



# Senate of Maine

One Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature  
First Regular Session

Advance Journal and Calendar

**1st Legislative Day**

In Senate Chamber, Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators-elect of the One-Hundred and Thirty-Second Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Darek M. Grant, Secretary of the Senate of the One-Hundred and Thirty-First Legislature.

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

National Anthem Performed by Julia Gagnon of Cumberland.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

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

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

The Following Senate Communication:

S.C. 1

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

December 2, 2024

To Darek M. Grant, Secretary of the Senate in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature:

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of Title 3 MRS, Section 1, hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Senators-elect to the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature, in accordance with the tabulation submitted to the Governor on November 25, 2024:

District 1	Susan Y. Bernard, Caribou
District 2	Harold L. Stewart III, Presque Isle
District 3	Bradlee Thomas Farrin, Norridgewock
District 4	Stacey K. Guerin, Glenburn
District 5	Russell J. Black, Wilton
District 6	Marianne Moore, Calais
District 7	Nicole C. Grohoski, Ellsworth
District 8	Michael Tipping, Orono
District 9	Joseph M. Baldacci, Bangor
District 10	David G. Haggan, Hampden
District 11	Glenn Chip Curry, Belfast
District 12	Anne H. Beebe-Center, Rockland
District 13	Cameron D. Reny, Bristol
District 14	Craig V. Hickman, Winthrop
District 15	Richard T. Bradstreet, Vassalboro
District 16	Scott Wynn Cyrway, Albion
District 17	Jeffrey L. Timberlake, Turner
District 18	Richard A. Bennett, Oxford
District 19	Joseph E. Martin, Rumford
District 20	Bruce Bickford, Auburn
District 21	Margaret R. Rotundo, Lewiston
District 22	James D. Libby, Standish
District 23	Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry, Brunswick
District 24	Denise Tepler, Topsham
District 25	Teresa S. Pierce, Falmouth
District 26	Timothy E. Nangle, Windham
District 27	Jill C. Duson, Portland
District 28	Rachel Talbot Ross, Portland
District 29	Anne M. Carney, Cape Elizabeth
District 30	Stacy Fielding Brenner, Scarborough
District 31	Donna Bailey, Saco
District 32	Henry L. Ingwersen, Arundel
District 33	Matthew A. Harrington, Sanford
District 34	Joseph E. Rafferty Jr., Kennebunk
District 35	Mark W. Lawrence, Eliot

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this second day of December in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State



**QUORUM CALL**

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On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 1

ORDERED, that a message be sent to Governor Janet T. Mills, informing her that a quorum of Senators-elect is present in the Senate Chamber, ready to take and subscribe to the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

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**ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE**

The Honorable Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, enters and addresses the Senate.

The Senators-elect take and subscribe to the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

The Governor withdraws from the Senate Chamber.

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**ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS**

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Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:

S.O. 4

ORDERED, that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to which the returns of votes for Senators for the political years of 2025 and 2026 shall be referred for examination and report.

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

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STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

December 2, 2024

To the President of the Senate in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature:

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast for State Senators at the General Election held on the fifth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-four;

REPORT AS FOLLOWS; that the following named persons having received a plurality of the votes cast, appear to have been elected;

District 1

Bernard, Susan Y., Caribou	13,248
McLaughlin, Vaughn James, Fort Fairfield	6,892

District 2

Rush, Matthew J., Houlton	6,999
Stewart, Harold L. III, Presque Isle	13,695

District 3

Brownell, Ethan S., Pittsfield	6,740
Farrin, Bradlee Thomas, Norridgewock	14,088

District 4

Evans, Richard A., Dover-Foxcroft	7,624
Guerin, Stacey K., Glenburn	15,741

District 5

Black, Russell J., Wilton	15,267
O'Donnell, Kathleen B., Wilton	7,926

District 6

Goble, Jonathan C., Cherryfield	7,461
Moore, Marianne, Calais	15,597

District 7

Grohoski, Nicole C., Ellsworth	15,692
Hutchins, Sherman, Penobscot	9,606

District 8

Kenney, Leo C., Orono	10,108
Tipping, Michael, Orono	10,240

District 9

Baldacci, Joseph M., Bangor	11,601
Cyr, Richard R., Hermon	8,196

District 10

Daniels, Michele LaBree, Brewer	10,676
Haggan, David G., Hampden	14,095

District 11

Curry, Glenn Chip, Belfast	13,761
Meyer, Robert Charles, Searsport	10,775

District 12

Beebe-Center, Anne H., Rockland	14,344
Rocknak, William Scott, Camden	9,979

District 13

Harmon, Dale C., Boothbay	11,143
Reny, Cameron D., Bristol	13,896

District 14

Hickman, Craig V., Winthrop	12,763
McDonnell, Shannon, Winthrop	11,491

District 15

Bradstreet, Richard T., Vassalboro	10,820
LaRochelle, Raegan French, Augusta	10,621

District 16

Cyrway, Scott Wynn, Albion	10,806
White, Nathaniel J., Fairfield	9,305

District 17

Timberlake, Jeffrey L., Turner	14,751
Watson, Thomas Riley, Lisbon	7,005

District 18

Bennett, Richard A., Oxford	15,206
Miller, Linda Kay, Bridgton	8,310

District 19

Bryant, Bruce S., Rumford	9,793
Martin, Joseph E., Rumford	12,901

District 20

Bickford, Bruce, Auburn	11,174
Sheats, Bettyann W., Auburn	10,187
Ward, Dustin R., New Gloucester	930

District 21

Rotundo, Margaret R., Lewiston	12,599
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District 22

Libby, James D., Standish	14,838
McMahon, Anne Marie, Sebago	8,501

District 23

Daughtry, Matthea Elisabeth Larsen, Brunswick	18,898
Lawler, Michael J., Brunswick	8,489

District 24

Andresen, Suzanne, West Bath	1,525
Pierce, Jeffrey K., Dresden	10,320
Tepler, Denise, Topsham	13,406

District 25

Pierce, Teresa S., Falmouth	17,896
Read, James, Falmouth	9,835

District 26

Cianchette, Kenneth J., Windham	11,177
Nangle, Timothy E., Windham	12,124

District 27

Duson, Jill C., Portland	16,500
Holman, Dale Jay, Portland	4,876

District 28

Ross, Rachel Talbot, Portland	18,254
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District 29

Carney, Anne M., Cape Elizabeth	17,518
Howell, Christopher M., South Portland	5,884

District 30

Brenner, Stacy Fielding, Scarborough	15,021
Hamill, Donald R., Scarborough	9,875

District 31

Bailey, Donna, Saco	13,107
Pendleton, Craig A., Old Orchard Beach	9,624

District 32

Ingwersen, Henry L., Arundel	12,262
Schutz, Alfred F., Arundel	8,729

District 33

Harrington, Matthew A., Sanford	12,432
Lauzon, Daniel J., Lebanon	8,076

District 34

Ducharme, Bradley Scott, Kennebunk	11,941
Rafferty, Joseph E. Jr., Kennebunk	15,064

District 35

Lawrence, Mark W., Eliot	16,491
Rakic, Julie N., Kittery	9,453

I, Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast for State Senators at the General Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns, and plantations of the State.

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

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(2-2) The Following Communication:

S.C. 3

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

December 2, 2024

The Honorable Darek Grant  
Secretary of the Senate  
3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Grant:

The following is a summary of the results of the November 5, 2024, Referendum Election, which were submitted to the Governor on November 25, 2024.

Question 1: Citizen Initiative	
Number of Votes in Favor	600,191
Number of Votes Opposed	201,034

Question 2: Bond Issue	
Number of Votes in Favor	433,394
Number of Votes Opposed	365,100

Question 3: Bond Issue	
Number of Votes in Favor	410,979
Number of Votes Opposed	391,176

Question 4: Bond Issue	
Number of Votes in Favor	440,560
Number of Votes Opposed	354,626

Question 5: State Referendum	
Number of Votes in Favor	358,912
Number of Votes Opposed	451,366

Sincerely,

S/Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State





**ORDERS**

**Senate Order**

(4-1) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 5

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Hall of the House at 3:00 in the afternoon on December 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State for the political years 2025 and 2026, a Treasurer of State for the political years 2025 and 2026, an Attorney General for the political years 2025 and 2026 and a State Auditor for the political years 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028.

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(4-2) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 6

ORDERED, that the Rules of the Senate of the 131st Legislature are the Rules of the Senate of the 132nd Legislature. Amendments to the Senate Rules may be adopted by a majority vote on or before the 3rd Friday in January of 2025.

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(4-3) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 7

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to invite the clergy to officiate as Chaplains of the Senate as requested by any member of the Senate; and be it further

ORDERED, that all clergy acting as Chaplains of the Senate shall receive \$30 for each officiation, which is to be approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

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(4-4) On motion by Senator **ROTUNDO** of Androscoggin, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 8

ORDERED, that all Bills and Resolves carrying or requiring an appropriation or involving a loss of revenue that are in order to be passed to be enacted, or finally passed, shall, at the request of a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs or the Presiding Officer, be placed on a special calendar to be called up for consideration only by the same.

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(4-5) On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 12

ORDERED, that all Bills and Resolves carrying or requiring an appropriation or involving a loss or gain of revenue that are in order to be passed to be enacted, or finally passed, shall, at the request of a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs or the Presiding Officer, be placed on a special calendar to be called up for consideration only by the same.

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(4-6) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 9

ORDERED, that all Bills and Resolves carrying or requiring an appropriation of highway revenue or involving a loss of highway revenue that are in order to be passed to be enacted, or finally passed, shall, at the request of a member of the Committee on Transportation or the Presiding Officer, be placed on a special calendar to be called up for consideration only by the same.

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(4-7) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 10

ORDERED, that pursuant to Joint Rule 353, subsection 10, a special study table is established in the Senate.

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(4-8) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Senate Order:  
S.O. 11

ORDERED, that the President of the Senate is authorized, at her discretion, to permit radio or sound, television film or live television, or any two or three of these communication media, on the floor of the Senate.

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**Joint Orders**

(4-9) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 1

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules of the 131st Legislature are the Joint Rules of the 132nd Legislature, except for the following changes.

Joint Rule 202 is amended by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

All requests for bills and resolves submitted by Legislators for a first regular session must be submitted in complete form, as provided in Joint Rule 208, to the Revisor of Statutes by 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 2025.

Joint Rule 301 is amended by amending the 2nd indented paragraph to read:

There are established 17 joint standing committees, which must be appointed at the commencement of the first regular session and which exercise jurisdiction in the following areas:

- Agriculture, conservation and forestry
  - Appropriations and financial affairs
  - Criminal justice and public safety
  - Education and cultural affairs
  - Energy, utilities and technology
  - Environment and natural resources
  - Health and human services
  - Health coverage, insurance and financial services
  - Housing and economic development
  - Inland fisheries and wildlife
  - ~~Innovation, development, economic advancement and business~~
  - Judiciary
  - Labor and housing
  - Marine resources
  - State and local government
  - Taxation
  - Transportation
  - Veterans and legal affairs
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(4-10) On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 2

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules be amended by amending Joint Rule 302 to read:

Rule 302. Membership.

~~Each~~ Except for the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, each of the joint standing committees consists of 13 members, 3 from the Senate and 10 from the House of Representatives. The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs consists of 21 members, 5 from the Senate and 16 from the House of Representatives. The first Senate member named is the Senate chair. The first House member named is the House chair. The Senate chair shall preside and in the Senate chair's absence, the House chair shall preside and, thereafter, as the need may arise, the chair shall alternate between the members from each chamber in the sequence of their appointment to the committee. The sequence of appointment for the biennium is as announced by the presiding officers in each chamber. Every member of the Senate and the House of Representatives is entitled to at least one initial committee assignment.

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(4-11) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 3

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall purchase such services, supplies and equipment as may be needed to carry on the business of the Senate and House, respectively.

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(4-12) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 4

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all printing and binding authorized by the Legislature shall be under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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(4-13) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 5

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a sufficient number of copies of the Legislative Record for the 132nd Legislature be printed, one copy for each of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who so desires, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, with the remainder to be deposited with the State Law Librarian for exchange and library use; and be it further

ORDERED, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

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(4-14) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 6

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as advances on account of compensation established by statute, 12 payments on a biweekly basis commencing January 15, 2025, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively.

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(4-15) On motion by Senator **DUSON** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 7

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, is authorized and directed to prepare weekly, from expense accounts to be submitted to the Executive Director by the members of the Senate and House, expense rosters showing the entitlement of each member for meals allowance and lodging reimbursement and to transmit the same to the State Controller for processing and payment, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Interim Committee of the 101st Legislature created to study and report on a method of implementing the administration of the provision of law relating to the mileage and expenses for members of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the Legislative Council is authorized and directed to provide the forms necessary for such purpose and to provide suitable space in the Executive Director's office for the filing and safekeeping of all such expense accounts and other papers and records pertaining thereto.

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(4-16) On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 8

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules shall convene no later than January 9, 2025 to review, consider and report on the following items as possible amendments to the Joint Rules:

1. Elimination of or limitations on the use of concept drafts;
2. Changes to dates of cloture for first and second regular sessions;
3. Changes to the process of referring legislative documents to committees;
4. Limitations on sponsorship and cosponsorship;
5. Changes to the process of submitting joint resolutions, including reducing the vote to request the calling of an Article V constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to a majority vote;
6. Changes to notices for committee public hearings and work sessions and the availability of sponsor amendments;
7. Improvements to the consistency of processes for public notice, public participation and decorum across all committees;
8. Changes to committee reports and voting hours;
9. Changes to the process regarding fiscal notes;
10. Changes to the processes regarding budgets and appropriations;
11. Other matters considered or identified by the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules of the 131st Legislature; and
12. Any matters referred to the committee.

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(4-17) On motion by Senator **PIERCE** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:  
S.P. 9

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

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