

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
24th Legislative Day
Thursday, March 21, 2019

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Major Earl E. Weigelt, Maine Army National Guard, Winslow.

Colors presented by The Maine National Guard Joint Honor Guard.

National Anthem by Technical Sergeant Joel Crowley, Maine Air National Guard, Windham.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, William D. Clark, M.D., Brunswick.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 19, 2019 was read and approved.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 72) (L.D. 260) Bill "An Act To Permit Disability Insurance To Be Offered through the Surplus Lines Market" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**

(S.P. 113) (L.D. 435) Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)**

(S.P. 155) (L.D. 490) Bill "An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-9)**

(H.P. 941) (L.D. 1298) Bill "An Act To Enhance Fish and Wildlife Laws" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 6) (L.D. 5) Bill "An Act To Require Notification of Proposed Rate Increases for Long-term Care Policies" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)**

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 192) Bill "An Act To Require an Annual Report on the Activities of the Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)**

(H.P. 276) (L.D. 350) Bill "An Act To Exempt Head Start School Buses from Snow Tire Restrictions" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-24)**

(H.P. 377) (L.D. 520) Bill "An Act To Resolve Tie Votes by the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED or PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc of that Body, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House at 10:45 in the morning for the purpose of extending to Major General Douglas A. Farnham, Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, and The Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, an invitation to attend the Joint Convention and to make such communication as pleases him.

Thereupon the House voted to concur in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held at 10:45 in the morning and the Speaker appointed Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford to convey this message to the Senate.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

the Honorable Roger Reed, of Hermon, Representative of District 103 in the Maine House of Representatives, who has received the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches Bob Brown Contributor Award for his long, successful career as a basketball coach for the youth of the Bangor area. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 143)

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representative LYFORD of Eddington.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM:** Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today I rise to recognize Representative Roger Reed, who has received the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches Bob Brown Contributor Award for his long, successful career as a basketball coach for the youth of the Bangor area.

Educators play one of the most important roles in our society. They help shape our citizens and future leaders. I am

sure everyone in this body can recall a teacher or coach who was instrumental in helping shape their character, knowledge, and ability to contribute. This is particularly true of Roger Reed. There is no way to measure how many people he has impacted and the lives he has touched. We can point to his coaching record, one of the winningest boys basketball coaches in state history with a career record of 571 to 201 games, a .740 winning percentage at Bangor Christian in Bangor. We can point to his coaching the Bangor Rams to eight Class A State Championships, and that Coach Reed is a 2006 inductee into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame, a 2013 inductee into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, and a 2015 member of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. But even more impressive is what we cannot measure; the impact he has had on the students he has coached and the contributions that they will make to our future. Thank you, Coach Reed.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Honorable Sawin Millett, of Waterford, Representative of District 71 in the Maine House of Representatives, who is receiving the Maine Development Foundation 2018 Kenneth M. Curtis Award, which recognizes the efforts of Leadership Maine Alumni who have given selflessly of themselves and demonstrated exceptional leadership in achieving extraordinary things for Maine. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 144)

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford, Senator HAMPER of Oxford, Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today I rise to offer congratulations to Representative Sawin Millett for receiving the Maine Development Foundation 2018 Kenneth M. Curtis Award. That award recognizes the efforts of Leadership Maine Alumni who have given selflessly of themselves and demonstrated exceptional leadership in achieving extraordinary things for Maine.

There is not enough time before statutory adjournment to highlight all of Sawin's contributions to Maine. But I think the Development Foundation did a pretty good job when it recognized him for selflessly giving of himself and demonstrated extraordinary leadership and achieving extraordinary things. Sawin is respected by generations of colleagues during increasingly partisan times. Sawin is a humble man who never speaks to impose his will on others. His skill is providing honest, accurate information that people can use to make decisions and, in most cases, rely on.

Few people can match his experience at all levels of Maine government and the communities he has served. Sawin's contributions include service to five different governors, service as the Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and Commissioner of Finance, eight terms in the Maine House, 40 years as a farmer, 60 years of marriage to his wife, Barbara, 12 years as an educator, five kids, ten grandkids, and five great-grandchildren. Sawin is a humble farmer, educator,

friend, and colleague. I am lucky to have known him for much of my life and we are lucky to serve with him. Thank you, Sawin.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you. Sorry, I didn't realize I got it on in time. I just want to rise for a second and talk about the two gentlemen we just acknowledged as one of the -- two of the best citizens in our state.

I haven't known anyone with more humility and grace than these two gentlemen. A little story about Roger and where he learned how to play basketball; it was in the -- I don't know if it was in the hay mound or the barn of Sawin's father and just a point about these gold balls, if you ask Roger where he keeps his gold balls, which not only he's gotten eight on his own but he continues to get them, you might find that where he displays it is closer to his heart, but someplace you wouldn't really think you'd find it. So, rather than telling you, you might ask him on the way out sometime.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence

Subsequently, Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Jay, Representative Riley.

Representative **RILEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Request permission to speak on the record?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Jay has requested permission to speak on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed.

Representative **RILEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise to tip my hat to an extraordinary team of young scholars and their coach, Rob Taylor.

These six students, Orion Schwab, Jordan Daigle, Hunter Quirrión, John Brenner, Rylee Delaney, and my own son, Bryan Riley, earned their place in the sun by winning the Maine State Envirothon competition. It was the fourth consecutive state championship win for our Spruce Mountain team. They won four of the five components of the competition, which is a program of the National Conservation Foundation. They earned a place at the championship in Pocatello, Idaho, where 50 international teams competed. The Envirothon engaged half a million students in 2018 and this team won the Aquatics division at that championship and they placed sixth overall. They've made Maine proud.

To prepare, these kids volunteered to assist with water testing at the local drinking water reservoir, to inspect boats at a boat launch to prevent the spread of milfoil. They studied concepts as varied as erosion prevention techniques, agritourism marketing, tree identification, hunting laws, fish migration, and renewable energy. They dug in dirt pits -- excuse me, no; they are soil pits. Always soil, never dirt. They learned to read Secchi disks and earned college credits for the environmental science they learned in high school. They know what catadromous means and they know how to integrate artificial beaver dams and use rhizobacterium to solve problems. And they crossed the country to spend a week taking tests. For the final test, they were given a problem scenario involving rangeland ranch. They spent the entire day sequestered with no computers and no cellphones to design a

20-minute oral presentation to describe their solution. With no rangeland in Maine, they had no native experience to draw on, so the solution they developed relied on careful preparation and ingenuity. Cue the rhizobacterium and artificial beaver dams.

This tribute would be incomplete without a nod to Rob Taylor, the team's mentor, whose influence shaped the school careers of both of my sons and hundreds of other students as only a truly exceptional teacher can. Rob is a gift that never stops giving. He is known at school for his ever-present science projects which generally consist of something live; eels, tomatoes, or gleefully destructive mice in the greenhouse - the greenhouse that he designed with his middle school math class and built with the weekend effort of community volunteers. His students learn cool stuff about science and history and literature and math, but most importantly they learn about competing with honor and integrity and ingenuity. They collaborate with each other and with community members, finding resources and sharing what they've learned. Rob's students have planted Christmas trees and built wind turbines, built robots and released weather balloons. He's coached basketball and track and robotics and no matter what the job at hand, he never stops teaching. When one of his robotics teams was on a lunchbreak, standing around his truck in a parking lot, Rob pulled a prism from his pocket and gave his captive audience a lesson in forestry. He's a compulsive teacher, no doubt about it.

This team has had the benefit of having Rob as a coach and a teacher, some of them since first grade, and his leadership and energy has brought them great opportunity. But they could not have soared to the heights they have reached without the aptitude and work ethic that each of them brings to the table. They are good, kind people. I applaud them for their achievement and I look forward to where they will take us as they assume their rightful place as the leaders of this emerging generation. Thank you.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Todd's Salsa, of Glenburn, whose Maple Salsa, Ghost Pepper Salsa and Inner Beauty Hot Sauce won first place in their respective categories at the 2019 World Hot Sauce Awards in Louisiana. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 148)

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KINNEY of Knox, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.
READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Galaxie Salsa Company, of Buxton, whose Red Roof Hot and Pin-up Pineapple won second place in their respective categories at the 2019 World Hot Sauce Awards in Louisiana. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 149)

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Senator CHENETTE of York, Representative MAREAN of Hollis.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KINNEY of Knox, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.
READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Captain Mowatt's, of Portland, whose Canceaux Sauce, Jolly Roger and Cololoco won first place in their respective categories at the 2019 World Hot Sauce Awards in Louisiana. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 153)

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative JORGENSEN of Portland, Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KINNEY of Knox, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.
READ

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am pleased to present these three sentiments today. I have known these three companies for quite some time as we display our products that we make in our own personal businesses year-round for the enjoyment of others. I've gotten to know these people for many years. They're wonderful people, they love what they do, and this -- this award is coming from -- it's going to people here in Maine who are competing in a hot sauce award worldwide in southern -- in the southern part of the United States, in Louisiana, and they're coming home with first and second place in these categories, and it's just amazing. These three companies -- I end up at different fairs across the state, so at different times of the year you can find us at places like the Fryeburg Fair, the Maine Harvest Festival in Bangor in November, along with all kinds of other events that happen throughout the year. Go to the Ag fairs, which it's Ag Day in the Legislature, so we display our products at these places because these are something that we're doing with agricultural products. This is -- you know, salsas are -- these salsas are made with tomatoes and zucchini and all kinds of other great vegetables that are grown and so please come and visit these places, support these businesses, and I wish them the best and congratulations to all of them. Thank you.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ORDERS

On motion of Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 992) (Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, KINNEY of Knox, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin)

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MULTIFACETED AGRICULTURE OF MAINE

WHEREAS, recent statistics show that farming in Maine has grown, that Maine continues to lead the New England states with 8,174 farms and that the value of Maine's crops and livestock has grown 24% since the last census of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Maine's agricultural enterprises provide more than \$764,000,000 through the sale of farm products and contribute more than \$2,000,000,000 annually to the State's economy, and Maine agricultural products are increasingly available locally in farmers' markets, schools and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Maine farmers are the stewards of 1,450,000 acres of land, a vital resource in maintaining Maine's rural economy; and

WHEREAS, Maine is first in the world in the production of wild blueberries, a world leader in the production of brown eggs, first in New England in the production of food, first in New England in the value of aquaculture sales, second in New England in milk and livestock production, third in the Nation in the production of maple syrup and eighth in the Nation in the production of fall potatoes, is the fastest-growing artisanal cheese-producing state in the Nation and is the only state involved in the commercial production of fiddleheads; and

WHEREAS, agriculture has always been a part of Maine's prosperity, maintaining much of Maine's scenic open space, providing recreational opportunities and contributing to the character of Maine's rural communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to recognize Maine's agricultural community and its contribution to the betterment of our State, to pledge our support and encouragement and to urge the youth of Maine to pursue the growing opportunities for careers in today's technologically advanced agriculture industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, as a token of the esteem in which those in this vital field are held.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative HICKMAN: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. Happy first day of spring and happy Ag Day. I am proud to be a farmer, and I will take this opportunity to tell a short story about why that is so. I wrote this in November of 2009 in preparation for my 20th college reunion.

For two years, they didn't have garden-fresh collard greens. For all of my childhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, my father grew a small garden in our backyard that yielded incredible produce. We didn't call it organic gardening back

then because there was no need for such a description. It was what it was; gardening. No chemical fertilizers, no pesticides -- well, almost. One year, I can't remember how old I was but I was in elementary school, the insects were so bad my father chose to shake garden dust over all his yet-to-fruit tomato plants which were being devoured by hornworms. He cried. He was afraid he would poison his family, afraid that we would starve if we didn't have enough tomatoes to eat fresh or can for later, and so he chose drastic action. But he left alone the collards and the other leafy greens. I can't shake no dust on those, he said, they go directly into our mouths and so we're going to have to pick the bugs off with our fingers.

Summer 2009, I stood amidst my collards in one of the many gardens on our 25-acre organic farm in central Maine, talking to my pregnant sister on the phone. I told Gina that my collards were not growing as I would had liked them to, that because of the unceasing rain the insects were winning. And that's when she told me in the last two years of our father's life, when the pancreatic cancer made him too weak to tend his garden, she and my mother had no fresh collard greens. The rose chafers, Japanese beetles, cabbage worms, and whatever else loves this bittersweet brassica had devoured the leaves down to skeletons.

He simply had no energy, Craig, and we couldn't help because it would have been an admission that we knew he was sick and since he never told us, we couldn't let him know that we knew. I simply could not fathom my family back home in Milwaukee went two years without daddy's collards, could not fathom why my sister had never told me about it until just then, could not fathom why my mother had never told me about it at all. I stood amidst my insect-infested collard greens and wept.

Losing my dad on March 14, 2007, a month to the day after he turned 87, began the most transformative rite of passage in my life to date. The man who taught me about discipline, respect, honor, dignity, about how to rise up after being knocked down, how to dream great dreams, how to love, how to live, had left this world and left a hole in my soul as big as the lake on which my farm sits. Two years later, in early spring, when I finally came up from under, I saw my dad walk into my house, right up the gravel driveway from the side of the road. I didn't know if I was sleeping or awake, but I saw him nonetheless. Later that day, I stood before the unquilted stretch of land and I told my beloved of my plans to become a bonafide farmer. He thought I was crazy. He said it was too much, that I would never keep to it. I love a challenge, so if you tell me I can't do something, I'm determined to prove you wrong.

Five months later, I opened a farm stand on the side of the road in front of our house and began selling the succulent vegetables that our land offered up. Now, I'm addicted to growing things. I have turned a mere half-acre of our farm into a suite of organic gardens. Composted manure from around the barnyard, a small tiller for cultivation, a few farmhands, a garden rake, hoe and pitchfork, a mosquito net as necessary, and as many daylight hours as the sun above can muster is what we count on to produce our harvest. Now, I can't stop opening a new patch of earth to plant some new variety of heirloom tomatoes to round out the cornucopia from Annabessacook Farm. A lot of okra, a lot of corn, a lot of greens, a lot of fruit and vegetables and berries, and a lot of okra. I cannot stop, as though all the energy my father did not have at the end of his life has fueled me to work from sun up to sun down, planting, weeding, hauling, turning, picking, packaging, selling, and eating. I'm making fresh cheese and

yogurt and ice cream from the goat milk my beloved massages out of our goat every night after healing patients all day at Maine General, baking breads and quiches and pie, cakes and hearty cereals, preparing meals for B&B guests, private dinner banquets for neighbors and friends, and we've got two new greenhouses. I can't wait to see what they produce in winter. Before long, we will grow our own wheat, make our own honey, slaughter our own meat. I stand on my father's shoulders. He whispers music over mine as I open the earth, loving her tenderly, deeply, desperately, and he whisks mosquitos away from my ears so I can hear his music more clearly. He shows me the way.

I have never been more committed to anything in my life, never been happier, for there is simply nothing like living off the land and nothing simpler, knowing exactly where your food comes from because you produce it yourself. My customers, well, they appreciate every bag of spinach, jar of granola, crown of broccoli they get from the farm and I appreciate them, their concerns and requests, their own gardening triumphs and failures, our exchange of ideas and recipes and tricks. I never would have imagined I would become such an integral part of a local food chain, never would have imagined I could sell thousands of dollars of organic produce and homemade foods in a single season directly to patrons without vending at a farmer's market or supplying a restaurant. Never would have imagined that folks would stop by simply to thank me for doing what we do even though they buy their produce from somewhere else. I think now of Michael Pollan's words from his must-read book, *In Defense of Food*. In a short food chain, food reclaims its story and most of its nobility when the person who grew it hands it to you. And so it was that when I told one of our regular customers the story of my father's collards, my sister's heartbreaking confession, we all shared a moment of spontaneous silence in his memory. And I swear to God, within a week, my collards were on their way to the biggest, sweetest, greenest collards that I had ever grown.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to ask us to keep in our hearts the farmers in the Midwest whose farms are under water as we speak and our food supply will certainly be impacted by that. Farmers will lose their livelihoods, they will lose their farms, and I suspect that some of them may even think about taking their lives because when farmers lose their farms, sometimes that's what they do. And so I ask us on our Ag Day to count our blessings here in Maine and think of those who have lost so much. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would be remiss if I didn't stand also to speak on this Joint Resolution.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I began my agriculture career as someone who lived across the street from a dairy farm. Well, I've come along way since then but I still live across the street from a dairy farm, although it's a different one today. I'm proud to live in the little town of Knox, where the bovine population outnumbers the human population. We're one of three towns in the state that do that, Albion and Clinton are the other two. Also, the maple taps in Knox far outweigh even the bovine population, probably about three or four to one, or maybe more than that.

It is Ag Day in the Legislature today and there are all kinds of different agricultural commodities displaying their wares on the second floor in the Hall of Flags as well as some right up here on the third floor in the hallway in between the bodies. Please check them out, visit them, and I will echo the

Representative from Winthrop's sentiments on the farmers in the Midwest. Just the other day I was listening to the radio and a cattle farmer had called in to this national radio station I listen to, and he was in tears. He had to let his cattle loose and they will probably all die in the floods. So, we should keep them all in our hearts and prayers and recognize that it's not easy around the country right now with what's going on, especially in the Midwest. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following House Order: (H.O. 19)

ORDERED, that Representative Kathleen R. J. Dillingham of Oxford be excused February 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard M. Cebra of Naples be excused February 28 for personal reasons, and March 5, 7, 12 and 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Justin Fecteau of Augusta be excused March 12 and 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peter A. Lyford of Eddington be excused March 12 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Chloe S. Maxmin of Nobleboro be excused March 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David Harold McCrea of Fort Fairfield be excused February 14 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Teresa S. Pierce of Falmouth be excused March 14 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, the Honorable Troy D. Jackson in the Chair.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair.

On motion by Senator VITELI from Sagadahoc, it was ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Major General Douglas A. Farnham, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and Commissioner for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, to inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to receive such communications as please him.

The Order was READ and PASSED.

The Chair appointed the following:

The Sen. from Hancock, Sen. Luchini
The Sen. from Waldo, Sen. Herbig
The Sen. from Kennebec, Sen. Cyrway
The Rep. from Bangor, Rep. Schneck
The Rep. from Winthrop, Rep. Hickman
The Rep. from Bar Harbor, Rep. Hubbell
The Rep. from Harpswell, Rep. McCreight
The Rep. from Pittsfield, Rep. Strom
The Rep. from Lincoln, Rep. Hanington
The Rep. from Paris, Rep. Andrews
The Rep. from Rumford, Rep. Dolloff
The Rep. from Monmouth, Rep. Ackley
Subsequently, Senator LUCHINI from Hancock, for the Committee, reported that the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard would attend forthwith.

The Chair welcomed to the Convention Major General Douglas A. Farnham, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard.

The Chair recognized in the House Gallery former Senator and the Commissioner's wife, Nichi Farnham. The Chair also recognized in the House Gallery the members of the Army and Air National Guard, and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

The Chair requested the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, Major General Douglas A. Farnham, to please step forward and address the Joint Convention.

Adjutant General **FARNHAM**: Well, thank you. President Jackson, Speaker Gideon, Members of the 129th Legislature and distinguished guests, thank you for this invitation. Once again, it's an honor to address this assembled Joint Session. I was also honored to be reappointed to this position by Governor Mills, and the best part of serving as Adjutant General is having the opportunity to represent and highlight the accomplishments of our airmen, soldiers, and department civilians.

I'd also like to welcome all the new members of the Legislature and congratulate you on your election. I also want to congratulate those who have returned. I think I told you last year you'd all be back.

Today I will discuss the Bureau of Veterans' Services, the Maine Emergency Management Agency, and the Maine Military Authority, and the Maine National Guard.

The last few years, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services has been transformed to better serve Maine's veteran community. With guidance from the 2016 Commission to strengthen and align the services provided to Maine veterans, BVS has increased resources to improve case management, outreach, and communication. We added resources for financial assistance to veterans and added a Homeless Veteran Coordinator. We teamed with other agencies to provide support, education, and prevention in areas like mental health and veteran suicide. We are very fortunate to have had Adria Horn and her BVS team lead us into that transformation. When Adria left for the private sector last year, Dave Richmond became the acting director, and he and his team have not missed a beat. Just this past February 26th, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services received the 2019 Abraham Lincoln Pillar of Excellence Award from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs at a National Association State Directors

conference. This award is a culmination of the partnership that the Bureau has forged with other likeminded agencies, caseworkers, and homeless shelters across the State of Maine who collectively are working to end veteran homelessness in Maine one veteran at a time. We are working each day to connect homeless veterans to resources and to partner and coordinate with other agencies doing the same. Our Homeless Veterans Coordinator, Jarad Greeley, and Director of Strategic Partnership, Sarah Sherman, are the point people leading the way to make this award possible. They are both here today. Please join me in congratulating Jarad, Sarah, and the Department for earning this award.

By the way, this is the second consecutive year that the Bureau has won a Pillar of Excellence Award. Last year it was recognition for the efforts and collaborations combating veteran suicide.

There are many counties in Maine that have no homeless shelters, and the reasons that cause veterans to be homeless are still varied and often complex. In cases like this, the Bureau has turned to individual citizens for help and, as always seems to be the case in Maine, citizens are ready to step up. Once such case is a motel owner in Machias, John Simard, who with no other local options for homeless veterans, stepped in to provide shelter to several homeless veterans this winter at no charge until housing arrangements could be made for them. Another example of the generosity in rural Maine is landlord Gary Bouchard of Madawaska who reached out, letting us know that he wanted to help a homeless veteran -- a homeless veteran mission by greatly reducing rent, waiving security deposit and advanced payments, and providing furnishings for the space. This made a life-changing impact for a chronically homeless veteran who had previously lived in southern Maine. These are just two examples of the many citizens who are doing much more than their own part, and they give me confidence that together we can end veteran homelessness.

Within state government, many other bureaus and departments come into contact with our veterans. In the last year, we have formalized agreements with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the University of Maine and Maine Community College Systems, and Maine Maritime Academy to enhance veteran services on Maine campuses and foster collaboration between departments. To help guide Maine veterans to the many state and federal benefits available to them, the Bureau has revised volume three of its comprehensive 146-page Maine Veterans Benefits and Resource Guide. The Guide will be distributed statewide to veterans and veteran organizations to help expand awareness about what services are available.

Our eight regionally located veterans' services officers and their associates continue to represent and advocate for veterans by filing their claims made to the VA, assisting them in obtaining state and federal benefits that they have earned. The staff and our four veterans' cemeteries continue to provide services to Maine families and maintain the facilities as impeccable shrines that preserve the legacies of our veterans.

One more thing on BVS; I mentioned earlier that the Bureau has been led by an acting director for the past six months. I think that's long enough. Effective immediately, Dave Richmond, you are the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

It's been a little more than a year since Suzanne Krauss became Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency. Suzanne was an active duty Navy rescue helicopter pilot and currently is an active officer in the Navy Reserve, and has vast experience in the private sector. This past August, I

had the opportunity to deliver her oath of office as she was promoted in the Navy Reserve to the rank of Captain. Now I feel guilty telling Navy jokes and why you have haven't heard one today.

Suzanne hit the ground running in her role as director. She joined following one of the largest storm events in Maine history, the wind storm of 2017. That storm caused more power outages in Maine than any other storm in state history, with roughly 500,000 homes and businesses affected. Although the storm was over when Suzanne arrived, the aftermath was far from over. As the agency worked through the disaster recovery process, which continues today and is expected to exceed the \$10 million mark, MEMA supported more than 200 cities and towns in 13 counties impacted by the storm.

In March of 2018, a severe storm wreaked havoc on the nine coastline communities in York County, resulting in another federal disaster declaration. For six days and 12 tidal cycles, these communities experienced repeated damage to seawalls and road infrastructure. Damage in York County alone is expected to exceed \$6 million. Other events in Maine last year that did not meet the threshold for federal disaster declarations including the severe flooding in Aroostook County highlight the need for continued efforts in preparedness, response, and collaboration at all levels.

School safety has been a concern across the state, with a number of threats reported in Maine in the last year. MEMA has led effort to collaborate with the Department of Education, Maine State Police, the State Fire Marshall's office, DHHS, the CDC, and the Maine Sheriff's Association to produce a monthly school safety security bulletin to disperse to educators and school staff. With nothing more important than keeping our children and those committed to teaching them safe during the school day, these bulletins address many issues including active threats, reunification, and code compliant door locks. MEMA is currently preparing to host the 11th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference on April 23rd, highlighting timely areas of preparedness. The keynote speaker, Chief Wiercinski from the Clark County Nevada Fire Department will discuss lessons learned from the Mandalay Bay shooting at a mass gathering of 22,000 people.

As you can see, the agency and the state are very busy with natural and manmade disaster preparedness efforts. Decreased or flat funding of federal Homeland Security grants, continue to put pressure on funding MEMA operations and staff at current levels. This has also resulted in reduced grants to county emergency management agencies and communities. With that said, there is more of an emphasis at the national level as well as the state level to ready the nation for a catastrophic disaster, and to build a culture of preparedness. As a state, we must ensure that every segment of our society, from individual to government, industry to philanthropy, is encouraged and empowered with the information it needs to prepare for the inevitable impacts of future disasters and allow for a ready and resilient Maine.

You may notice that MEMA is not represented in the galley today. As we speak, they are conducting a functional exercise with the State of New Hampshire, which is designed to assist both states in enhancing coordination efforts when faced with a series of debilitating incidents across the I-95 Piscataquis River Bridge. Such an incident would require multi-jurisdictional response from a variety of local, state, county, and federal counterparts to include the National Guard. They exercise operational challenges such as interoperability, coordinated public messaging, and resource management.

Most importantly, these hundreds of participants will be working through the critical economic impacts associated with such a scenario.

For nearly 20 years, Maine Military Authority has been a positive story for the State of Maine. MMA leased buildings at the former Loring Air Force Base from Loring Development Agency and refurbished over 16,000 military vehicles for the National Guard. During this time, millions of dollars were contributed to building equipment improvements at Loring, contributions to the State General Fund, tuition assistance for our National Guard members, and payroll for the state employees. MMA was never subsidized by the Maine taxpayer until the supplemental funding request in 2017. The supplemental appropriation and renegotiation with Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority allowed MMA to finish the bus refurbishment contract last year. While the intent was for the MBTA contract to be a bridge to other programs, that did not work out. With no work on the horizon, Maine Military closed its doors last fall. There is still one employee helping close down contracts and wrapping up other administrative requirements.

The work MMA did and the facilities left behind at Loring are a model for future development opportunities working with Loring Development Authority. Currently, a private company working with LDA is leasing the old MMA facilities. They continue some of the smaller refurbishment projects, they've hired employees, and opened a Kenworth parts and maintenance facility. This new entity is a direct result of partnering efforts of MMA.

Let's turn to the Maine National Guard. For those of you not familiar, the Maine National Guard is comprised of over 3,000 Air and Army Guard men and women serving at facilities throughout the state. While we rely on the citizen soldier and citizen airman model, we do have over 900 full-time members contributing to a much more operational Guard than most know. Our federal payroll alone exceeds \$130 million. We provide emergency response capabilities for the governor at home and are proud of the operational role we play deploying across the globe.

We deploy because we are still a nation at war. I say that each year because it's easy to forget. With all the distractions in the news each day, most of the nation forgets. This past year, the Army Guard deployed 80 soldiers to Kabul, Afghanistan, supporting NATO forces. As you recently saw announced, the 286th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion will deploy next month to Poland. The Air Guard deployed over 100 airmen from a wide variety of career fields most of last year, while we continue to deploy smaller groups of aviators and aircraft maintenance personnel. The 243rd Engineering Installation Squadron from South Portland has 36 airmen currently deployed for six months to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Niger. 2018 was a record year for deployments, and 2019 won't be far behind.

The focus for both the Army and Air National Guard for more than 25 years has been defeating violent extremism in Southwest Asia and the Middle East. Now our national defense strategy has us focused on long-term strategic competition from China and Russia. That's why recent Air National Guard deployments have been to Guam, and next month's Army National Guard deployment sends soldiers to Poland. At the same time, we still need to be prepared for a North Korea conflict. Countering violent extremism across the globe is still required, which explains the continued Southwest Asia and Africa deployments. In order to fight and deter those who threaten our way of life, our military needs to be ready,

trained, and equipped to ensure that if we are forced to fight, it's not going to be a fair fight.

It is busy and it is challenging, but at the same time it's great to be in the Maine Guard; performing missions that matter, serving with talented committed airmen and soldiers, and living in the great state of Maine, it doesn't get any better. A highlight of the year was moving into our new joint force headquarters building at Camp Chamberlain here in Augusta, where we raised the flag for the first time in April. The \$37 million facility is state of the art and will be home to the Maine National Guard for generations. And it was almost entirely federally funded.

The 128th Legislature expanded the National Guard education program -- education assistance program, allowing private and nonprofit postsecondary institutions to participate in the program benefitting soldiers and airmen. For the first time, a Maine governor visited our partner country of Montenegro on an official visit last summer. The Chief Executive met with the military, government and business leaders, demonstrating Maine's commitment to the partnership. Later this month, Montenegro's Minister of Defense and Ambassador to the United States will make their first visit to Maine and will meet with Chief Executive Mills, further strengthening our 12-year partnership.

Maine hosted the National Guard Arctic Interest Council meeting in June, bringing representatives from 17 states together to discuss National Guard roles in the Arctic. In addition to training and equipment needed in the Arctic environment, discussions included effects of climate change and pressures of economic forces.

In support of the Chief Executive's commitment to ending the opioid epidemic, the Maine National Guard counterdrug program continues to provide National Guard analysts in direct support to federal, state, and local law enforcement, conducting background investigations, database inquiries, mobile device forensics, and producing intelligence reports. We all know that law enforcement alone is not going to solve this epidemic and our rejuvenated civil operations team is partnering with organizations like Healthy Androscoggin, Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, and the CDC. They also partnered with the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office and Augusta Police for two successful drug takeback events and we regularly offer up use of our facilities at Camp Chamberlain to host training events to help strengthen community response. The Maine National Guard is an active and willing partner in the state's efforts to bring an end to this epidemic.

Our civil support team in Waterville continues to support first responders in communities with their unique capabilities. The team has special training and equipment to respond to suspected chemical, biological, or radiological contamination. They support special events and large gatherings across the state, like large concerts and fairs, and also respond to law enforcement requests to identify unknown substances, elevated radiation readings, and other suspected contamination.

The Maine Air National Guard is commanded by Brigadier General Scott Young with the help of state command chief, Chief Master Sergeant Kelly Hoffses.

As I mentioned earlier, deployments have been a major topic for the Air National Guard this past year. It takes the entire organization to support the deployment cycle; medical, legal, family program, and logistics, to name a few that are integral to this process. And we had some unique deployments this past year. From April to October, the 101st Security Forces deployed a 13-person squad to Tunisia.

During this deployment, the Maineiac defenders supported the United States and Coalition Forces Campaign in Northern Africa, where they conducted random anti-terrorism measures, executed multiple joint base exercises, and protected more than a hundred personnel, and US and Coalition assets. Individual accomplishments include a Meritorious Service Medal, eight Air Force Commendation Medals, and three Air Force Achievement Medals.

The 265th Combat Communication Squadron deployed 34 members in 2018 to austere locations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Tunisia, and Niger, providing cyber and communication support to commanders. Technical Sergeant Christopher LaSalle is one of the 265th members who deployed to Niger. During his time in Africa, Tech Sergeant LaSalle made himself invaluable to the Nigerian base's growth. As a power production NCO, he drew from his many years from experience as a small business owner in his own electrical and HVAC company. to rewire the base's network communications center, correcting frequent electrical circuit overloads and ensuring 24/7 communications in a remote location in the Sahara Desert. In his limited time off, Tech Sergeant LaSalle regularly joined in visits to the local city, Agadez, where he would assist by fixing local water pumps and power generators. This is what our citizen airmen and citizen soldiers are known for when we deploy. Please give a round of applause for Tech Sergeant Christopher LaSalle.

We've been talking about the deployments of our KC-135 aircraft, air crew, and maintainers of the 101st Air Refueling Wing for many years. The operations tempo of the tanker community has been unprecedented. This is for a simple reason; almost everything the Air Force does, requires tanker support. Tankers are needed for our homeland defense, our nuclear deterrent, our power projection, and precision strike. Last week during congressional posture hearings, answering a question from Senator Collins, the Secretary of the Air Force stated that the recently completed Air Force We Need study that one of the biggest unmet needs looking five to ten years in the future is air refueling tankers. Bangor is busy because over half of our nation's air refueling capability is in the Reserve component, and Bangor is the most strategically located tanker base on the east coast.

As a former tanker crew dog at the 101st, I am proud to see the role we play in deployed locations, providing presence and deterrence in the Pacific and flying combat sorties in Afghanistan and Iraq. Someday, decades from now, future members of the 101st will read about the dozens of today's pilots and boom operators with multiple air medals and many with over a hundred combat sorties. In just the last 12 months, 31 Air Medals have been earned. The accomplishments of these pilots and boom operators supported by crew chiefs, maintainers, and the entire Wing, have amplified the proud legacy of the Maineiacs.

The Maine Army National Guard is commanded by Brigadier General Don Lagace with Command Sergeant Major Mark Smith as senior enlisted leader and Chief Warrant Officer 4 David Cheney the Command Chief Warrant Officer. This is a whole new team since last year's address. Our 126th Company G from Bangor deployed with Task Force Panther led by Major Will Bradbury and First Sergeant Debbie Urquhart each on their fourth deployment, operating out of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan as their primary living location. They also lived in three other locations known as outposts. Crews would fly missions out of these outposts to better support the ground forces. The outposts have barebones living conditions. The crews stationed at the outposts ate MREs (meals ready to

eat), slept in tents, and most of the outposts didn't have showers. I knew I joined the Air Force for a reason. Crews would spend four to seven days at the outposts and then make their way back to Kandahar to refit and resupply. This would provide a chance to shower and do laundry. Once the crews were recovered, they would cycle back to the outpost again. While flying medevac missions, some crews received small arms and RPG fire but there were no major incidents or injuries. One hundred percent returned home safe and several crews earned the combat action badge. And, significantly, four babies were born back home during the course of the deployment and so that made for some emotional reunions. They also returned to the news that Maine has been selected to receive the new H-60 Mic helicopters for our two units. Not only is this the most current Black Hawk model, more capable and easier to maintain, it is also a huge vote of confidence in Maine Army aviation, and for aviators almost as good as coming home to a new baby.

Earlier I mentioned the upcoming deployment of Bangor's 286th to Poland. They will deploy next month, with a sendoff ceremony scheduled for April 13th. This Atlantic Resolve deployment is a perfect example of the changing face of the National Guard and our national defense strategy. The unit will build readiness and interoperability with multinational allied partners while deterring aggression in the region. Lieutenant Colonel John Wilmotand Command Sergeant Major Kerry Bennett will lead the 286th in this deployment. We have tremendous confidence in their leadership and the capabilities of their team.

We like to talk a lot about deployments, and for good reason. Our missions are important and we traditionally excel in the deployed environment, but we also understand the sacrifice that our families, employers, and co-workers make when we deploy. Deployments affect a much bigger circle than simply the soldier or an airman who actually deploys.

The Army Guard has had some other highlights this year. We are midway through our ten-year plan to repair and upgrade our facilities across the state. We opened the newly renovated Sanford Readiness Center and started renovation work at the Lewiston Readiness Center. Each project exceeds \$5 million, with a cost share of 50/50 with federal dollars. We also broke ground on the new \$17 million, hundred percent federally funded Northern Maine Readiness Center in Presque Isle. Our Department of Facilities and Engineering team does a great job. They regularly win awards, including this year's Fred Aaron Installation Environment Award for the highest overall performance of all the states and territories. Their efforts resulted in the Maine Army National Guard reducing energy consumption by 10% in the last three years, resulting in over \$400,000 of savings. These savings were accomplished through the use of energy-efficient new technologies such as heat pumps, the use of cogeneration and solar where feasible, and the use of occupancy-driven HVAC systems with automated building controls. Our renovation of the Calais Armory has currently saved over \$30,000 and a boiler upgrade project in Bangor saves over \$20,000 annually. The Maine Army Guard currently has over 150 kilowatts of solar systems installed in facilities throughout the state, resulting in over \$15,000 of annual savings. The efforts of Colonel Norm Michaud and his DFE team on these projects combined with finishing of Camp Chamberlain have been outstanding. Please join me in thanking Colonel Michaud and two members of his team, Paul Lapointe and Robert Palmer.

Innovative readiness training is a highlight for many soldiers. Our soldiers get out in the community, move dirt,

build things, and fix things. This past year, we took on a challenging and unique project at the historic Wood Island Lifesaving Station at the mouth of the Piscataquis River in Kittery Point. The work of the 136th out of Skowhegan and Lewiston included plumbing and electrical, but they also built a 200-foot seawall to replace the historic wall that had been almost completely deteriorated. This summer we plan to build a seawall on the other side of the island, providing incredibly unique and quality training for our engineers.

Recruiting and retention continues to be critical to the future. Eligibility challenges and shrinking population of 17- to 24-year-olds will continue to challenge recruiting and retention. Drug abuse, general health, and obesity continue to negatively drive eligibility challenges. The Legislature has been helpful with tuition assistance and I know you will continue to be receptive to innovative ways to facilitate military service. Efforts to improve health, education, mental health, nutrition, and fitness of young Mainers not only helps our recruiting pool but also helps the entire state. Similarly, anything we do as a state to attract workers, good economy, and jobs, help allow our citizen soldiers and airmen stay in Maine and choose to serve in the Guard. Particularly in the Army Guard, recruiting challenges force us to take a hard look at our force structure. Do we have the right types of units that young adults want to join? Do we have relevant units with modern equipment that encourage retention? Do we have units that provide the correct mix of capabilities for the Chief Executive? We need to continually ask ourselves these questions to stay relevant and right-sized.

As Mainers, we have always been proud of our commitment to service, that has been the tradition in every conflict. On behalf of the airmen and soldiers of the Maine National Guard, I want to thank you and the people of Maine for recognizing our service. While we have been at war for 18 years, Maine continues to recognize and honor the service of all military members, active guard, and reserve. Stories of the Flag Ladies of Freeport reach across America, the Bangor Troop Greeters, Memorial Day ceremonies, Veterans' Day parades, and many other events make us proud to wear the uniform and represent Maine. I appreciate the opportunity to give you an update on the Department of Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management. We have a department and National Guard committed to serving the State of Maine and the nation. I am honored to serve beside them as your Adjutant General. Thank you.

The Adjutant General withdrew amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chair declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to its Chamber amid the applause of the House, the audience rising.

(After the Joint Convention)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence and To Support Survivors"

(S.P. 357) (L.D. 1171)

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program"

(S.P. 311) (L.D. 1051)

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

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy"

(S.P. 79) (L.D. 267)

Majority (8) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in the House on March 14, 2019.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Minority (4) **OUGHT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Licensing of Paramedics"

(H.P. 897) (L.D. 1236)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on March 14, 2019.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(H.P. 754)

READ and **ADOPTED** in the House on February 26, 2019.

Came from the Senate with the Joint Resolution and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 123)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 21, 2019

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Pierce of Falmouth, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 503 An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Labor and Housing has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Herbig of Waldo, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 69 An Act To Provide Economic Security to Maine Families through the Creation of a Paid Family Medical Leave System

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Labor and Housing has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Sylvester of Portland, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 567 An Act To Create a Universal Basic Income

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 124)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 21, 2019

Honorable Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

L.D. 556 An Act To Protect Animals in Unattended Vehicles

- L.D. 620 An Act Regarding Licensing of Land-based Aquaculture Facilities
- L.D. 782 An Act Relating to Animals in Pulling Events Health and Human Services
- L.D. 129 An Act To Protect a Child from Misuse of Identity
- L.D. 222 An Act To Prohibit Child Care Providers from Requiring Payment during Vacation Closures
- L.D. 238 An Act To Increase the Minimum Area of Usable Space per Child Required in the Outdoor Area of a Child Care Center
- L.D. 363 An Act To Protect Residents of Assisted Living Facilities
- Taxation
- L.D. 448 An Act Repealing Tax Lien Foreclosure Requirements

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 201)
**MAINE SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 19, 2019
Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today insisted to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report from the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery" (H.P. 117) (L.D. 135) in non-concurrence.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish a Maine County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and Improvement Fund"

(H.P. 961) (L.D. 1333)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HANLEY of Pittston, RILEY of Jay, VEROW of Brewer, WHITE of Waterville.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Revise the Good Time Laws To Improve Public Safety"

(H.P. 974) (L.D. 1346)

Sponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, MAREAN of Hollis, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock.

Bill "An Act To Prevent Law Enforcement Officers from Using Their Authority To Extract Sexual Favors"

(H.P. 996) (L.D. 1375)

Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DODGE of Belfast, FECTEAU of Augusta, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'NEIL of Saco, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Teachers from Unfair Evaluations" (H.P. 966) (L.D. 1338)

Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BRYANT of Windham, CARDONE of Bangor, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, FARNSWORTH of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Sinclair.

Bill "An Act To Provide Flexibility for Efficient and Effective Management of School Management and Leadership Centers"

(H.P. 969) (L.D. 1341)

Sponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, PERRY of Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Improve Health Education and Physical Education in Schools"

(H.P. 971) (L.D. 1343)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Improve Nutrition in Maine Schools"

(H.P. 972) (L.D. 1344)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Promote High-quality After-school Programs in Public Schools"

(H.P. 975) (L.D. 1347)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, PIERCE of Falmouth, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

Bill "An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools"

(H.P. 991) (L.D. 1369)

Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DUNPHY of Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAREAN of Hollis, ORDDWAY of Standish, SAMPSON of Alfred, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Energy Transmission Corridors" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 985) (L.D. 1363)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESCHL of Belgrade, KESSLER of South Portland, RILEY of Jay, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, WOODSOME of York.

Bill "An Act Regarding Net Neutrality and Internet Policy"

(H.P. 986) (L.D. 1364)

Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, WOODSOME of York.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Governor To Renominate Penobscot Bay for Inclusion in the United States Environmental Protection Agency National Estuary Program

(H.P. 964) (L.D. 1336)

Sponsored by Representative DODGE of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, MATLACK of St. George, PLUECKER of Warren.

Bill "An Act To Further the Public Interest in All Maine Waters"

(H.P. 980) (L.D. 1358)

Sponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, KESSLER of South Portland, MEYER of Eliot, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Save Lives by Establishing a Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Program within the Department of Health and Human Services"

(H.P. 965) (L.D. 1337)

Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville.

Resolve, To Expand Eligibility for Presumptive Eligibility Determinations by Hospitals

(H.P. 982) (L.D. 1360)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais.

Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Nutrition Interventions

(H.P. 994) (L.D. 1373)

Sponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act"

(H.P. 995) (L.D. 1374)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PERRY of Calais, RISEMAN of Harrison, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Fund Opioid Treatment by Establishing an Excise Tax on Manufacturers of Opioids"

(H.P. 984) (L.D. 1362)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, GATTINE of Westbrook, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, TIPPING of Orono, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative HYMANSON of York, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Licensing Board and Licensure Requirements for Intentional Peer Support Specialists"

(H.P. 977) (L.D. 1349)

Sponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act Regarding Health Care Providers and Patient Trust"

(H.P. 983) (L.D. 1361)

Sponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: FOLEY of Biddeford, JORGENSEN of Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Rename the Maine International Trade Center the Maine Trade Center and To Establish within the Center International and Domestic Export Branches"

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1334)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: BABINE of Scarborough, CROCKETT of

Portland, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, PERRY of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute"

(H.P. 970) (L.D. 1342)

Sponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

Bill "An Act To Require Postsecondary Institutions To Meet the Expected Family Contribution without Additional Loan Burdens for Students"

(H.P. 990) (L.D. 1368)

Sponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representatives: BABINE of Scarborough, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Augusta, HANDY of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, SYLVESTER of Portland, Senator: HERBIG of Waldo.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Information Regarding Implied Warranties When Offering an Extended Warranty at the Point of Sale"

(H.P. 988) (L.D. 1366)

Sponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, FAY of Raymond, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TERRY of Gorham, Senator: SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Recalculate Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees Adversely Affected by Merit Pay Freezes"

(H.P. 967) (L.D. 1339)

Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.

Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, MILLETT of Waterford, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act To Ensure a Fair Workweek"

(H.P. 973) (L.D. 1345)

Sponsored by Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SHEATS of Auburn, TEPLER of Topsham.

Bill "An Act Regarding Local Workforce Development Boards"

(H.P. 981) (L.D. 1359)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Criminal History Record Checks for All Prospective and Current Staff Members of the Office of the State Auditor"

(H.P. 968) (L.D. 1340)

Sponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Submitted by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Place Official Business Directional Signs at Certain Intersections"

(H.P. 963) (L.D. 1335)

Sponsored by Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill.

Bill "An Act To Preserve and Protect the State's Rail Corridors"

(H.P. 989) (L.D. 1367)

Sponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, MARTIN of Greene, PERKINS of Oakland, SHEATS of Auburn, TERRY of Gorham, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Authorize Sports Wagering"

(H.P. 976) (L.D. 1348)

Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, HARNETT of Gardiner, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Sinclair, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, RISEMAN of Harrison, VEROW of Brewer, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

Bill "An Act Regarding State Licensure for the Sale of Spirits for Off-premises Consumption"

(H.P. 979) (L.D. 1357)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Election of the Governor by Majority Vote

(H.P. 987) (L.D. 1365)

Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, KESSLER of South Portland, VEROW of Brewer.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Ensure That Voting Rights Belong Only to Citizens in Municipal or Other Local Elections

(H.P. 993) (L.D. 1372)

Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Cosponsored by Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.
REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.
Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Health and Human Services**

Representative HYMANSON for the **Department of Health and Human Services** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 40: Home Health Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 978) (L.D. 1356)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**ENACTORS
Emergency Measure**

An Act To Clarify That Food, Food Additives and Food Products Containing Hemp-derived Cannabidiol Produced and Sold within the State Are Not Adulterated and To Match the State's Definition of "Hemp" to the Definition in Federal Law

(H.P. 459) (L.D. 630)
(C. "A" H-10)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 116 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Enhance Fish and Wildlife Laws
(H.P. 941) (L.D. 1298)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 126 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)** on Bill "An Act To Raise the University of Maine System Debt Ceiling"
(H.P. 169) (L.D. 206)

Signed:
Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
DRINKWATER of Milford
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

On motion of Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)** on Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program
(H.P. 197) (L.D. 234)

Signed:
Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester

MADIGAN of Waterville
O'CONNOR of Berwick
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals"

(H.P. 172) (L.D. 209)

Signed:
Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
KINNEY of Knox
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
REED of Carmel
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias
VEROW of Brewer

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representative:

HEAD of Bethel

READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS
Acts

An Act To Reinstate the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to College Savings Accounts
(S.P. 24) (L.D. 71)
(C. "A" S-5)

An Act To Ensure Responsible Operation of Political Action Committees
(S.P. 68) (L.D. 256)
(C. "A" S-6)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:
Senator:

GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representative:

MEYER of Eliot

READ.

On motion of Representative HYMANSON of York, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Resolve was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for Tobacco Specialty Stores"

(H.P. 269) (L.D. 343)

Signed:
Senators:

GRATWICK of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
MEYER of Eliot
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
O'CONNOR of Berwick

READ.

On motion of Representative HYMANSON of York, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 19, 2019, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Investigations by the Bureau of Forestry"

(H.P. 944) (L.D. 1301)

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested)

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PENDING - **REFERENCE**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 424)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow for the Recovery and Redistribution of Food in Public Schools"

(S.P. 419) (L.D. 1351)

Bill "An Act To Address Violent Behavior in the Classroom"

(S.P. 425) (L.D. 1370)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Ensure Nondiscriminatory Treatment of Public, Educational and Governmental Access Channels by Cable System Operators"

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1371)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish Transparency in Primary Health Care Spending"

(S.P. 421) (L.D. 1353)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for Consistency Regarding Persons Authorized To Conduct Examinations for Involuntary Hospitalization and Guardianship"

(S.P. 420) (L.D. 1352)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Penalties for State and Teacher Retirees Who Return to Employment"

(S.P. 422) (L.D. 1354)

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Civilian Employees Who Work for the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab and Computer Crimes Unit"

(S.P. 423) (L.D. 1355)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dover-Foxcroft, Representative Higgins.

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I ask permission to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Dover-Foxcroft has requested permission to speak on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed on the record.

Representative **HIGGINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. On this special day, I took great pride this morning as a veteran to stand tall and with pride and salute our flag in honor of John McCain. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

On motion of Representative BLUME of York, the House adjourned at 12:12 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 424) and in honor and lasting tribute to Carol A. Fogg, of Raymond Pond and Punta Gorda, Florida and Guyula B. Thompson, of Beals.