

# One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature First Regular Session

# Secretary's Report – Friday, January 29, 2021

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- 2-1 (SP100) Joint rule 308.2 letter, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-2 (SP112) Joint rule 308.2 letter, Jan. 27, 2021
- 2-3 (SP122) Joint rule 308.2 letter, Jan. 28, 2021

#### Communications from the President of the Senate:

- 2-4 (SC83) Appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules, Jan. 22, 2021
- 2-5 (SC84) Appointments to the Senate Rules Committee, Jan. 22, 2021
- 2-6 (SC85) Appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics, Jan. 22, 2021
- 2-7 (SC86) Appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, Jan. 22, 2021
- 2-8 (SC87) Appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills, Jan. 22, 2021
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- 2-10 (SC89) Appointments to the Apportionment Commission, Jan. 25, 2021
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#### Communications from the Speaker of the House:

- 2-12 (SC76) Rep. William Pluecker of Warren to the Board of Agriculture, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-13 (SC77) Rep. Grayson Lookner of Portland and Rep. Bruce White of Waterville to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-14 (SC78) Rep. Margaret Craven of Lewiston and Rep. Erin Sheehan of Biddeford to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-15 (SC79) Rep. Traci Gere of Kennebunkport and Rep. Edward Crockett of Portland to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-16 (SC80) Rep. Laurie Osher of Orono to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-17 (SC81) Rep. Rebecca Millett of South Portland to the New England Board of Higher Education, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-18 (SC82) Rep. David McCrea of Fort Fairfield and Rep. Nicole Grohoski of Ellsworth to the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, Jan. 21, 2021
- 2-19 (SC90) Rep. Laurel Libby of Auburn to the Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, Jan. 26, 2021
- 2-20 (SC91) Rep. Lydia Blume of York Beach to the Maine Climate Council, Jan. 26, 2021
- 2-21 (SC92) Rep. James Thorne of Carmel to the Maine Climate Council, Jan. 26, 2021

#### Communications from the Governor:

- 2-22 (SC93) The Honorable Patrick Paradis of Augusta nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-23 (SC94) Lee C. Umphrey of Bangor nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-24 (SC95) The Honorable Jeremy R. Fischer of Yarmouth nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-25 (SC96) The Honorable Lynn Bromley of South Portland nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-26 (SC97) Benjamin M. Shaw of Mapleton nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-27 (SC98) Kris Doody, RN of Caribou nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-28 (SC99) Timothy D. Crowley of Caribou nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-29 (SC100) Suzie S. Paradis of Fort Kent nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021
- 2-30 (SC101) Galen Weibley of Chapman nominated to the Loring Development Authority, Jan. 25, 2021

#### Communications from Department Heads and Others:

- 2-31 (SC102) Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority report, Jan. 13, 2021
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- 2-34 (SC107) Finance Authority of Maine report, Jan. 27, 2021
- 2-35 (SC108) Maine Public Employees Retirement System report, Jan. 27, 2021
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#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 25, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau Speaker of the House 130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 25, 2021, 23 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 25, 2021, as follows:

#### **Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 93) (L.D. 204) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative BERNARD of Caribou and Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle)

#### **Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission" (S.P. 92) (L.D. 203) (Sponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington) (Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and Representatives: TUELL of East Machias, PERRY of Calais)

#### **Health and Human Services**

Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services (S.P. 84) (L.D. 196) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell)

Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds (S.P. 85) (L.D. 197) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth and Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Representatives: WARREN of Hallowell, CRAVEN of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland)

#### **Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions" (S.P. 88) (L.D. 199) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: STEARNS of Guilford) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

#### Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction (S.P. 83) (L.D. 195) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative BELL of Yarmouth)

#### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads" (S.P. 80) (L.D. 192) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, BRENNER of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York)

#### **Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies" (S.P. 77) (L.D. 189) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Corrections Officers Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan" (S.P. 78) (L.D. 190) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook)

#### **State and Local Government**

Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County (S.P. 81) (L.D. 193) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Senator: KEIM of Oxford)

#### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry" (S.P. 76) (L.D. 188) (Sponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, TERRY of Gorham, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, MATLACK of St. George, MARTIN of Eagle Lake)

Bill "An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes" (S.P. 79) (L.D. 191) (Sponsored by Senator BAILEY of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MAXMIN of Lincoln, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York)

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils" (S.P. 86) (L.D. 198) (Sponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham and Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MATLACK of St. George, OSHER of Orono, BICKFORD of Auburn)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Weatherization in the Buildings Sector by Extending the Sunset Date for the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit" (S.P. 90) (L.D. 201) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, BAILEY of York, Representatives: TALBOT ROSS of Portland, ROBERTS of South Berwick, CLOUTIER of Lewiston)

Bill "An Act To Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program" (S.P. 97) (L.D. 229) (Sponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative DUCHARME of Madison and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, CURRY of Waldo, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative: TERRY of Gorham)

#### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Refuse To Issue or To Recall a Vanity Registration Plate with Vulgar, Obscene, Contemptuous or Profane Language" (S.P. 89) (L.D. 200) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot)

Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor (S.P. 95) (L.D. 227) (Sponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, DUNPHY of Old Town, CARDONE of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville, SUPICA of Bangor)

Bill "An Act To Allow Travel in a Center Lane of a Restricted Highway" (S.P. 96) (L.D. 228) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland)

Bill "An Act To Allow Low-beam Headlights on Motorcycles To Flash during Daytime Hours" (S.P. 98) (L.D. 230) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, DOUDERA of Camden)

#### **Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 82) (L.D. 194) (Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, ANDREWS of Paris, DOLLOFF of Milton Township)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting (S.P. 91) (L.D. 202) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and Senator: President JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: McCREIGHT of Harpswell, HARNETT of Gardiner, MATLACK of St. George, DOUDERA of Camden, GEIGER of Rockland)

Bill "An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 94) (L.D. 205) (Sponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford)

Bill "An Act To Establish Open Primaries" (S.P. 99) (L.D. 231) (Sponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, HEPLER of Woolwich, RISEMAN of Harrison, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, WARREN of Scarborough)

Sincerely,
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S/Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt Clerk of the House

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#### STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 27, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau Speaker of the House 130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 27, 2021, 10 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 27, 2021, as follows:

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 101) (L.D. 240) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland)

#### **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission" (S.P. 103) (L.D. 242) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec)

#### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Education System" (S.P. 108) (L.D. 247) (Sponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland)

#### **Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act Regarding Rural Water Districts" (S.P. 106) (L.D. 245) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative: COSTAIN of Plymouth)

Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine" (S.P. 111) (L.D. 249) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representatives: WADSWORTH of Hiram, FOSTER of Dexter)

#### **Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law" (S.P. 105) (L.D. 244) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis)

#### Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Bill "An Act Regarding the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund" (S.P. 107) (L.D. 246) (Sponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MILLETT of Waterford)

#### **Labor and Housing**

Bill "An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health" (S.P. 110) (L.D. 248) (Sponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

#### **State and Local Government**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee" (S.P. 104) (L.D. 243) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford)

#### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs" (S.P. 102) (L.D. 241) (Sponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representative: WHITE of Waterville)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt Clerk of the House

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#### STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 28, 2021

Hon. Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 130th Legislature

Hon. Ryan M. Fecteau Speaker of the House 130th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 28, 2021, 6 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on January 28, 2021, as follows:

#### Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State" (S.P. 118) (L.D. 268) (Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot)

#### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries" (S.P. 121) (L.D. 270) (Sponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: STEARNS of Guilford, SAMPSON of Alfred)

#### **Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Provide Women Access to Affordable Postpartum Care" (S.P. 114) (L.D. 265) (Sponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, WHITE of Waterville, PERRY of Calais)

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters" (S.P. 120) (L.D. 269) (Sponsored by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland)

#### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate" (S.P. 115) (L.D. 266) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail (S.P. 116) (L.D. 267) (Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt Clerk of the House

# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 354, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin, Chair Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc Senator Ann Carney of Cumberland Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake of Androscoggin Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson President of the Senate

# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Senate Rules Committee:

Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin, Chair Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc Senator Mark W. Lawrence of York Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake of Androscoggin Senator Matthew Pouliot of Kennebec

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson President of the Senate

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# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Conduct and Ethics:

Senator Susan Deschambault of York, Chair Senator Bill Diamond of Cumberland Senator Marianne Moore of Washington Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Penobscot

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson President of the Senate

# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading:

Senator Louis J. Luchini of Hancock Senator David Miramant of Knox Senator Scott W. Cyrway of Kennebec Senator Kimberley C. Rosen of Penobscot

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson President of the Senate

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# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Engrossed Bills:

Senator Heather Sanborn of Cumberland Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot Senator David Woodsome of York Senator Bradlee Thomas Farrin of Somerset

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson President of the Senate

# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 22, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Order 3, I have made the following appointments to the Committee on Senatorial Vote:

Senator Ned Claxton of Androscoggin, Chair Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc Senator Richard Bennett of Oxford Senator Paul Davis of Piscataquis Senator Marianne Moore of Washington

Sincerely,

S/Troy Dale Jackson President of the Senate

# STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I have appointed the following to serve as members of the Apportionment Commission:

Senator Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook Senator Nathan L. Libby of Androscoggin

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S/Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

# THE STATE OF MAINE 130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 27, 2021

Honorable Janet T. Mills Governor #1 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor Mills,

On behalf of the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature, we would like to invite you to deliver your State of the State Address. Whereas the novel coronavirus has led the Legislature to take new and necessary safety precautions, we would ask you to deliver your Address in writing accompanied by a video stream to be shared with the Legislature and the public.

We look forward to coordinating any details necessary to see that your Address is received by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 5, §125.2-G, I am pleased to appoint Representative William Pluecker of Warren to seat 15 on the Board of Agriculture.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Part 10-A, Ch. 319, §3371.2-B, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission:

Representative Bruce White of Waterville Representative Grayson Lookner of Portland

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 3, MRSA, Ch. 10, §227, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission:

Representative Margaret Craven of Lewiston Representative Erin Sheehan of Biddeford

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, Part 1, Ch. 1-A, §11.4-A2, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the Citizen Trade Policy Commission:

Representative Traci Gere of Kennebunkport Representative Edward Crockett of Portland

Should you have questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 7, MRSA, Part 23, Ch. 501, §19202.2-B, I am pleased to appoint Representative Laurie Osher of Orono to the Maine HIV Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau Speaker of the House

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 20-A, Chapter 413, §11053 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Representative Rebecca Millett of South Portland to the New England Board of Higher Education.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau Speaker of the House

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

January 21, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under M.R.S.A. Title 3, §231, I am pleased to appoint the following Representatives to the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission:

Representative David McCrea of Fort Fairfield Representative Nicole Grohoski of Ellsworth

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

January 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under S.P. 602, I am pleased to appoint Representative Laurel Libby of Auburn to the Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council.

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

Sincerely,

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

January 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to reappoint Representative Lydia Blume of York Beach to the Maine Climate Council.

Should you have questions regarding this reappointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

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

January 26, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Grant,

Pursuant to my authority under Title 38, MRSA, Ch. 3-A, §577-A, I am pleased to appoint Representative James Thorne of Carmel to the Maine Climate Council.

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

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Patrick Paradis of Augusta to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating the Honorable Patrick Paradis of Augusta for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Lee C. Umphrey of Bangor to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Lee C. Umphrey of Bangor for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Jeremy R. Fischer of Yarmouth to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating the Honorable Jeremy R. Fischer of Yarmouth for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of the Honorable Lynn Bromley of South Portland to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating the Honorable Lynn Bromley of South Portland for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Benjamin M. Shaw of Mapleton to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Benjamin M. Shaw of Mapleton for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Kris Doody, RN of Caribou to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Kris Doody, RN of Caribou for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Timothy D. Crowley of Caribou to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Timothy D. Crowley of Caribou for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Suzie S. Paradis of Fort Kent to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Suzie S. Paradis of Fort Kent for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Appointment of Galen Weibley of Chapman to the Loring Development Authority

Dear President Jackson:

This is to inform you that I am today nominating Galen Weibley of Chapman for appointment to the Loring Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13080-B, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills Governor

# MIDCOAST REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BRUNSWICK, MAINE

January 13, 2021

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A, Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

MRRA was created in 2006 by the Maine Legislature (5 MRSA §13083-G) as a municipal corporation charged with the responsibility to implement the reuse master plans for Naval Air Station Brunswick (NAS Brunswick) and the Topsham Annex, which closed as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Jeffrey K. Jordan Deputy Director

# STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 13, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate

Honorable Ryan Fecteau Speaker of the House of Representatives

Honorable Janet T. Mills Governor of Maine

I am pleased to submit the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit in reference to the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Auditing standards require us to communicate audit matters that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report is being communicated in accordance with 5 MRSA §243.

This document contains the following report and schedule:

- Communication with Those Charge with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit
- Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about the Communication with Those Charged with Governance at the Conclusion of the Audit.

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S/Matthew Dunlap State Auditor

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# MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PORTLAND, MAINE

January 27, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and

Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-

**Independent State Entities** 

Dear Senate President Jackson,

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2021. The reports include: a list of all procurements in 2020 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived; a list of contributions made in 2020 that exceed \$1,000. Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2020, therefore, there is nothing to report.

In 2020, the Maine Turnpike Authority made \$158 million in payments to approximately 680 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$144 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$12 million in 2020. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Respectfully,		
S/Peter Mills		
Executive Director		

# FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE 94 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332

January 27, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Troy Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and President Jackson:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine due February 1, 2021.

FAME has clarified in its travel, meals, and entertainment policies that its board of directors approves the annual budgets for travel, meals, and entertainment, and that staff must furnish periodic reports to the board on such costs as required by 5 M.R.S.A. § 12022(5)(E). These practices have long been the case but were not specifically recited in the policies as such.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.	
Sincerely,	
S/Bruce Wagner Chief Executive Officer	

# MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 27, 2021

Honorable Troy D. Jackson President of the Senate 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Ryan Fecteau Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) due by February 1, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely, S/Sandra J. Matheson Executive Director

# STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 26, 2021

Sincerely,

The Honorable Troy Jackson, President Maine State Senate

Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Speaker Maine House of Representatives State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to 1 MRSA §411, the Right to Know Advisory Committee is pleased to submit its fifteenth report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees or individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at <a href="http://legislature.maine.gov/opla">http://legislature.maine.gov/opla</a>.

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S/Thomas Harnett, Chair		