 and Junior 200 Events at the Girls Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1473

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-5) Lilah Hall, of Freeport, a student at Freeport High School, who won the Junior 400 Event at the Girls Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1474

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-6) Kessa Benner, of Freeport, a student at Freeport High School, who won the Pole Vault Event at the Girls Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1475

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-7) the Freeport High School Girls 4x200 Relay Team, which won the Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1476

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-8) Brady Webber, of Freeport, a student at Freeport High School, who won the Junior High Jump Event at the Boys Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1477

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-9) Reece Perry, of Freeport, a student at Freeport High School, who won the Open Pole Vault Event at the Boys Western Maine Conference Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1478

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-10) the Freeport High School Boys Ski Team, which won the Western Maine Conference Alpine and Nordic Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1479

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-11) Teo Steverlynck-Horne, of Freeport, who won the Freestyle and Classic Events at the Western Maine Conference Alpine and Nordic Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1480

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-12) Keegan Rowe, of Harpswell, a student at Mt. Ararat High School, who won the 100 Butterfly Event at the Class A Boys State Swimming Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1481

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-13) Aidan Saunders, of Harpswell, a student at Mt. Ararat High School, who won the 100 Breaststroke Event at the Class A Boys State Swimming Championships. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1482

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-14) the Freeport High School Girls Alpine Ski Team, which finished second at the Class A State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1483

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

(4-15) the Brunswick High School Girls Basketball Team, which won the Class A South Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1484

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-16) the Bowdoin College Women's Basketball Team, of Brunswick, which won the 2024 New England Small College Athletic Conference Championship. This is the team's 10th title, which is the most in conference history. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1485

Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, ARFORD of Brunswick, GOLEK of Harpswell.

(4-17) Armand Martin, of Madawaska, who is celebrating his 105th birthday on March 1, 2024. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 1486

Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representative: ALBERT of Madawaska.

Joint Resolutions

(4-18) On motion by Senator **MOORE** of Washington, the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 962

**JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY 5, 2024 TO MAY 11, 2024
AS TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, many people living with serious mental illnesses, including bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders such as gastroparesis, upset stomach, nausea and vomiting may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents, including antipsychotics and antiemetics; and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use is associated with tardive dyskinesia, an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs and fingers or toes; and

WHEREAS, it is important that people taking these medications be monitored for tardive dyskinesia by a health care provider. Regular screening for tardive dyskinesia is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, even mild symptoms of tardive dyskinesia can impact people physically, socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that tardive dyskinesia affects approximately 600,000 people in the United States, and approximately 65% of people with tardive dyskinesia have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms; and

WHEREAS, clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with tardive dyskinesia by the United States Food and Drug Administration, and recognition and treatment of tardive dyskinesia can make a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate May 5, 2024 to May 11, 2024 as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week and respectfully encourage anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements to consult their health care provider regarding their symptoms.

(4-19) On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Representative **MOONEN** of Portland), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 963

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY 29, 2024 AS ACCESS TO JUSTICE DAY**

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Justice Action Group, a judge-led coalition of leaders from Maine's legal community who are passionate about ensuring that all Maine people have access to civil justice; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Action Group's members include representatives of the state and federal judiciary, the Legislature, nonprofit civil legal aid providers, the University of Maine School of Law, the Maine Justice Foundation, the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Trial Lawyers Association, private practice attorneys and others; and

WHEREAS, key initiator Judge Frank Coffin described the Justice Action Group as a catalyst, something introduced in small quantities that produces great change, and the Justice Action Group has been an advocate for equal access to justice since 1995; and

WHEREAS, equal access to justice is a bedrock principle of a free, constitutional society, but no system of laws and constitutional protections can be effective if only those who can afford private advocates have access to justice; and

WHEREAS, because justice for all is achievable only through the vigilance and action of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government, it is important to provide for access to justice in all branches of State Government; and

WHEREAS, providing equal access to justice has tangible, widespread benefits for Maine's families, children, schools, communities, businesses, charities and government; and

WHEREAS, legal issues profoundly affect basic human needs such as safety from violence and exploitation, security and stability for children and the families in which they are nurtured, health, shelter and food security; and

WHEREAS, the need for increased support for civil legal aid and pro bono representation for low-income and vulnerable Maine people remains acute; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to declare February 29, 2024 as Access to Justice Day to acknowledge and express our appreciation and strong support for the Justice Action Group and all civil legal aid providers and private practice attorneys who provide pro bono services for those otherwise unable to afford legal representation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Justice Action Group.

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

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

(4-20) Sheila Rosemary Bridges Cook, of Saco. As a young woman living in Canada, Mrs. Cook worked in the Cornish Library in Winnipeg. When she moved to New York in 1969, she joined the staff at Reader's Digest, where she worked until she retired as Manager of Promotion of Books and Records. Mrs. Cook will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

SLS 1487

Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act to Enact the Reentry Success and Earned Time Act"

H.P. 1271 L.D. 1978

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-777)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-777)**.

(5-2) The Joint Select Committee on **HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals"

H.P. 819 L.D. 1294

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-779)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-779)**.

Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act to Enhance Cost Savings to Consumers of Prescription Drugs"

H.P. 737 L.D. 1165

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

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
RENY of Lincoln

Representatives:

ARFORD of Brunswick
CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham
CYRWAY of Albion
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MORRIS of Turner
NUTTING of Oakland
SWALLOW of Houlton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-780)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais
MATHIESON of Kittery
PRINGLE of Windham

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

Divided Report

(5-4) Six Members of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses

H.P. 1218 L.D. 1903

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-778)**

Signed:

Senator:

BEEBE-CENTER of Knox

Representatives:

SALISBURY of Westbrook

HASENFUS of Readfield

LAJOIE of Lewiston

MATHIESON of Kittery

MILLIKEN of Blue Hill

Six Members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

HARRINGTON of York

LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec

Representatives:

ARDELL of Monticello

NEWMAN of Belgrade

NUTTING of Oakland

PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft

Comes from the House with Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778) READ and ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-778).**

Senate

Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, to Establish the Stakeholder Group to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 876 L.D. 2083

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-550)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
FREDERICKS of Sanford
GRAHAM of North Yarmouth
MADIGAN of Waterville
SHAGOURY of Hallowell
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

SECOND READERS

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

House

(6-1) Bill "An Act to Increase Safety for Child Welfare Services Workers"

H.P. 1311 L.D. 2049

(6-2) Bill "An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program"

H.P. 1363 L.D. 2139

(6-3) Bill "An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments"

H.P. 1377 L.D. 2153

(6-4) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1396 L.D. 2181

House As Amended

(6-5) Bill "An Act to Permit Municipalities to Establish by Ordinance a Program for Partial Deferral of Property Taxes for Seniors"

H.P. 859 L.D. 1345
(C "A" H-767)

(6-6) Bill "An Act to Remove the Age Requirement for Correctional Staff Retirement Under the 1998 Special Plan"

H.P. 920 L.D. 1424
(C "A" H-769)

(6-7) Bill "An Act to Prohibit Noncompete Clauses"

H.P. 951 L.D. 1496
(C "A" H-768)

(6-8) Bill "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"

H.P. 1052 L.D. 1642
(C "A" H-772)

(6-9) Bill "An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers"

H.P. 1161 L.D. 1815
(C "A" H-771)

(6-10) Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Real Estate Appraisers and Appraisal Management Companies"

H.P. 1324 L.D. 2062
(C "A" H-770)

(6-11) Bill "An Act to Make Permanent the Arrearage Management Program for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1330 L.D. 2067
(C "A" H-764)

(6-12) Bill "An Act to Correct Outdated References in and Relating to the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 1366 L.D. 2142
(C "A" H-765)

Senate

(6-13) Bill "An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Elections of Collective Bargaining Agents for Certain Public Employees"

S.P. 860 L.D. 2032

Senate As Amended

(6-14) Bill "An Act to Exempt Certain Emergency Activities and Structure Elevation Increases in Flood Zones from Permit Requirements Under the Natural Resources Protection Act"

S.P. 858 L.D. 2030
(C "A" S-547)

(6-15) Bill "An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters"

S.P. 923 L.D. 2171
(C "A" S-549)

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

(7-1) An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program

H.P. 423 L.D. 646
(C "A" H-755)

Emergency Resolve

(7-2) Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Address the Problem of Long Stays for Children and Adolescents in Hospital Emergency Departments

S.P. 830 L.D. 2009
(C "A" S-535)

Resolves

(7-3) Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Education to Review the Placement of Personal Finance in the System of Learning Results

S.P. 521 L.D. 1284
(C "A" S-536)

(7-4) Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District

H.P. 917 L.D. 1421
(C "A" H-756)

(7-5) Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education

H.P. 1424 L.D. 2221

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

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care"

S.P. 656 L.D. 1639

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-391) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - June 22, 2023 by Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Requiring Suggested Committee Amendments to Concept Drafts to Be Filed Before Their Committee Hearings

S.P. 937

Tabled - February 1, 2024 by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford

Pending - **PASSAGE**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

NOMINATION - of The Honorable Robert S. Duchesne of Old Town for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection

S.C. 948

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

NOMINATION - of Steven K. Pelletier of Topsham for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection

S.C. 949

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

NOMINATION - of Robert M. Sanford of Gorham for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection

S.C. 950

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 3, 2024 AS TOPICAL STEROID
WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

S.P. 954

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - **ADOPTION**

7.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act to Extend and Expand the
Loring Job Increment Financing Fund"

S.P. 810 L.D. 1981

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-544) (10
members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

8.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT RESOLUTION - memorializing the Honorable Gerald Davis, of Falmouth.
HLS 760

Tabled - February 28, 2024 by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland

Pending - **ADOPTION** in concurrence

(In House, **ADOPTED**.)

9.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill
"An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in
Inland Waters of the State"

H.P. 1365 L.D. 2141

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-773) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - February 28, 2024 by Senator **STEWART** of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **LaFOUNTAIN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-773)**.)

10.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill
"An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training"

H.P. 1374 L.D. 2150

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - February 28, 2024 by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

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

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Emergency

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity

H.P. 829 L.D. 1304
(C "A" H-220)

Tabled - June 6, 2023 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(**CARRIED OVER**, pursuant to Joint Order SP 847.)

2.

Emergency

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options

S.P. 743 L.D. 1827
(C "A" S-521)

Tabled - February 27, 2024 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE** in concurrence

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