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Senate called to order by President Kevin L. Raye of Washington County.

Prayer by Pastor Frank Gleason of the Maranatha Assembly Church in Anson.

PASTOR GLEASON: Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, Mr. Assistant Secretary, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, let us pray. Gracious God, we thank You today for the opportunity to serve. Let us be ever mindful that we serve not only our constituents, but also each other. We ask today that wisdom will be sweet to our souls and lead us towards a bright future, that our hopes not be cut short, but bring forth light and joy. May we not be confined by conventional thought, but our minds be renewed by good counsel, yet remain ever true to our convictions. Give us strength to embrace the struggles of our differences. Let humility precede honor and truth stand the test of time. We are mindful today of President Raye's wife, Karen. We ask, Lord, that You be with her through her illness. May You grant her a full and speedy recovery. We ask for strength and comfort for her and her husband in these coming days. We also remember the words we carry on the coins in our pockets; In God We Trust. Lord, give us direction and understanding now and for ever more. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

Doctors of the day, Carla Burkley, MD and William Talpey, Jr. MD of Auburn.

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Joint Order

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMANS SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prosecution of Individuals Possessing a Controlled Substance under Certain Circumstances"

H.P. 1348 L.D. 1827

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1328.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill and accompanying papers **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1272 L.D. 1723

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

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**. Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Pull Events Commission"

H.P. 1294 L.D. 1759

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-701)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-701)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-701) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Expand the Capacity of York County Community College"

H.P. 457 L.D. 627

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-699).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-699).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-699) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day"

H.P. 1230 L.D. 1640

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-705).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-705).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-705) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate
Ought to Pass

Senator RECTOR for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Employment Security Law" S.P. 614 L.D. 1777

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

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Remove a Barrier to Response by Emergency Medical Personnel"

S.P. 531 L.D. 1621

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

Signed:

Senator:
THOMAS of Somerset

Representatives:
CEBRA of Naples
GILLWAY of Searsport
PARRY of Arundel
RIOUX of Winterport
ROSEN of Bucksport
WILLETTE of Mapleton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-386).**

Signed:

Senators:
COLLINS of York
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
MAZUREK of Rockland
PEOPLES of Westbrook
THERIAULT of Madawaska

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

SECOND READERS

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Create Fair and Open Competition in Line Extension Construction"

H.P. 695 L.D. 935
(C "A" H-695)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

Senate

Bill "An Act To Promote Jobs in the Motor Coach Industry by Providing a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Buses"

S.P. 594 L.D. 1735

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 580 L.D. 1681
(C "A" S-384)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Sales Tax Exemption for the Sale and Delivery of Off-peak Electricity for Electric Thermal Storage Devices" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 554 L.D. 1655
(C "A" S-383)

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Amend Deferred Disposition under the Maine Juvenile Code

H.P. 1206 L.D. 1599

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study Multidistrict Online Learning Options in Maine

S.P. 206 L.D. 675
(C "B" S-375)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/9/12) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Enforce Prompt Payment to Career and Technical Education Regions"
H.P. 1304 L.D. 1772

Report - **Ought to Pass**

Tabled - February 9, 2012, by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**, in concurrence

(In House, February 8, 2012, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In Senate, February 9, 2012, Report **READ**.)

Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE**.

On motion by Senator **SCHNEIDER** of Penobscot, Senate Amendment "A" (S-385) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Schneider.

Senator **SCHNEIDER:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise because I know where this bill comes from and why. I want to give you a little bit of history about it. First of all, I think, unfortunately, it's one of those bills that is borne out of one particular case. It's another bill that I think is pretty unnecessary. This has to do with the sending schools paying our career/technical schools. I don't know of any sending schools who don't want to pay their career/technical schools. Unfortunately, this was borne out of a very difficult situation from my Senate District. What happened was one of our superintendents had been accounting for a carry forward that didn't exist for several years. As a result, they were over \$1 million in the hole and they worked very hard to solve this economic difficulty. In that time period, apparently they became backed up on paying many of their creditors, but one of them being their responsibilities to the career/technical school in Region 3. It was in no way deliberate, the delay, nor a desire of theirs to delay. However, they didn't have the means to pay. Unfortunately, this bill, I think, is a knee jerk reaction, in essence, to force sending schools to pay in a very short time period when they become in a financial pickle to their career/technical schools. Unfortunately, I think that this is really not necessary, but I'm willing to go along with the legislation. I do think that the time period should be longer because what this bill allows is, if they go beyond two months in paying, the career/technical school can take the sending school to court. All of a sudden a problem that probably could be solved given a little bit more time becomes a massive problem for the sending schools. This is one bill that,

unfortunately, doesn't just impact my district, but now impacts the entire state. Every single one of your districts, if any one sending school ends up with some kind financial difficulty and lapses beyond their two months to pay their career/technical school, that sending school can now be taken to court, clogging up our court system. For what reason? Not really a good reason because it's not like the sending school doesn't want to pay. It's that they may need additional time to pay. I talked with the sponsor of the bill and I have spoken with the Chair to say, "Look, if we're going to support this legislation, let's give a little additional time so we don't end up creating a situation that is more contentious, more adversarial, and really clogs up our courts. It potentially has the outcome of clogging up and making it more difficult for the judiciary." What my amendment does is it lengthens the period of time from two months to four months. There might be an argument that we are aligning this legislation with municipalities paying county government, which is apples and oranges. I bet you a lot of your towns would like to not pay county government. Well, I've not met a sending school that wants to stiff, by choice, the career/technical schools. By voting for this legislation as it is, first of all, frankly, I think it's unnecessary legislation and I thought this Legislature, in particular, was one that didn't pass unnecessary laws. I think that this is an unnecessary law, first, but if we're going to pass it, let's not make it so difficult and arduous that we end up adding to our judicial. We just the Judiciary come forward saying they have less resources already, or not enough resources to do what they already need to do get done. Let's not add this and give enough time for sending schools, which four months is not a lot of time by the way. Let's at least give them four months if and when they should run into financial predicaments, which was by no means something that they thought was going to happen to them or wanted to happen. They support, thoroughly, their technical schools. I can assure you of that. To me, this is a knee jerk reaction. It's a bill that's really not necessary and it's, again, passing a law because of one situation. I hope you will support my amendment, first of all, and then think carefully about this bill in its total, whether it's really needed. Another bill, another law, going down that road. More bureaucracy, etcetera, etcetera. Thank you very much, men and women of the Senate.

Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock moved to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Senate Amendment "A" (S-385).

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley.

Senator **LANGLEY:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, this bill came to us and came out of committee with a unanimous Ought to Pass. There are a couple of other sides of the story. This, in essence, isn't creating a new law, but adding the word "technical centers and regions" to an already established statute that is in effect for school administrative unit assessments and regional school unit assessments that authorize the imposition of interest on unpaid installments. What really happens is, when those payments aren't made, they have to go out and borrow the money. They had their budget. They had a cooperative agreement. Everything was in place. The payments didn't come in. Their people weren't able to be paid. Bills on the technical schools weren't able to be paid. They had to go out and borrow the money. Guess what? They've got to pay interest. This just aligns it. If the amendment was to go through, we would

have in statute one policy right up above it that said 60 days, another policy below it that would say four months, and then you would have, I think, a contradiction in statute that precedent would be set and those other administrative units would say, "How is it that the technical schools can be paid in four months and we have to pay in 60 months?" I think it would create more litigation than less litigation. We're just asking to add the technical centers, the technical regions, to an existing piece of policy so that they would be included. It is really, in essence, one or two words that would be added to existing policy. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Schneider.

Senator **SCHNEIDER:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I urge you to reject the Indefinite Postponement. I just want to say again, I don't think that this is a lot to ask. I don't think that it matters that there is a difference here. I think that it gives enough time so that we don't add to our judicial problems for no good reason. If they were trying to, in this particular case, shirk their responsibilities intentionally, I could understand that, but I don't know any sending school that wants to do that. Again, we are reacting to a situation that is one situation that occurred. I don't think you will find any others. I urge you to reject this motion and then think seriously about how you want to vote for the entire bill. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley to Indefinitely Postpone Senate Amendment "A" (S-385). A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#359)

YEAS: Senators: COLLINS, COURTNEY, FARNHAM, HASTINGS, KATZ, LANGLEY, MARTIN, MASON, MCCORMICK, PLOWMAN, RECTOR, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - KEVIN L. RAYE

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BRANNIGAN, CRAVEN, DIAMOND, DILL, GERZOFOSKY, GOODALL, HILL, HOBBS, JACKSON, JOHNSON, PATRICK, SCHNEIDER, SULLIVAN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** Senate Amendment "A" (S-385), **PREVAILED**.

On motion by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Schneider.

Senator **SCHNEIDER:** Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I'll be brief. I just wanted to reiterate that this is a completely unnecessary law that we're about to pass. I challenge you to find a situation where a sending school wants to, in any way, stiff their career/technical schools. It doesn't happen. This bill was borne out of a situation where there was a financial difficulty that a sending school ran into. I know this because it's in my Senate District. I can assure you that that school wanted to pay and they've worked it out. They've worked it out. They had to borrow money themselves to pay. It would have been very unfortunate if this had been in place. It would have added a serious glitch to them. I know that it was not that they didn't want to help and pay their bills. I assure you of that. This is not going to help matters. This is just going to make it more difficult and I don't believe in adding laws that are; a, unnecessary; b, could create a more difficult situation by ending up in the courts, because that is what would have happen in this case. It is very likely that this would have ended up in courts. I urge you to vote against this piece of legislation and I appreciate your time. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Dill.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you Mr. President. If I may ask a question through the Chair?

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may pose her question.

Senator **DILL:** Thank you Mr. President. My question is whether there is an addition to the example that was described by the Senator from Penobscot? Any other situations that this legislation would address.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Dill poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may wish to answer. The pending question before the Senate is Passage to be Engrossed. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#360)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BRANNIGAN, COLLINS, COURTNEY, FARNHAM, GERZOFOSKY, GOODALL, HASTINGS, HILL, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MARTIN, MASON, MCCORMICK, PATRICK, PLOWMAN, RECTOR, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - KEVIN L. RAYE

NAYS: Senators: CRAVEN, DIAMOND, DILL, HOBBS, SCHNEIDER, SULLIVAN

29 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 6 Senators having voted in the negative, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ordered sent forthwith to the Engrossing Division.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/21/12) Assigned matter:

NOMINATION - of Brian H. Noyes of South Freeport for appointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tabled - February 21, 2012, by Senator **PLOWMAN** of Penobscot

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 21, 2012, Communication (S.C. 714) from the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 125th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#361)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BRANNIGAN, COLLINS, COURTNEY, CRAVEN, DIAMOND, DILL, FARNHAM, GERZOFKY, GOODALL, HASTINGS, HILL, HOBBS, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MARTIN, MASON, MCCORMICK, PATRICK, PLOWMAN, RECTOR, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, SULLIVAN, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - KEVIN L. RAYE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Brian H. Noyes** of South Freeport for appointment to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/21/12) Assigned matter:

NOMINATION - of the Honorable Vinton E. Cassidy of Calais for appointment to the State Board of Corrections

Tabled - February 21, 2012, by Senator **PLOWMAN** of Penobscot

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 21, 2012, Communication (S.C. 715) from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator **DIAMOND:** Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, just a quick word about Vin Cassidy. I had the opportunity to work with him when he was Senator Cassidy, representing the county of Washington. We were able to work out a lot of problems in the county through the motor vehicle building there and some problems that were arising. He was a tireless worker. I'm really pleased to see that he is going to be on the board because he will not only represent the county but the entire state very, very well. He's a class act. For those of you who don't know him, I encourage you to get to know him. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 125th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#362)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BRANNIGAN, COLLINS, COURTNEY, CRAVEN, DIAMOND, DILL, FARNHAM, GERZOFKY, GOODALL, HASTINGS, HILL, HOBBS, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MARTIN, MASON, MCCORMICK, PATRICK, PLOWMAN, RECTOR, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SNOWE-MELLO, SULLIVAN, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - KEVIN L. RAYE

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of the Honorable **Vinton E. Cassidy** of Calais for appointment to the State Board of Corrections was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/21/12) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 632 L.D. 1828

Tabled - February 21, 2012, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin moved to **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (2/21/12) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Alternative Organizational Structure Budget Approval Process"

H.P. 1248 L.D. 1696

Report - **Ought to Pass**

Tabled - February 21, 2012, by Senator **PLOWMAN** of Penobscot

Pending - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, February 15, 2012, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In Senate, February 21, 2012, **READ A SECOND TIME**.)

Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **COURTNEY** of York, **ADJOURNED** to Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 10:00 in the morning.