

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
5th Legislative Day
Monday, June 7, 2021

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

Prayer by Reverend Mark Tanner, Skowhegan Federated Church.

National Anthem by Honorable John "Jack" E. Ducharme, Madison.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, June 3, 2021 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:

(H.P. 581) (L.D. 776) Bill "An Act To Amend the Length of Time and Circumstances for Which a Sheriff May Furlough Individuals Incarcerated in a County Jail" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 315) (L.D. 435) Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Certain Educational Collaboratives" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-408)**

(H.P. 375) (L.D. 512) Bill "An Act To Provide Intensive Case Managers to Counties That Do Not Have County Jails or Regional Jails" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-389)**

(H.P. 502) (L.D. 690) Bill "An Act To Ensure That Victims of Assault, Battery and False Imprisonment, Including Victims of Domestic Violence, Have Parity under Tort Law" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-395)**

(H.P. 550) (L.D. 745) Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Public Health by Expanding Access to Certain Health Programs and Services" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-399)**

(H.P. 570) (L.D. 765) Bill "An Act To Provide for Judicial Review in Compliance with the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-394)**

(H.P. 637) (L.D. 869) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-390)**

(H.P. 710) (L.D. 964) Bill "An Act To Expand Access to Certified Substance Use Disorder Recovery Residence Services" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-393)**

(H.P. 718) (L.D. 972) Bill "An Act To Establish the Rare Disease Advisory Council" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)**

(H.P. 920) (L.D. 1254) Bill "An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-407)**

(H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1476) Resolve, Directing the Maine Economic Growth Council To Create and Share Measures of Progress Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-400)**

(H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1570) Bill "An Act To Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-392)**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact

(H.P. 29) (L.D. 63)
(C. "A" H-235)

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. 109 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Improve the Rights and Basic Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injuries

(H.P. 404) (L.D. 559)
(C. "A" H-271)

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. 120 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Psychotic Disorders

(S.P. 261) (L.D. 674)
(C. "A" S-132)

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. 115 voted in favor of the same

and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Program

(H.P. 750) (L.D. 1012)
(C. "A" H-195)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine

(S.P. 389) (L.D. 1204)
(C. "A" S-156)

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. 112 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act Concerning the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and the Dispensing of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers

(H.P. 984) (L.D. 1333)
(C. "A" H-203)

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. 113 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide Services to Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens by Eliminating the Waiting Lists for Certain MaineCare Services

(S.P. 447) (L.D. 1360)
(C. "A" S-158)

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. 118 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Promote Outdoor Recreational Opportunities for Maine Students

(H.P. 1089) (L.D. 1474)
(C. "A" H-222)

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. 115 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.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Modify Dental Licensure Requirements To Consider Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions

(H.P. 1231) (L.D. 1660)

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. 112 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.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services and To Expand Eligibility for Targeted Case Management Services for Adults with Substance Use Disorder

(H.P. 299) (L.D. 415)
(C. "A" H-251)

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. 108 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine

(S.P. 195) (L.D. 488)
(C. "A" S-157)

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. 107 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use

(S.P. 272) (L.D. 684)
(C. "A" S-133)

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. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

(H.P. 825) (L.D. 1147)
(C. "A" H-278)

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. 106 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care
(H.P. 1020) (L.D. 1386)
(C. "A" H-276)

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. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Create a Stakeholder Group To Identify the Needs of Long-term Care Family Caregivers
(H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1624)
(C. "A" H-250)

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. 113 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 124: Emergency Medical Services Personnel Reporting Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
(H.P. 1224) (L.D. 1653)

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. 104 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Clarify the Timing of an Appeal of a Finding Regarding Involuntary Mental Health Treatment at a Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institution
(S.P. 46) (L.D. 38)
(C. "A" S-149)

An Act To Address Airboat Operation in the State
(H.P. 80) (L.D. 114)
(C. "A" H-238)

An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions
(H.P. 105) (L.D. 149)
(C. "A" H-214)

An Act To Increase Investment Caps in the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program
(S.P. 97) (L.D. 229)
(C. "A" S-138)

An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws
(H.P. 184) (L.D. 263)
(C. "A" H-239)

An Act To Preserve Deer Habitat
(H.P. 288) (L.D. 404)
(C. "A" H-254)

An Act Regarding Voluntary Participation in Work Projects by Inmates Who Are Pretrial, Presentence and Sentenced
(H.P. 303) (L.D. 419)
(C. "A" H-230)

An Act To Give Special Weight to Discriminatory Motive in Sentencing for False Public Alarm or Report
(S.P. 198) (L.D. 491)
(C. "A" S-143)

An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards
(S.P. 204) (L.D. 521)
(C. "A" S-135)

An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans
(S.P. 229) (L.D. 576)
(C. "A" S-139)

An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing
(H.P. 434) (L.D. 591)

An Act To Create a 24-hour Shelter Capital Project Funding Program
(H.P. 481) (L.D. 654)
(C. "A" H-202)

An Act To Increase the Amount to Which a State Employee or Teacher Retiree's Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Applied from \$20,000 to the Retiree's Actual Retirement Benefit
(H.P. 515) (L.D. 703)
(C. "A" H-200)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification
(H.P. 576) (L.D. 771)
(C. "A" H-220)

An Act To Include within the Definitions of "Public Employee" and "Judicial Employee" Those Who Have Been Employed for Less Than 6 Months
(H.P. 580) (L.D. 775)
(C. "A" H-191)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Corrections for Certified Batterer Intervention Programming
(H.P. 587) (L.D. 782)
(C. "A" H-281)

An Act To Affirm That Food Seeds Are a Necessity in Maine
(S.P. 225) (L.D. 822)
(C. "A" S-151)

An Act To Restructure the Taxation of Adult Use Marijuana
(H.P. 598) (L.D. 830)
(C. "A" H-267)

An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act
(H.P. 605) (L.D. 837)
(C. "A" H-270)

An Act To Promote Bulk Retail Purchasing
(H.P. 641) (L.D. 885)
(C. "A" H-227)

An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement

(H.P. 666) (L.D. 910)
(C. "A" H-223)

An Act To Limit Liability Regarding Donations of Menstrual Products

(S.P. 304) (L.D. 952)

An Act To Improve Dental Health Access for Maine Children and Adults with Low Incomes

(H.P. 734) (L.D. 996)
(C. "A" H-219)

An Act To Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff for Hunger Prevention

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1046)
(C. "A" H-253)

An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices

(H.P. 818) (L.D. 1140)
(C. "A" H-236)

An Act To Amend the Membership Requirements of the Board of Pesticides Control

(H.P. 837) (L.D. 1159)
(C. "A" H-211)

An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation

(H.P. 850) (L.D. 1172)
(C. "A" H-241)

An Act To Amend the State Tax Laws

(H.P. 891) (L.D. 1216)
(C. "A" H-269)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions

(H.P. 896) (L.D. 1221)

An Act To Allow Unlicensed Persons To Sell Caskets To Bury Human Remains

(H.P. 948) (L.D. 1287)
(C. "A" H-260)

An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared

(H.P. 955) (L.D. 1299)
(C. "A" H-252)

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program

(H.P. 972) (L.D. 1316)
(C. "A" H-224)

An Act To Prohibit Employers from Retaliating against the Use of Earned Paid Leave

(H.P. 989) (L.D. 1338)
(C. "A" H-193)

An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws

(H.P. 1010) (L.D. 1376)
(C. "A" H-225)

An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force

(H.P. 1057) (L.D. 1441)
(C. "A" H-199)

An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners

(H.P. 1097) (L.D. 1482)
(C. "A" H-249)

An Act To Update the Classification of Service Employees

(H.P. 1103) (L.D. 1489)
(C. "A" H-194)

An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda

(H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1536)
(C. "A" H-272)

An Act To Make Minor Changes and Corrections to Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection

(H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1635)

An Act To Make the Shared Living Program Accessible for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

(S.P. 536) (L.D. 1649)
(C. "A" S-152)

Was 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.

Resolves

Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds

(S.P. 85) (L.D. 197)
(C. "A" S-131)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 234: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

(H.P. 141) (L.D. 206)
(C. "A" H-207)

Resolve, Directing an Examination of Issues Related to Operation of Watercraft on Waters of the State

(H.P. 247) (L.D. 349)
(C. "A" H-234)

Resolve, To Improve the Individualized Education Program Process

(H.P. 397) (L.D. 552)
(C. "A" H-247)

Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study Safe and Stable Housing in Lodging Facilities

(S.P. 268) (L.D. 681)
(C. "A" S-155)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development and a Representative from the Office of the Governor To Study the Softwood Pulp Industry

(H.P. 573) (L.D. 768)
(C. "A" H-261)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Issues Related to Hunting Dogs and Civil Trespass

(H.P. 575) (L.D. 770)
(C. "A" H-226)

Resolve, Directing the Department of the Secretary of State To Develop Website Information Related to Promoting Benefit Corporations

(H.P. 614) (L.D. 846)
(C. "A" H-237)

Resolve, To Create the Working Group To Design Jail Resource Navigator Services for Maine County Jails

(H.P. 747) (L.D. 1009)
(C. "A" H-218)

Resolve, Directing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Review Preliminary Injunctions in Judicial Separation and Divorce Actions

(S.P. 363) (L.D. 1102)
(C. "A" S-154)

Resolve, To Require Maine Postsecondary Educational Institutions To Review the Level of Student Debt and Develop Plans To Limit Student Debt

(H.P. 830) (L.D. 1152)
(C. "A" H-221)

Resolve, Regarding Electronic Tagging of Big Game Animals

(H.P. 888) (L.D. 1213)
(C. "A" H-257)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their Lifespans

(S.P. 412) (L.D. 1262)
(C. "A" S-150)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct an Assessment of Human Trafficking in the State

(H.P. 976) (L.D. 1324)
(C. "A" H-277)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Administer a Fund To Provide Seasonal and Tourism Industry Recovery Grants

(S.P. 480) (L.D. 1493)
(C. "A" S-144)

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require Annual Information Reporting by the Maine Information and Analysis Center"

(S.P. 19) (L.D. 12)

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RECKITT of South Portland
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SHARPE of Durham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-134)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Pollution from Single-use Plastic Straws, Splash Sticks and Beverage Lid Plugs"

(S.P. 241) (L.D. 602)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias
ZEIGLER of Montville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)** on Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program

(S.P. 24) (L.D. 17)

Signed:
Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
JAVNER of Chester

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-148)**.

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 140

YEA - Alley, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Bernard, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Hall, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perry, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Bickford, Blier, Carmichael, Cebra, Connor, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Head, Javner, Johansen, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Martin, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Underwood, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Berry, Bradstreet, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Mason, Perry, Sharpe.

Yes, 107; No, 34; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

107 having voted in the affirmative and 34 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)** 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" (S-148)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services"

(S.P. 414) (L.D. 1263)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CONNOR of Lewiston
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-146)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-146)**.

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot, moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative Stover.

Representative **STOVER**: Thank you, Speaker. I wish to speak to LD 1263. The Office of Child and Family Services within the Department of Health and Human Services exists for several functions. The one that we're thinking about right now is child welfare and it was the reason for the bill to be brought forward, to separate that from the larger department.

I would like to express my concerns about that because it is much more than child welfare that's at hand. We also, within the Office of Child and Family Services includes children's mental health, developmental disabilities, child care, and the ability to work in an interagency function with Office of Family Independence and also with child support. So, all of those

things would be lost if it were to be moved out and also it would not achieve savings; it would actually, in my opinion, be more expensive, enormous and daunting. And it really wouldn't address the concerns that were put forth, which I think we all share, which is to at all costs ensure that children have safety and that we reduce violence against children and child death. Therefore, I ask you to vote with me Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)** on 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)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-137)**.

READ.

Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative BERNARD of Caribou **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Madison, Representative Ducharme.

Representative **DUCHARME**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in opposition to this Ought to Pass motion. When this bill came before our committee, it was originally a study to talk about voluntary contractor licensing. And after testimony

determined that voluntary licensing was actually no licensing, according to the commissioner, the bill was changed after public hearing to a resolve to direct the department to develop draft registration program, which is a completely different bill than a bill to study voluntary licensing. So, I would urge that we not pass this because this bill has not had a proper public hearing. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Berwick, Representative Roberts.

Representative **ROBERTS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I rise in support of the pending motion. The bill and amendment before us directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to submit a draft registration program for general contractors guided by parameters set by the committee. The department shall report back to the committee and the committee may report out a bill based on that report should it see fit to do so.

So, to be clear, this bill is not licensing or creating a registry for general contractors. We are simply taking a deeper and more deliberate dive into the issue, as previous Legislatures have. This is not the first or probably the last time you will hear this from me. When it comes to professional or occupational regulation, there are three important factors; public safety, consumer protection and workplace safety. If any of these three present an issue then I feel we have then hit a point where action needs to be taken.

I admittedly didn't even know that we did not license or register general contractors in Maine until testimony came before the committee. This testimony was from many people who have been wronged by people they entrusted with their property and had no reasonable recourse unless they wanted to spend months or years and countless dollars in litigation, assuming the contractor did not leave town or file bankruptcy. To this day, Maine regulates a multitude of construction fields or building trades; plumbing, electrical, engineering, code enforcement, and more, but not contractors. Consumers are left with no objective criteria on which to judge some of our most expensive decisions. A general contractor employs architects, engineers, lawyers, landscaper architects, electricians, plumbers, interior designers, well pump repair people and more, who require some type of license, but our contractors remain unregulated. Something that could provide them with an impressive marketing credential. Because registrations are not mandatory, like licensure is, it would give them an option. This is a path we are starting on and I hope you will follow my light and support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. When you look over, you know, you look over this past year's session, there's better than two dozen bills that have gone through this Body here dealing with occupational licensing and the barriers that occupational licensing are putting up to, you know, folks from away, whether it's new Mainers or folks from other states trying to come here and go to work and provide for their families.

You know, we've heard from engineers and electricians and veterans and accountants and, you know, the list goes on and on and on. And these bills are not Republican bills, they're also Democrat bills, they're also our Independent friends' bills. It's recognized statewide that finding people to work in these career fields is becoming more and more difficult, to the point that we're looking to promote these things with grant programs, with loans you don't have to pay back, with all these sorts of

things and it just makes no sense to me that we're going to create even more barriers for more people to get into the workplace.

On top of that, I would like to correct a little misconception of the Speaker before me that, you know, this particular career field is unregulated. You can't be further from the truth. There's codes and code enforcement officers that have to be followed regardless of whether a person is licensed. All these jobs have to be done to a specific specification either way. So, I would hope that all of us that have submitted legislation to try to reduce the barriers for new Mainers, whether they're from outside the country or outside the State, we don't put up additional barriers before we figure out how to, you know, reduce the barriers and get more and more people back to work. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 141

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Berry, Bradstreet, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Mason, Sharpe, Theriault.

Yes, 81; No, 60; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)** 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" (S-137)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-153)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Continued Access to Film and Stage Theaters and Music Venues"

(S.P. 526) (L.D. 1641)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BAILEY of Gorham
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-153)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-153)** 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" (S-153)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages"

(S.P. 222) (L.D. 535)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:
Senator: KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-136)**.
READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)** 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" (S-136)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)** on Bill "An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees"

(S.P. 364) (L.D. 1103)

Signed:
Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:
Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner

PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-145)**.
READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)** 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" (S-145)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-142)** on Resolve, To Create the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 501) (L.D. 1559)

Signed:
Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
DRINKWATER of Milford
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:
Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-142)**.
READ.

Representative SYLVESTER of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. The feeling of those of us that were opposed to this in committee is two-fold. Number one, I think the feeling is there's concern about how this report goes about it, that it seems to create the program before we go forward with creating a program before we get the final study back. I think that's always a dangerous precedent to set. If we want to study the program to see if it's feasible, that would be one thing. I think there's a lot of concern around it being a fait accompli that we're going to just create the program.

The second piece is there is action at the federal level and the federal government has more resources to create such a program and to create a different type of program and I don't know that it would make sense to create a program at the State level while there is work going on at the federal level on these issues. For these reasons, I will be opposing the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Sylvester.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to quickly say that while, yes, there is movement at the federal, there is movement on many issues at the federal. And what the federal committee has said is that they would like the states to be the pioneers on this and several states have been a pioneer on this. And what this program does, essentially, is it's a wage replacement program that had we had it in place when COVID was upon us, we would not have had our citizens waiting weeks and weeks for unemployment compensation when they came down with COVID or when family members came down with COVID. They would've had the insurance of this program. It is a kind of program that allows small business people, that allows farmers, that allows everyone who is a Maine citizen to go to bed at night knowing that if they come down ill, they will be able to pay their bills tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 142

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreight, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Mason, Sharpe, Theriault, Tucker.

Yes, 82; No, 60; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-142)** 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" (S-142)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency"

(S.P. 329) (L.D. 1039)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-141)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

Representative MATLACK of St. George moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative TUELL of East Machias **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 143

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Mason, Sharpe, Theriault, Tucker.

Yes, 80; No, 62; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions"

(S.P. 463) (L.D. 1413)

Signed:

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
COLLINGS of Portland
HANLEY of Pittston
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-147)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representative:

GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-147)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative TERRY of Gorham, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Maine Food Sovereignty Act"

(H.P. 419) (L.D. 574)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
LANDRY of Farmington
SKOLFIELD of Weld
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-402)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
OSHER of Orono
PLUECKER of Warren

READ.

Representative O'NEIL of Saco moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative HALL of Wilton **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wilton, Representative Hall.

Representative **HALL**: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I oppose this bill because it deregulates the guidelines set forth by the Department of Agriculture governing food preparation and the sale of food items. The department spoke strongly against this bill and believes the public safety of this bill should be left alone. The bill removes the requirement to label ingredients in food substances and here is where the issues lie. Mr. Speaker, you and I both know it is fine to purchase and consume Aunt Millie's homemade cookies and probably the lady's cookies that lives next door to Aunt Millie. But we both know that we wouldn't purchase anything from the person that lives at the end of the road in that old run-down house. The problem is, Mr. Speaker, you and I know this, but the new family that just moved in into town or the family that is here on vacation doesn't know that and if they have a family member with allergies, how are they to know, for instance, that peanuts or any other allergens may be in that recipe.

This bill will allow anyone to sell at farmer's markets or at a convenience store on the corner without a license or an inspection of their premises. I'm certain that you'll hear testimony that will say the municipalities and farmer's markets will self-govern themselves and only allow certain people to

sell that are reputable. This is true, but testimony from the person in charge of the Orono farmer's market told of a farmer selling alfalfa sprouts that he was growing in his bathtub in his house. Personally, I wonder just where that person was bathing.

For these reasons, I would ask for you to think about who is producing your food and vote this motion down and save our food safety rules. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just wanted to address one thing, that labeling is not spoken to in the bill. This bill is about home rule, it's about giving our towns and our municipal governance the opportunity to regulate the food sovereignty in their towns exactly as they see fit. Currently within law, under the Food Sovereignty Act, there is a piece where it defines what a producer to consumer transaction is. It removes that definition because we believe that our towns should be able to make that definition and set that definition for themselves. So, what it means is that a town has the ability to say you can only sell food sovereign items from your farm, you can only sell food sovereign items from a parking lot or a church stand, or you may also sell food sovereign items from a farmer's market. And that's where some of the opposition has come into this bill is that worry about what will be sold at farmer's markets.

So, we also want to make clear, so, that's the first part is removing that definition. The second aspect of the bill is making it clear that farmer's markets may regulate themselves in any way they see fit. They don't need to accept unlicensed food, that food produced under a food sovereign market at their market if they don't wish to, they can do that work. If they're worried about alfalfa sprouts, they may restrict alfalfa sprouts. And to be clear that the Food Sovereignty Act is currently the law of the land. We currently authorize our towns to decide how they're going to regulate and how they're going to keep their citizens safe. And when it comes to making sure that we have access to food production in times of pandemic, when we're looking at how do we feed ourselves from our own food produced in our own State, the Food Sovereignty Act is key to doing that and this bill does one small tweak in the law, allowing our towns to continue doing that work to the best of their ability. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Vote against this pending motion because if we all experienced a farmer's market and this motion before us will weaken the farmer's market. The integrity of the farmer's market is at stake here and vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is there's a lot of talk about this applying to farmer's markets but I'm curious if this allows people to sell to like corner convenience stores and such in town if a town adopts a Food Sovereignty Act provision so that that stuff wouldn't be labeled in the corner grocery store.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Chair

recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, this leaves that decision up to the town. So, if the town does not want the local food that's produced in town being sold at the corner store, they could put that in their ordinance to make that clear that they do not wish to have that. Thank you.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask a follow-up question?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, it's possible that the neighbor down the street can place their food for resale in the corner convenience store with no labeling whatsoever and possibly contain something like peanuts and the unsuspecting person that doesn't know that there's peanuts in it could have a terrible allergic reaction?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Once again, it is up to our town to create labeling that they want to be on those products. So, if they wish allergens to be on the labeling, then they would have that power to do so, but it leaves this decision to the towns when they create the food sovereignty ordinances. Right now, there are approximately 87 towns in the State of Maine with these ordinances and according to the Department of Agriculture, we have not seen any adverse allergic reactions coming from that food being sold, it's been done this way for multiple years. We've also not seen any documented cases of people being sickened by food being produced under food sovereignty ordinances. And if our towns are worried about it, they should definitely take action.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate what the Good Representative just pointed out because it speaks to what we had in place seems to be working to ensure health and safety of the products being sold to our public. But I would like to pose a question through the Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: It doesn't seem to speak here who's going to assume liability should there be a case of someone getting sick from something either that hasn't gone through the requirements that we require for the foods to be sold at markets or the labeling and I'm just wondering does that then mean that where it's the municipality that has set this forth, they're going to assume that liability?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The town assumes no more liability for the laws that they pass than we would assume liability for the laws that we pass here at the Legislature. It would be up to the person who is harmed to take a suit against the person who did the harm, and that would be up to the courts.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **BICKFORD**: My question is regarding the unorganized townships that we have in Maine. Who regulates them? Who decides their food sovereignty? And, if it is the counties, if that's the answer, then who has the say when it comes to unorganized territory in that same county? Does the county overrule the local municipality or does the municipality have an exemption from the county?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill does not address that issue. In the original version of it, we did have a section addressing those issues, those were stripped by the committee in the amendment and there is another bill from the other Body which we'll be seeing later which will address those issues in their completeness.

The SPEAKER: There are eight Members in queue. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Wow, I feel bad now. May I pose a question through the Chair, please?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would this possibly allow for folks to sell in this environment who currently or are unable to based on the current state regulations?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Pluecker.

Representative **PLUECKER**: So, the question was would this allow people to sell who are not currently selling, I believe, if I heard you correctly. He's shaking his head, so, perhaps I'm not answering correctly. But so the idea of food sovereignty is that this and this bill does not explicitly address the issues, the underlying principles of food sovereignty, but it is that we are able to grow our own food, sell our own food to our own people and regulate how our food is grown and sold to our own people ourselves. And so, when you do that, you do necessarily lower barriers to the entry to the market for people and communities that do not necessarily have access to the capital, like the community that I come from, rural communities where access to capital is a little bit less, you are able to lower barriers to entry into an agricultural industry and that's why it can be important and significant.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had not intended to speak on this but as somebody with very severe allergies, and I still don't know the entire list of my allergies because I was going through the process of having my allergies tested when COVID hit and my inability to wear a face covering; the mask, has concluded that I cannot still know everything that I am allergic to. And the thing that concerns me with municipalities being able to decide whether or not they choose to label, especially our most known allergies, but as

somebody allergic to cinnamon, for example, I avoid anything that just says spices because it's not something that is typically listed or required to be listed. But I do worry that if I'm traveling and trying to support other communities in my State and I want to go to a local store, that I may not be able to support the local stores and local communities that I'm visiting throughout the State because I wouldn't know what is in those ingredients. So, I would think that's is a concern.

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair would advise the House that the visual feed has crashed. It will just be a few moments. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry I caused the video to crash. While I support increasing the abilities for smaller farmers to continue to sell product in our communities, agriculture is very important to my community and the towns surrounding me, I am concerned with the lack of requirement for labeling and allowing that to be a municipal decision. So, with that in mind, I ask you to please follow my light and not support the pending motion.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd just like to point out a reference the Member from Warren referred to liability on this Body and I think everyone understands that any suits against the State actually have to be approved by this Body, specifically the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, and that Members of this Body are provided immunity from liability on any pieces of legislation that we pass. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative O'Neil.

Representative **O'NEIL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I love a food fight. This is an update to the food sovereignty law that already exists. Right now, we're re-litigating a law that is already on the books and it's been working well for Maine.

This bill is about local control. It's about letting communities decide what works for them for traditional direct producer-consumer exchanges. It's also about consumer choice, as referenced. Consumers can choose what food they buy and who they buy it from.

If your town opts in, this will allow your town to define how a producer-consumer exchange can take place. It will create more flexibility for that definition.

Food sovereignty is a traditional exchange between a consumer and a producer. It's something that all of us have likely engaged in already. You talk to a person in your community who produces food and you decide whether to engage in that exchange. Examples include going to a church fair or community event and buying pie or pickles at a church fair or buying eggs from a neighbor. These are traditional exchanges among neighbors and community members. With someone you know, it might go something like hi, Mr. Smith. How's your daughter, Katy, I haven't seen her in a while, and you chat as you buy something. And with someone you haven't met before, you might say hi, I haven't met you before, how long have you had your business, what's your story about it, and you ask them questions as you talk, what's your process, what ingredients do you use, and you have the opportunity to make that connection and learn about the food that you're buying directly from the person who made it.

The beauty of these local transactions is that customers have the opportunity to speak directly with the person who

made their food and decide whether they want to engage in that transaction. If your town is food sovereign or your neighbors are interested in the idea, we can take these great local conversations to those local forums. And I think that's really what I'm hearing along the way in the debate is a lot of local kind of particular objections, and that's really where these conversations belong, and that's the intent of the law is, to have local control. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Based on the answers to my questions, I rise in very strong opposition to the pending motion.

Without labeling and no follow-up liability, there's no good reason to change the current food sovereignty law that has been sort of working. Unfortunately, there have been cases that have come to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry that are not able to be investigated because of local food ordinances, local food sovereignty laws and there is no liability.

As a food producer myself, these rules are in place to protect consumers and this bill directly changes the direct producer to consumer part of food sovereignty to be defined by the municipality in such a way that the producer may no longer be directly interacting with the consumer. When the producer is directly interacting with the consumer and you don't have a label, you can explain where it's coming from, what the ingredients are. When someone says do you have any allergens in this, I sell my maple cotton candy at agricultural fairs, I'm licensed to be able to produce it, I don't have an actual label on the cotton candy because it's made fresh and I send it right out and the first thing that people come up to me and ask me is whether or not there are any dyes in it, they want to know if there's any gluten in it, they want to know, so, people that have allergies know to ask these questions. If they don't have the producer there to be able to ask those questions, they aren't going to get the answers they need and they could potentially end up with a serious reaction and this is something that is extremely important to the health and safety of consumers and so, I ask you to please follow my light and vote this down.

We currently have food sovereignty, the Food Sovereignty Act in Statute and it needs to just be followed. This shouldn't be done so that we can just let people that can't pass simple inspections to be able to just be able to sell their products with no oversight. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, because of the fact that there are no rules yet for the unorganized territories which make up a great part of Maine on who controls their food sovereignty and also because of the fact that there's a significant cost to the municipalities to make food sovereignty regulations, they're going to have to use an attorney, they're going to have to make sure it's spelled out properly, in the towns that have town meetings, they're going to incur costs to hold a town meeting for a vote, and when are they going to vote, what's going to happen between the time this law passes and is enacted until the town may hold their town meeting? What happens in that gap? I'm really concerned about that. I'm also concerned that you may have folks in the unorganized territories that have counters with cracks that would never pass

inspection right now, that would all of a sudden be allowed to sell contaminated food. Mr. Speaker, please, I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass against this legislation.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 144

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cebra, Cloutier, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau, Gere, Gramlich, Greenwood, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sheehan, Stanley, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, Lyman, Martin, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Roche, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Mason, Sharpe.

Yes, 92; No, 52; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

92 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-402) 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-402)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-403)** on Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Harness Racing Laws Regarding Race Dates and Pari-mutuel Pools" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1611)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
LANDRY of Farmington
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
PLUECKER of Warren
SKOLFIELD of Weld
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

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

Signed:

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco
OSHER of Orono

READ.

On motion of Representative O'NEIL of Saco, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Motor Vehicle"

(H.P. 597) (L.D. 829)

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-375)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

Representative WARREN of Hallowell moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative PICKETT of Dixfield **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion.

LD 829 as amended establishes a traffic infraction for consuming marijuana or a marijuana product or possessing an open marijuana container or marijuana product container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on a public way. The penalty for the traffic infraction is a \$100 fine. One of the things in committee, Mr. Speaker, that was talked over quite some bit was the definitions. So, I have three definitions I'd like to just quote from the Adult Marijuana, Chapter 1, Title 28-B, Chapter 1, Marijuana Legalization Act. As it pertains to container in this bill, the container has the same meaning as in Title 28-B, Section 102, Subsection 10. A container means a sealed package in which adult use marijuana or an adult use marijuana product is placed by a marijuana store prior to sale to a consumer and that meets all applicable packaging, labeling, and health and safety requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

The definition of marijuana, it has the same meaning as in Title 28-B, Section 102, Subsection 27, which says marijuana means the leaves, stems, flowers, and seeds of a marijuana plant, whether growing or not. Marijuana includes marijuana concentrate but does not include hemp. And marijuana product has the same meaning as in Title 28-B, Section 102, Subsection 33, which states that marijuana product means a product composed of marijuana or marijuana concentrate and other ingredients that is intended for use or consumption. Marijuana product includes, but is not limited to an edible marijuana product, a marijuana ointment and a marijuana tincture. Marijuana product does not include marijuana concentrate or a product containing hemp.

And passenger area of a motor vehicle was also a definition and it has the same meaning as in Title 29-A, Section 2112-A, Subsection 1, Paragraph C, which says the passenger area means the area designed to seat the operator and passengers while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area readily accessible to the operator or a passenger, including the glove compartment, while in their seating positions. And in LD 829, there is an exception that the passenger area as amended does not include a glove compartment that is locked.

The bill takes the provisions making consuming alcohol or having an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of a motor vehicle a traffic infraction and mirrors those Statutes for marijuana. In January of 2017, Mr. Speaker, the Highway Safety subcommittee on the Marijuana Legalization Act recommended that an open container law be enacted that would ensure that all forms of marijuana transported should be in a sealed container with identifying information on the container. The same subcommittee also recommended implementation of a traffic infraction against the consumption of marijuana in any form while operating a motor vehicle. Current law addresses open container laws for alcohol and LD 829, as amended, will address the open container law for marijuana.

I think we can all agree that driving is a complex task that requires attention, awareness, good judgement, coordination, and experience. A substance that can impair a driver's abilities in any of these areas creates unacceptable and potentially deadly risks. LD 829, as amended, as mentioned before, excludes from that definition of passenger area a locked glove compartment, but it also allows a passenger who is a registered patient for the medical use of marijuana under the

Marijuana Legalization Act, Title 22 MRSA, Chapter 558-C, to consume marijuana or a marijuana product as authorized by law.

Please follow my light, Mr. Speaker, and defeat this motion so that LD 829, as amended, can fulfill the recommendation of the Highway Safety subcommittee on the Marijuana Legalization Act in January of 2017, so that can finally be codified in law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Warren.

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I agree with my good friend from Dixfield that we all want our roads to be safe and, luckily, we already have laws to ensure that. It is already illegal to consume an intoxicant and drive and if you are deemed to have consumed an intoxicant and driven, not only are you breaking the law but the Secretary of State has the obligation to suspend your license immediately. So, we already have protection against anyone using these substances and driving and that's not what this bill is about. This bill is just about where you put it in your car. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 145

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Johansen, Kessler, Landry, Libby, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Prescott, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Millett, Morris, Newman, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Mason, Sharpe.

Yes, 92; No, 52; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

92 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-366)** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Health of Students and Educators by Requiring the Establishment of Health and Safety Committees in School Administrative Units" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 309) (L.D. 429)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland, moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to point out a couple of pieces regarding Committee Amendment A. Number one, every school system is required to have a safety committee already by law as part of their comprehensive plan for the school system. And, secondly, I would like folks to take care of the fiscal memo attached to that which it's going to represent a high cost to local school systems. So, I would encourage folks to take a good look at that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fort Fairfield, Representative McCrea.

Representative **McCREA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. When I put this bill in last fall, the school reopening discussions were happening around the State and I was deeply concerned about the health and safety of students, educators, their families and all support staff in our schools.

The fact is, if we want educators to do their best work, they too must feel safe and supported where they work in the schools. I believe that information and collaboration are the best antidotes to fear and concern and that is why I put this bill in to require all school districts to have health and safety committees. I fully recognize by the time this bill becomes law, and I hope that it will become law, this pandemic will hopefully be waning, and I guess it is. But the fact remains this pandemic has stirred up concerns, rightfully so, about the health and safety of everyone working in schools and the best way to make sure everyone is working together to support students is to work together to make sure everyone does feel safe. This extends beyond this pandemic that we have suffered through. The bill itself, the amendment, first of all, strikes out any emergency preamble, okay? That's important. The amendment is the Majority Committee Report and it strikes and replaces the bill. It expands the scope of the school board emergency management plan to include health and safety. It requires the engagement of school nurses,

physicians, public health staff in developing the plan. The way that this skirts the fiscal issue is the fact that these emergency plans are in place and are reviewed already every year annually. The committee reviewed the fiscal note and the majority of the committee determined that the requirements of the bill do not amount to the mandate. This bill merely adds a health and safety component to the already-existing emergency plan requirements. I urge the House to support LD 429 and I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-366)** 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-366)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-358)** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review and Assess Existing Educational Mandates

(H.P. 381) (L.D. 518)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-358)** 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-358)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom

(H.P. 395) (L.D. 550)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-359)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We all know that for a few years now and certainly at the present time, we are in extremely, extremely divisive times. Whether it be social media, news media, talking at the local restaurant, and our schools are a reflection of society in general. Those various topics are brought up in our schools.

LD 550 presented an opportunity to give teachers, administrators, and parents guidelines and tools that are necessary now more than ever. We have always, particularly at the elementary level of our schools, the Legislature and local school boards have really, really embraced the sanctity of those classrooms as being a place where a student can attend safely, without being subjected to ideas that might cross that line between instruction and advocacy, if you will. It's much, much different in grade two than it is in grade seven than it is to a sophomore in political science at the university.

Our faculty need the latitude to discuss and present topics that are controversial but guidelines are a necessary and particularly, but not exclusively, to the elementary level. Again, LD 550 presented a chance for us to work that bill and perhaps give better, more clear guidance so that our faculty are better prepared to be able to present those controversial

topics and do it in a manner that's not going to be injurious to students and offensive, perhaps, to parents. So, I would urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on this measure. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I spent four decades in a Social Studies classroom. And Social Studies teachers have a unique responsibility to help young people understand the world that they live in. It's not just history and geography and government and economics and culture. It's answering the moment when those students need information to understand their world. My fear is that this bill will interfere with that process. Social Studies teachers are professionals. They understand that it is not the place for advocacy by a teacher in the classroom. But students deserve respect and to have controversial issues dealt with. When a controversy arises, already there's too much reluctance to embrace a teachable moment. It's our duty to help students understand an issue. Our children deserve to learn through classroom discussion directed by a professional educator through civil discourse and respect. I fear this bill would put a chill on that obligation and therefore, I ask you to vote yea on the Ought Not to Pass report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to this purely because I spend a lot of time with kids. I've been doing it for about 21 years, teaching kids driver's ed. In the last five years, I have never had so many kids trying to talk them off the shelf of diving and quitting school because they're tired of teachers pushing their political agendas on them. I think this would be a good thing, to hold them in to school, and many of these children I've had to go and take to the superintendent and talk them out of not quitting school. I think our schools need help. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Greenbush, Representative Carmichael.

Representative **CARMICHAEL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members of the House, I rise in opposition to this motion. Out of the 80 or so pieces of testimony, the overwhelming majority of them were parents and grandparents concerned about what is taught in our classroom. This first became right to me when my 14-year-old grandson made a statement in support of a particular presidential candidate and was belittled because of it. In our current political climate, I believe it is vital that the State provide guidance to our teachers and support staff. I also believe that a large majority of the classrooms are conducted in a proper manner, but there are those, like my grandson's, that need guidance. Please join me in supporting LD 550 and protecting our young people. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cape Elizabeth, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of the pending motion. The committee received testimony in opposition to this legislation from the Maine Principal's Association and from the Maine School Management Association. Both pointed to the fact that there is existing policy. It is entitled Teaching About Controversial Sensitive Issues, and those would include political, religious, and ideological advocacy, and there are three sections. The first talks about the responsibility of the school board to make

provisions for the study of controversial issues. The second talks about student rights and the third talks about how teachers employ the same methods in teaching controversial issues as they do when teaching at any time.

The third category focuses on teachers including such things as selection of materials appropriate to the maturity of students, making sure the materials selected ties to the curriculum and is meaningful, presenting material in a balanced way, emphasizing the importance of keeping an open mind and pointing out the method forming an opinion is as important as the opinion itself. The end of Maine School Management's Association, I'm going to quote. I would like to close by saying one of the most important roles of education is to help students discern between fact and fiction and come to their own informed decisions and opinions, and this has become even more critical in the age of Facebook and other social media where what is true or false or something in between is not obvious. Our ultimate goal is when students leave our schools they will be well-prepared to think for themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Everything I've heard so far, I feel, should be taught by the parents. Controversial issues, religious issues, ideological, political; this is in the hands of the parents, not the teachers. These are kids. Now, if this was a college, I'd be full agreement with people. But this is not college, these are kids, and the parents should be making those decisions and otherwise it's just brainwashing from the teachers their own point of view and, as a parent, I'd be pretty upset over that. So, I absolutely oppose this. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Dolloff.

Representative **DOLLOFF**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I actually have from a Social Studies 10th grade, Mountain Valley, certain questions. If I could share this test with just one segment of their test, and it's about government interference. So, number seven, was police. Now, you have (A) the U.S. has a lot of crime so police are justified in using as much force as they need to use. George Floyd, etcetera, etcetera, and other criminals killed by police deserve what they get. I'm sick of hearing Black Lives Matter. (B) Cops make mistakes but I trust them a whole lot more and I feel sorry for some criminals who get killed by cops doing his job. Cops should have immunity from prosecution if they kill someone while on duty. (C) Police kill citizens at alarming rate. Their job is to serve and protect, not to gun down civilians in the streets. Many cops are good, but more need more training. And (D) a lot of cops are racist, who treat people of color like they are criminals. Police officers who do not follow the rules should be fired.

In my opinion, this isn't giving a two-sided draft. There's one answer in there. But this is what the teachers or some of the teachers are how they're teaching our children. I don't like any of that, for them to say black lives don't matter or killing cops is okay or, so, it scares me with this bill because if we don't start restricting some things that are political, that's what this bill wants to do, I find that we could be in big trouble if we don't steer our children in the right path. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also rise in opposition to the pending motion.

If you recall earlier in this session, we were all required to take harassment and sensitivity training regarding a number of issues and it was pointed out to us that many of us might have implicit biases that we didn't even realize. And I think this bill, as amended, recognizes that and would offer the opportunity for teachers to discover whether or not they have implicit biases in the classroom. I think this is a good amendment, it's a good place to start, it's a low level, and I hope that you would join me in opposing the pending motion so that the bill as it could be adopted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Salisbury.

Representative **SALISBURY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Men and Women of the House. I rise today in support of this amendment. And I just have to say that as a freshman in the Legislature, the first time that we heard some of the testimony on this bill was the first time that I had recently experienced or heard racism spoken so loudly by some of the people outside of the Legislature, not inside.

And I think that it's important as the stepmother of biracial children, this is really important that we have the opportunity for our teachers and staff to be able to speak and give both sides of the story. I think that it's engaging, we've talked about engaging in our youth and having them be engaged and being part of this process and if we don't offer them both sides of the conversation, they're going to get their information from Tik-Tok and Facebook and Twitter and Instagram, and I think that we can sort of have this opportunity to be able to offer both sides, have an engaged conversation, and really help them kind of navigate the rest of the world that's pounding on their door.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Brennan.

Representative **BRENNAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Every session, we have a bill that is presented to us that is identifying a problem that doesn't exist. This is this bill this session. A similar proposal was presented to the Legislature two years ago and it was soundly defeated. Nobody has demonstrated to us during public hearings that teachers are engaged in inappropriate activities or behaviors. In fact, the overwhelming majority of school districts already have policies in place to address this issue. So, I hope the majority of people in the House will recognize this bill for what it is; it's in search of a problem that doesn't exist and I urge you to vote for the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway.

Representative **ORDWAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my Colleagues in the House. This does exist, and I'll give you two examples that happened to me personally. Two weeks ago in my town, the Boy Scouts had a bottle drive. Believe it or not, I didn't have a lot of bottles. So, when I brought the bottles I had, I gave the kids \$100 for their camp, they were collecting to go to camp. And a fourth-grader said to me, by seeing my plate, you must be a Democrat. And I said what would make you think that? And the father stood back and said you've gotta hear this. The teacher says in Civics, fourth-grade Civics, that only Democrats give away money, Republicans are too stingy. At the transfer station, father approaches me. I voted for you and I want you to know why. His second-grader

came home from school with a message from the teacher; don't vote for Lester Ordway, he's evil. This is happening in our schools and it's wrong.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in opposition to the pending motion.

When I was a sophomore in high school, my American History teacher, Ms. Peters, was very influential in my studies. I still remember to this day her standing on the desks talking about William Jennings Bryan. I will never forget his name. She also was absolutely smitten by Andrew Jackson and his red hair; or is it Thomas Jefferson? Maybe it's Thomas Jefferson, I don't know, I just remember the red hair part of it, it was one of our founding fathers. She also gave us a list of the current parties and what the beliefs were at the time, which is still the two major parties of the Republican party and the Democrat party, and what the platform was from those two parties. And I come from a family that was all registered Democrats and I remember walking out of that classroom thinking but I'm not a Republican, but I'm not a Republican; I walked through the hallways that day and my friends were like you were in quite a daze walking through the halls, what was going on? I said I don't know. According to Ms. Peters, I'm a Republican. And I couldn't understand that. But, she didn't specifically say that, she just told us what the two parties believed. She didn't say you need to believe one way or the other, that was a decision I made later on. In fact, when I first registered to vote, I registered unenrolled because I really still didn't believe I was a Republican. But I have followed the platform and I realize that today I am a Republican and I've never pushed that on anyone, not my children; and my children are lucky. Our school district is very good, our teachers are very good, and my son has been quite vocal in school and he will speak up when a teacher does try to go against him. In fact, when he was in fifth grade, his teacher told him he had to read a historical nonfiction book and he brought in one of Rush Limbaugh's books about Liberty the horse, the time-traveling horse, historical, nonfiction. The teacher's immediate reaction was you can't read that book. And he looked at her, with no prompting from my husband and I because this happened at school and all we did was say this was a historical fiction book. And he said to her why don't you look it over while I'm at recess, and so, she did. And she came back and she decided that he could read that book for this assignment because it was a historically accurate, with the exception of a time-traveling horse, which put the fiction part. This is what our teachers should be doing and it shouldn't take the student going back and saying; this particular teacher didn't want my son to read the book because it was written by Rush Limbaugh, but by the time she realized that it was actually a very good, well-written book, she allowed him to do it and he got a good grade on that report.

We need to be proactive in making sure that our teachers are pushing a political agenda in school. They're supposed to be giving both sides, and that's the way it should be. In eighth grade, the presidential election, 2016, for my son, he walked into that classroom every day with a great big cutout of Donald Trump and a great big cutout of Hillary Clinton because the teacher was very good at presenting both sides. That's not the case in every school, as we're hearing. I'm fortunate in the district I'm in, but I still stand in opposition to the pending motion because there are school districts that are having issues and we should be protecting our children, to give them

the opportunity to make the decisions on their own and not be pushed by a political agenda in a public school. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 146

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreia, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Sharpe.

Yes, 82; No, 63; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-365)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Professional Training for School Counselors"

(H.P. 470) (L.D. 639)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-365)** 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-365)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-357)** on Bill "An Act To Stabilize Student Count in Maine's School Funding Formula" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 478) (L.D. 651)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-357)** 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-357)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-360)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in Access to Applications for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program" (H.P. 707) (L.D. 961)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-360)** 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-360)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-354)** on Bill "An Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 866) (L.D. 1188)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook

STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milford, Representative Drinkwater.

Representative **DRINKWATER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to this, Mr. Speaker, for four simple reasons. My district is a very rural district with a lot of senior citizens and they are struggling even now to pay their property taxes. Also, Mr. Speaker, this looks like it's an unfunded mandate. I know it says for three years, but, you know, three years go by very, very fast.

Also, Mr. Speaker, salaries are negotiated at the local level and we are injecting ourselves into local decisions, Mr. Speaker. And, lastly, Mr. Speaker, it's going to upset the pay scale because, you know, as somebody that's been there for 20 years is only making \$40,000 and now you're going to introduce a librarian at \$40,000, you know, that's going to upset the pay scale for a lot of people. So, therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this motion and I would ask for a roll call, sir.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe that this Body has previously passed the 40,000-salary minimum and I understand what the previous Speaker was saying. But I think it is wrong to leave out those folks that are serving as the career and technical education teachers or our librarians. I believe it's important that we treat them all the same and that their work is just as important as the teachers that we've already said are going to be receiving \$40,000. So, I ask you to follow my light in support of this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 147

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Grohoski, Hall, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenbus, Head, Hepler, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mathieson, Matlack, McCREA, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman,

Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White B, White D, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Johansen, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Mason, O'Connor, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stetkis, Underwood.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Gramlich, Grignon, Hutchins, Landry, Sharpe.

Yes, 117; No, 26; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

117 having voted in the affirmative and 26 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-354)** 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-354)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)** on Bill "An Act Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Annual Fund Balance for Public School Districts"

(H.P. 876) (L.D. 1198)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)** 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-361)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New Types of Schools and Programs"

(H.P. 926) (L.D. 1259)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-362)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Guilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. When charter schools were adopted in Maine, there was a limit to 10 charter schools. In the language, in the Statute, allowed for a public school system or public school unit to be the sponsor, if you will, of a charter school. So, in other words, if you wanted to have a separate line of course work for certain students, you could have a charter school within your school unit. This bill would allow public school units that would like to do that the; ability to have a charter school and it would exceed the cap of 10.

Now, in all practical matters, they can still do that, they just can't call it a charter school. If school system A and school B, school system B would like to get together and have a special program really focusing on arts and music for their students that really excel in those areas to get a focused education, there's nothing to prevent them from doing that or an alternative program of any kind. So, it's a poke at the name charter and also would keep the new school from being able to

have the benefit of the extra support from the charter school commission, which could provide more guidance. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 148

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Caiazzo, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Martin, Sharpe.

Yes, 79; No, 64; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create Education Choices by Creating Education Savings Accounts for Maine Students"

(H.P. 994) (L.D. 1343)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-356)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative HANLEY of Pittston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this bill is about freedom. The freedom to choose. It's an unusual bill, especially in the State House. It has very little cost, it's voluntary, no one is required to be a part of this, and again, it allows the freedom to choose.

The idea for this bill, this is a school choice bill, actually, it came out of Sweden. The Swedish education system says that any child in that nation can move their child to any school and they take the money with them. The bill that I've introduced would allow 90% of all the money to follow the child to any school, 10% would remain in their home district. Imagine, in this last year, where so many children have been so affected by school closures, if the parents had had the freedom to choose to take their child to a different school? That could have been done. Many of the schools in the State, private schools, remained open five days a week, in-person education. But that choice has been removed.

We as a society allowed the federal, state, and local government to collect taxes on behalf of our children to education them. Yet, once that money is collected, we are forbidden to decide exactly where the child can take that money and use it. So, the whole idea of this bill was to give the citizens of Maine and their children the freedom to choose where to go to school. Knowing it's strictly voluntary, and I don't understand the opposition to this idea but I'm hoping that we'll eventually catch up to the Swedish model and do this. There can be no down side to this at all. It won't hurt the districts that are there, they lose a student, they lose the money with the student, it's very simple math. So, I ask you to follow my vote, defeat the pending motion, and let's give our children the freedom to choose their education.

By the way, there's one other component to this bill, the money goes into an education savings account and that account, if you don't spend all the money each year, it keeps accumulating. So, at the end of 12th year, the child can take that money for any higher education within the State of Maine. If you're frugal and careful, because some of the private schools, naturally, are cheaper than the public schools. So, you could actually build an account that would help a child get a college education within the State of Maine later on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask you to follow my vote.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 149

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, O'Connell, Sharpe.

Yes, 85; No, 59; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-404)** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Safety Issues in Schools with Respect to Health-related States of Emergency" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1112) (L.D. 1502)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Guilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would encourage you to take a good look at the language of this bill. Certainly, when the Chief Executive issues an order or an emergency proclamation, we're all bound in the State of Maine to follow that order. This goes beyond that. This goes into guidance that an agency might put out, subtle guidance. And that guidance might be produced by folks that are living in an urban area and they may have very little to do with how you want to operate your schools in Calais or Jackman or Fort Kent or Guilford, Maine.

Local schools have their own governmental structure. We need to stop thinking that all the brain power in this State is in this room, because I assure you there are brilliant people all across our landscape who can make the decisions about how to best run and operate their schools. That guidance is a blessing. Having guidance from professionals is a blessing to those local folks, but it is their responsibility to make those types of decisions. I would encourage you to follow my light.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 150

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Cuddy, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Perry, Roeder, Sharpe.

Yes, 79; No, 63; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-404)** 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-404)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-355)** on Bill "An Act To Create the Office of the Education Ombudsman and To Establish a Commission To Study the Creation of a Reporting and Response System To Assist Public Schools in Addressing Incidents of Bias, Discrimination and Harassment"

(H.P. 1120) (L.D. 1512)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

Representative BRENNAN of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

Representative STEARNS of Guilford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative **STEARNS**: Mr. Speaker, once again, we do not need another level of government, another government agency to replicate systems that are already in place to assure that workers, teachers, any employees are not subjected to bias and discrimination and harassment. Those laws are on our books and the system is in place for anyone who feels that they've been discriminated against or harassed. Maine Labor Relations Board takes care of those type things, local school policies take care of those type things. This would simply add more government burden and would usurp those systems that are already in place to deal with these matters. So, once again, I would encourage you to follow my light.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunkport, Representative Gere.

Representative **GERE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of LD 1512, which will study how to create the office of the education ombudsman.

Similar to the public advocate for utilities that helps consumers navigate challenges that they face with regard to utilities, the education ombudsman will help students and families navigate the sometimes-difficult challenges that they face with regards to bias and harassment.

We know that challenges exist in districts across the State. Whether that's from news reports that are widely seen or whether that's from our constituents, our family members, our friends, our neighbors. And, indeed, our economic development and sustaining the population of our State requires that we support all students in being safe and included and part of our culture of belonging here in Maine. The study will include the key stakeholders; the Department of Education, the Maine Human Rights Commission, school administrators and the voices of students. And the study will produce a report that will help state agencies and this Legislature to design a helpful tool in the office of the education ombudsman to help students, families, and schools in resolving these issues of bias and harassment so that we can all move forward together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 151

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCREA, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Bickford, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Kessler, Sharpe.

Yes, 81; No, 62; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-355)** 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-355)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-401)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Full Payment of the State's Salary Supplement Obligation to Teachers with National Board Certification" (H.P. 1271) (L.D. 1716)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:
Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-401)** 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-401)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-371)** on Bill "An Act To Amend Conflicts in the Laws Governing the Efficiency Maine Trust" (H.P. 269) (L.D. 385)

Signed:
Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CUDDY of Winterport
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
WOOD of Portland

ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:
Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

CARLOW of Buxton
FOSTER of Dexter
WADSWORTH of Hiram

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-371)** 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-371)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)** on Bill "An Act To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State" (H.P. 396) (L.D. 551)

Signed:
Senator:

VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CARLOW of Buxton
CUDDY of Winterport
FOSTER of Dexter
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
WADSWORTH of Hiram
WOOD of Portland
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:
Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)** 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-376)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)** on Bill "An Act To Fund Broadband Internet Infrastructure for Marginalized Groups in the State"

(H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1555)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CUDDY of Winterport
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
WOOD of Portland
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

CARLOW of Buxton
FOSTER of Dexter
WADSWORTH of Hiram

READ.

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hiram, Representative Wadsworth.

Representative **WADSWORTH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the pending motion. In my poor, rural, Oxford County district, I have many constituents that are underserved that could use these funds from ConnectMaine. In most of my district there is only one internet provider. Mr. Speaker, we shouldn't be picking winners and losers by groups but focusing on helping the most underserved and unserved of our constituents, regardless of the group. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the digital divide faced by Maine and many states is fundamentally about equity. The digital divide is not only a matter of having the fastest connection available. It is also about having the money to afford that connection. It is about having the device, it is about having the help learning to use that device effectively.

Mr. Speaker, for the first decade of my teaching career, my students were all children of color. They were extremely poor, 95% received free or reduced lunch, many spoke English

as their second language. Their parents could not afford the connectivity or the devices other parents could afford, and this was 20, 24 or 28 years ago. Sadly, it is as true today as it was then. It is as true for the children of my former students as it was for my students themselves.

Mr. Speaker, from its very inception, the internet was sold to us as a powerful equalizer. Sadly, America has never yet helped it live up to that promise or that potential. The bill, as amended, that is before us would provide funds to the ConnectMaine authority to help close the digital divide among Maine's most marginalized groups. This would include historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous, and tribal communities, individuals who were formerly incarcerated or are unhoused, individuals in substance use disorder recovery and low-income individuals. While it is true that other measures will come before us to help address these issues, none of those are as explicit in this mission as the measure before us. I thank the Representative from Portland, Assistant Leader Talbot-Ross, for submitting it and for contributing her voice and leadership on this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage you and all my colleagues to vote in favor of the pending motion and to send this bill on for additional work in the hands of our excellent colleagues on the Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rumford, Representative Dolloff.

Representative **DOLLOFF**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I don't have broadband and in my district people don't have broadband. Now, if you want to start singling out certain areas in Maine where broadband will go, I'm all for that. But just to single out a group to get it, I'm very sorry; when I can get it, everybody else can get it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 152

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Geiger, Gifford, Grignon, Hutchins, Sharpe.

Yes, 84; No, 61; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)** 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-377)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)** on Bill "An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone"

(H.P. 839) (L.D. 1161)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

BELL of Yarmouth
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
BLUME of York
ZEIGLER of Montville

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative ZEIGLER of Montville **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ADOPT Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Montville, Representative Zeigler.

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Fellow Legislators, the waters of Maine are too important to play with carveouts to the shoreline regulations. Please vote no to this bill, and for some of you that's the button on the very right side.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: A Point of Order, if I may?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **HANLEY**: I believe the Speaker had this go under the hammer and declared it so; can it be recalled as it has been?

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the Adoption of Committee Amendment "A", so there's a Roll Call on the Adoption of Committee Amendment "A". The member may proceed.

Representative **HANLEY**: This was a very good bill and unusual because it has bipartisan support. And it doesn't undo anything. Right now, all your marinas that have an existing restaurant, this bill simply allows them to serve more people, to get a little bigger if they wish to. They cannot violate any of the existing laws, it does not water down a single thing; nothing. All it will do is allow your favorite restaurant, when you go there, instead of serving 40 people, they might want to serve 50. It won't change anything. They cannot build closer; if you read carefully the amended version, they can't move closer to the water, they can't build over the water.

What's unusual is under current law, marinas are allowed to have all kinds of other economic enterprises there, servicing vessels, selling equipment, fishing equipment, fishing supplies, fish processing plants are allowed there and you can build a new one there. A fish processing plant is probably not the cleanest or best-smelling place in the world to be, but those are allowed under the law and they are allowed to be expanded. The only thing exempted is restaurants. This bill simply allows the modification of allowing an existing restaurant to get a little larger. I ask you to follow my vote and accept the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (H-382). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 153

YEA - Andrews, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bernard, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Caiazzo, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Craven, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, McCrea, McDonald, Meyer, Millett, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stover, Talbot Ross, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, White B, White D, Williams, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Alley, Bell, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Crockett, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreight, Melaragno, Millett, Morales, O'Neil, Perry, Reckitt, Rielly, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Supica, Sylvester, Tepler, Warren, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

ABSENT - Geiger, Grignon, Hutchins, Sharpe.

Yes, 107; No, 40; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

107 having voted in the affirmative and 40 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly **Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)** was **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-382)** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-412)** on Bill "An Act To Alleviate the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Public Health Outcomes" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1548)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

READ.

Representative MEYER of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 154

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Crafts, Craven, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross,

Tepler, Terry, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hall, Hanley, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Arata, Bickford, Blier, Brooks, Cebra, Collings, Copeland, Crockett, Fecteau, Geiger, Grignon, Haggan, Harrington, Hutchins, Lemelin, Lookner, Mathieson, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Perry, Quint, Rudnicki, Sachs, Sharpe, Stanley, Theriault, Tucker, Tuttle, White B, White D.

Yes, 69; No, 51; Absent, 31; Excused, 0.

69 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, with 31 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-412)** 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-412)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization To Self-insure for Automobile Insurance"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1063)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CONNOR of Lewiston
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Waive Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees for Calendar Year 2020"

(H.P. 698) (L.D. 942)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-372)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

READ.

Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative BERNARD of Caribou **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 155

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreia, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier,

Prescott, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Cebra, Collings, Copeland, Fecteau, Geiger, Grignon, Harrington, Hutchins, Lemelin, Ordway, Perry, Quint, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stanley, Theriault, Tuttle, White.

Yes, 77; No, 56; Absent, 18; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 18 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-396)** on Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Strategies To Assist Working-class Families in Building Wealth and Achieving Upward Mobility

(H.P. 743) (L.D. 1005)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
BAILEY of Gorham
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
DUCHARME of Madison

READ.

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-396)** 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-396)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require the Acceptance of Cash for In-person Retail Transactions"

(H.P. 892) (L.D. 1217)

Signed:
Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
LUCCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
ANDREWS of Paris
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-397)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-398)** on Bill "An Act To Increase Accountability for Wage Violations" (H.P. 452) (L.D. 616)

Signed:
Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:
Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

READ.

Representative SYLVESTER of Portland moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion.

You imagine if you're a small business person in Maine and you've been fighting the COVID, you've been trying to open, you don't know if you're going to make it or not, and a lot of businesses don't make it. You've done everything you can to try to make your business viable and you're thinking that maybe I've gotten the other side of this, I'm going to make it after all. And then you look and you see that there's a bill before us to increase the fine for a labor violation from \$500 to as much as \$2500. And you say well, that doesn't sound very business friendly to me.

Anyway, during this particular public hearing on this bill, we did not have one person affected by wage violation who testified in favor of the bill; not one. And yet we are looking at something that's going to cost businesses potentially a lot more money.

I hope you will join me in voting against this particular motion and see what we can do so that the small business person who's really trying hard to do the best they can to survive can have a little bit of a chance at that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 156

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreagh, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Riseman, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Cebra, Copeland, Fecteau, Geiger, Grignon, Harrington, Hutchins, Lemelin, Ordway, Perry, Quint, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stanley, White.

Yes, 79; No, 57; Absent, 15; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 57 voted in the negative, with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-398)** 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-398)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation To Develop Partnerships with Businesses, Unions and Educational Programs and Institutions To Provide Training and Transportation for Workers

(H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1613)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

READ.

On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve 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** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-388)** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners"

(H.P. 457) (L.D. 621)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Representative:

GREENWOOD of Wales

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-388)** 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-388)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency in the Legislature by Removing Certain Freedom of Access Act Exemptions"

(H.P. 558) (L.D. 753)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-364)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:
GREENWOOD of Wales

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-410)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations"

(H.P. 768) (L.D. 1034)

Signed:
Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:
MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:
Representative:
GREENWOOD of Wales

READ.

Representative MATLACK of St. George moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 157

YEA - Alley, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Kryzak, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perkins, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker,

Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Bradstreet, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connor, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Cebra, Fecteau, Geiger, Grignon, Harrington, Hutchins, Lemelin, Ordway, Perry, Sharpe, White.

Yes, 99; No, 41; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

99 having voted in the affirmative and 41 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-410)** 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-410)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules"

(H.P. 922) (L.D. 1256)

Signed:
Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:
MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-409)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:
COPELAND of Saco
RISEMAN of Harrison

READ.

Representative MATLACK of St. George moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On motion of Representative LOOKNER of Portland, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** on Bill "An Act Regarding 2021 Municipal Elections and Town Meetings" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 934) (L.D. 1274)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Representative:

GREENWOOD of Wales

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** 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-386)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Action the Legislature May Take on Initiatives Approved by Voters for a Period of 3 Years

(H.P. 1240) (L.D. 1669)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-411)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create a Graduated Real Estate Transfer Tax"

(H.P. 302) (L.D. 418)

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton
MATLACK of St. George
SACHS of Freeport

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-373)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
PERRY of Bangor

READ.

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Representative BICKFORD of Auburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Mr. Speaker, the amended version of this bill will raise the real estate tax on properties from \$4.40 per thousand-dollar value to \$5.40 per one-thousand-dollar value on all homes valued over a million dollars.

It blows my mind that we continue to attack high-income earners, people with value, people with wealth. We want those people in Maine. We don't want to discourage them from coming to Maine.

I encourage you to please follow my light and vote no on the pending motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Morales.

Representative **MORALES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Friends and Colleagues in the House. I just want to speak to what my good friend, the Representative from Auburn said. The actual bill, as amended, increases the real estate transfer tax for sales of one million dollars or more by 50 cents per five hundred dollars of value. Again, that's only on sales over one million dollars. The Maine home sales crisis, as we all know, we've all seen it, have jumped 35.68% this year and they're steadily rising. If you have a friend, a neighbor, a constituent, a child, a grandchild who's looking for housing, you understand that we are in a crisis. If you're a landlord, you also understand that we are in a crisis because it's never been easier to find a tenant than it is today. Sometimes in a matter of hours, units are filled.

We are absolutely in a housing crisis. We are 27% more housing insecure than we were in 2019 and the prices continue to rise. Twenty-five thousand Mainers are on the Section 8 waiting list for housing vouchers, including 3,000 seniors. And that waiting list lasts between three and seven years. One hundred forty one thousand seven hundred Maine people are experiencing poverty. Fifty nine percent of Mainers today spend more than half of their income, Mr. Speaker, on housing. According to Maine Housing, we lack 20,000 units of housing today, yet we're only able to build between 200 and 230 units a year of affordable housing.

So, it's really clear; we need to build more housing in Maine so that our families, our children, our seniors, our workers can live in stable, affordable homes. So, how do we do that? How do we build housing in Maine? One is we access the low-income housing tax credit through the federal government. Two, we rely on the real estate transfer tax. Forty percent of the proceeds that come from the real estate transfer tax go to Maine Housing to use to provide affordable housing for Maine people. This statutory scheme hasn't been adjusted in 30 years. So, what does this bill do? I'll explain it. For sales of one million dollars or more, this bill raises the current rate, which is \$2.20 cents per every \$500 of value that both the buyer and the seller split at closing. This bill raises the current rate of \$2.20 to \$2.70. And that only begins at the one-million-dollar sales price.

Now, personally, I wanted to have a bill that increased our real estate transfer tax at double the average median home price in Maine, which would be about \$500,000, but this bill goes even beyond that. So, it's not impacting any Mainer who is struggling, any Mainer who is in our middle class. This bill does not change the real estate transfer tax. I want to be really clear, Mr. Speaker, for any sale that is less than one million dollars.

This bill will generate an additional 1.2 million dollars a year, at least, to support those most in need. While this is not nearly enough to build affordable housing because we know that it costs between \$200,000 and \$250,000 to build a housing unit here in Maine, but what's really important that we have to think about, Mr. Speaker, is that this bill will allow Maine Housing to leverage our state dollars with federal low-income housing tax credit dollars in order to build the units we need here in Maine. For every one dollar that Maine spends on housing, we are able to leverage 11 federal dollars through the low-income housing tax credit program. So, this is a win-win. As we all know, without stable and affordable housing, Mr. Speaker, no one can have access to the benefits of education, of job training, of job opportunities, of health care. It

really begins with that and so, I urge my colleagues in the House, Mr. Speaker, to support this bill. It is a minor change to our real estate transfer tax structure and it will achieve great benefits for many Maine people who are struggling today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the pending motion.

As you know, I do work as a realtor and I do know the economic activity that one real estate transaction does generate and I think, as has been said, when something is taxed or taxed at a higher level, you get less of it. And I worry this would certainly impact people wanting to purchase more expensive real estate properties here in the State of Maine at a higher price. I think what would happen, I think there are other people that are impacted by these transactions in the middle class that this would impact the people that perhaps do some of the contractors who have to fix things on properties, there's also the inspectors as well as our local businesses from our retailers as far as the furniture stores and paint stores and things of that nature. So, I would just suggest this does impact the middle class as well and I would encourage this Body to reject this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very concerned about the state of housing in the State of Maine. It costs approximately \$200,000 to build an affordable housing unit in this State and the prices are just going higher because of increased costs of supplies and labor. The home fund is the fund that the State of Maine has to help increase supply, and that's something that we, I think, as a Body have agreed is what we need to do to alleviate pressure on housing prices. This bill, on a home sale that's a million dollars, is not going to increase the real estate transfer tax. On a home sale that's two million, it's going to increase it a thousand dollars. It may raise a little over one million, but this is crumbs in the grand scheme. What is this Body, Mr. Speaker, going to do to effectively address the housing crisis in this State? Mr. Speaker, this is a very small step in dealing with this problem. I urge my colleagues please vote in favor of this motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my good friend that spoke earlier said it was 50 cents for every 500. As I said when I spoke, that's a dollar a thousand.

This real estate transfer tax increases every year as property taxes increase. There's no need to adjust it. And I want to make a point; the housing authority does not spend all their money now; why do we need to give them more? Ask them to spend the money they have and stop attacking the wealthy in this State. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As my colleague from Turner commented, he's in the real estate business, I am also in the real estate business and I also serve on the board of our local Habitat for Humanity. And I feel like I have had a front-row seat to this housing crisis in our area and, as we know, it goes beyond southern Maine, it goes beyond the coast, that really it's touching every single part of our State, this lack of

affordable places for people to live. This is one way we can help with that. The real estate transfer tax has not been adjusted since the 1990s and this is a small amount to pay for people coming to our State for them to have folks who are able to live in the community and work in the fire department, work in the grocery store, be teachers in the schools. Those people aren't going to want to come to Maine if we have ghost towns where people cannot live. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative Williams.

Representative **WILLIAMS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was one of the sponsors of this bill. As an attorney, I am very familiar with real estate closings. I've done hundreds over the years. No one has ever complained to me about the amount they're paying to transfer their property. And I want to note that our two neighboring states, Vermont and New Hampshire, have real estate transfer taxes that are essentially three times what we charge in Maine. So, this minor increase; it will have little if any affect whatsoever on home sales in Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The economist Milton Friedman once said that 90% of what government does is fix what government does.

Increasing taxes in Maine, increasing building costs through the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, which has raised the cost of building by 20% in the last couple of years, increased licensing of professionals in the trades, and even just the other day increasing the cost of plumbing fixtures in residential buildings; that's the cause of our crisis.

Every single time we push people with means out of this State puts a bigger and bigger and bigger burden on the middle class and the poor people in this State. We have to stop shooting ourselves in the foot. We've absolutely got to stop this madness. Increasing taxes; all we got to do is look at California; people are rushing out of California as fast as they can and all we want to do is mimic them and incorporate more California standards in Maine? Why do we think that's going to be any different, right? Insanity is continuing to do the same thing over and over and expect different results. Let's just stop.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Acton, Representative Kryzak.

Representative **KRYZAK**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **KRYZAK**: If I'm remembering correctly, when this bill was presented to Taxation, this raise in these fees was to go to the counties to help the county clerks with all the extra work that they have because of the new housing. And I hear everybody speaking about it going to housing now, I was wondering if somebody could tell me when the bill changed from going to the counties to going to the public housing.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Acton, Representative Kryzak, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nothing has changed about the allotment that goes to the counties. The counties would still receive the same 10% that they always have.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from North Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for rising a second time, but we heard recently that New Hampshire has a higher transfer tax. I would also remind folks in the chamber that New Hampshire has no income or sales tax. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had absolutely no intention of speaking about this topic until the discussion arose. I have lived in my house for 51 years. I paid less than \$20,000 for it 51 years ago and every darn dollar I had since then has gone into that house. And right now, the house on one side of me just sold for \$661,000, the one on the other side of me sold for \$900,000, and across the way, I can see the one that just sold for \$1.26 million. I don't care what the costs are, I just want to stay in my home. And we're facing a situation and it's not just South Portland, although in South Portland it's pretty darn dramatic, when we're expecting our taxes to go up 30% this year in property taxes. And if that guess is true, then I will pay more in property taxes to the City of South Portland than I make in a year in this Legislature. And that just doesn't seem right.

And, by the way, all of the first two properties I spoke about went to people from Massachusetts. I don't know who bought the 1.26 million, but I'd be guessing it's also from away. I think it's really important that we find a way to help people stay in their homes and find homes that they can afford. I'm working on the power of prayer and whatever retirement money I had to pay my taxes, but I think that people who are trying to move into our neighborhood, there's an exodus going on because people cannot afford to live there and they sure can't afford to buy a place.

I empathize with my fellow legislator from South Portland who I know has searched for housing in South Portland a lot and had very little luck doing so because it's so expensive to live there. I think that the need for affordable housing is huge. And it's not just huge for those of us that have the means to look for it, it's also huge for those that have no means. As you all know, I spent my life working in domestic violence trying to find housing for women who were leaving terrible relationships and they can't find housing, either. And I think that's just a tiny sketch of the population that's in trouble. We have a lot of people, good people in this State who we want to stay here. They're Mainers, even if they're from away like I was, I've only been here 51 years so, you know, I know I'm still from away. But others who were here longer than me are having trouble and I think it's important that we not only help them but we help people who are of the socioeconomic class that I was in when I moved here. My husband was in the Coast Guard. You don't think we made much money? I never could've lived in my neighborhood on that salary, I think it was \$65 a week or some foolishness like that. I think that we have to do it, find housing, build housing, and this is a way to build housing. And I'm moved by the figures of the federal match on the building of affordable housing I think it's critical that we pay attention to that and utilize every blessed dime we can get from the federal government right now for things that are as important as building housing for people in Maine to live in. So, I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on this. Thank you.

Representative **BICKFORD** of Auburn **REQUESTED** that the Clerk to **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Sylvester.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the chair of Labor and Housing, I was very interested in my good friend from Auburn's comment that Maine State Housing doesn't spend the money that it has allocated to it and so, I did a few quick checks. And, in fact, they over-allocated, as I thought, because there is always projects in home-building that will be delayed or that will be canceled. If you looked at a snapshot of a balance sheet of Maine State Housing at any time during the year, you may see money in account, but that money is allocated to your local CAP agencies to do such things as home repairs, etcetera.

And so, I'd just like to say that Maine State Housing makes great use of the money that we give them and nobody who is searching for a house, whether they're from Millinocket, whether they're from Wiscasset, whether they're from Pownal, or whether they're, God forbid, from Portland, it matters to them whether or not the money is raised one way or another and I think that our most wealthy can give a bit in order to make sure that our most desperate can find housing. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 158

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Geiger, Grignon, Hutchins, Lemelin, Perry, Sharpe.

Yes, 80; No, 64; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Remove Sales and Use Taxation on Monetary Metals"

(H.P. 937) (L.D. 1277)

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-374)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

READ.

Representative TERRY of Gorham moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative KRYZAK of Acton **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Fecteau.

Representative **PECTEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is investment and equity in our State. Between 40 and 41 states already have some sort of sales and use tax exemption on monetary metals. New Hampshire, our neighbor, is one of those states. Taxing a blue-collar investment like gold and silver is a tax on working and poor people who are using a physical metal to lift themselves from poverty or to stabilize inflation.

Inflation is becoming a prominent concern of the working and poor people, especially those on fixed income. The state of Michigan shows us that passing this bill, opposing this motion, will actually increase state revenues. When Michigan repealed the state sales and use tax on monetary metals, the state was able to quadruple their tax revenue from coin dealers and related activities. That's more stores, more transactions and more jobs.

While the Federal Reserve steals our buying power and its printers continue to print money at never-before-seen rates, it makes sense to equalize this investment with others. This bill is not for the fat cats, it's for ordinary Maine people trying to protect their buying power. And, Mr. Speaker, it's always great to see the Fecteau's vote the same way, and it's happened twice today and I'm feeling kind of lucky, so, thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I went out today and bought a one-ounce silver coin, the value is \$28. It would cost me \$2.80 for the transaction because they charge 10% on the spot. I would also have to pay \$1.54 sales tax, making that \$28 value \$32.34. Silver would have to increase by 15.5% before I can even break even on my investment. If I buy an ounce of gold for \$1900 today, spot price, I'd pay \$190 to the store I buy it from and then I'd pay \$104.50 to the State for letting me buy it. Therefore, that makes the gold price \$2194, a 15.5% increase over what I paid for that precious metal. And there's no guarantee that metal is going to increase by 15.5%. There's no guarantee. I'm taking a chance. Are you paying attention, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. The Member may proceed.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Then there's no guarantee. I'm making an investment for my future. There's no guarantee I'm going to get my money back, just like if I invest my money on a stock, there's no guarantee. Let's end this practice of charging sales tax and driving people to New Hampshire to save 5.5%. Thank you.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm wondering if we pay a sales and use tax on the purchase of treasury bonds.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney, has posed a question through the Chair to any Member who may wish to answer. Seeing none, a roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 159

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Geiger, Grignon, Hutchins, Lemelin, Sharpe.

Yes, 76; No, 69; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 69 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Violations"

(H.P. 475) (L.D. 644)

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-353)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

READ.

Representative MARTIN of Sinclair moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative PERKINS of Oakland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to this.

There are approximately right now 300,000 Mainers in the State of Maine that do not have their vehicles registered. That's a cost of about \$130 million to us Mainers. We all know how much we need our roads, our bridges and our highways fixed. We also have in this bill an additional \$64,000 to send out a message to all these people who don't register their vehicles and remind them that their vehicle is not registered; \$64,000.

The court already has a process for this, so, this is really not a needed bill. The court already has a process for this; if you get stopped right now and your vehicle is unregistered, you will get a warning, that's the first 30 days. If you go to court after the first 30 days, the courts now will dismiss this as long as you have registered your car. So, there's no need for this at all.

I do realize that we are here to help our fellow Mainers, all of us, every last one of us, so they don't get a criminal record, so it doesn't go on their record, so it doesn't cost them more money in court. But with this being said, with the courts already dismissing this as soon as it comes in to court and then when they come in to court, you know happens, it gets thrown out. So, I realize the good heart of all of us in here trying to help our fellow Mainers, but this is an unneeded bill. But we are really not helping our fellow Mainers, sir, by taking \$130 million out of the coffers so we can repair our bridges, roads and our highways. We're not doing anything for our fellow men and women of the great State of Maine. If complacency is low and it decreases the current penalties, we will increase the lack of complacency. Thank you, sir, for your time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Women and Men of the House, I rise today in support of LD 644, "An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Violations".

In February of 2020, I was contacted by a co-worker who had been pulled over for having an expired vehicle registration. In fact, it was more than 150 days overdue. With everything going on in her life, including recently having been diagnosed with leukemia in the midst of the pending pandemic, it legitimately slipped her notice. She was shocked, as I was, that despite this being her first offense and having not received any kind of notification of the expiration from the State, she was scheduled for a court date last May and faced a Class E misdemeanor conviction, the same as if she had been caught shoplifting.

The effect of these extreme consequences on this particular individual were minimal. She is 55 years old, has been a model citizen for her entire life, and is well-established in her community and career. However, such a conviction could mean something very different and much more devastating for someone less established, preventing them from being able to obtain housing and employment. In addition, the 150-day time frame seems arbitrary given that no more harm is done regardless of whether your car registration is lapsed for one day or 151 days.

In most cases, it is merely a matter of when you are pulled over and made aware of the lapse or when you are loading groceries into your trunk at Hannaford and notice the lapse yourself. It's a situation that many of us in this chamber can relate to.

The amended bill before you, drafted with the assistance and support of the Maine State Police, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Secretary of State's Office, seeks to relax these legal consequences by providing that a traffic infraction for which a fine of not more than \$50 may be adjudged for a first offense if the vehicle is registered and the registration has been expired more than 30 days but less than 150 days, a traffic infraction for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged for a first offense if the vehicle was registered and the registration has been expired for 150 days or more, and for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each subsequent offense, and a Class E crime only if the vehicle has never been registered by the current owner of the vehicle.

This amendment also provides that a person served with a violation summons and complaint charging a violation of failure to register a vehicle may have the complaint dismissed if that person shows satisfactory evidence of registration that

was in effect at the time of the alleged violation or that the person subsequently registered the vehicle prior to the date required for filing an answer to the complaint.

Lastly, the amendment provides the following penalties for a violation of failure to change an out of state registration. A fine of not more than \$50 for a first offense if more than 30 days but less than 150 days has lapsed since establishing residency, or a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each subsequent offense.

Because there seemed to be some confusion surrounding the fiscal note of this bill and the account from which that funding may come from during both the work session and today, I do want to offer some clarification. Based upon information approved and posted to the transportation committee's website on May 28th, the fiscal note of this amendment is determined to be a decrease of approximately \$376,000 to the revenue of the General Fund, not the Highway Fund.

I ask my Fellow Members of this Body to join me in supporting the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wonder how many municipalities are unable to fix their roads in their area. In my little town of Knox, where cows are outnumbering people, we recently proposed a \$2 million bond to fix our roads because we don't have the money. So, do we expect to see an additional bond to take care of the price of fixing our roads in the State of Maine because people aren't registering their vehicles that cover those costs? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Harrington.

Representative **HARRINGTON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm going to go on a bit of a story time, back to before I got elected to the 127th Legislature and this Body completely changed the way we enforce operating after suspension. And it created this totally convoluted law that we basically need a flowchart to migrate through. And people were being charged with operating after suspension when they weren't supposed to and vice versa and I thought to myself whoever created this law, if they can get elected, so can I.

So, here I am, four terms later, and we're about to do the exact same thing with something as simple as a law requiring you to register your car. So, I would urge this Body to not put law enforcement in another situation where we spend 10 years trying to understand a law and vote this motion down. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to stand twice. Just to give you a heads up, this year in Transportation Committee, we have talked about bonding approximately \$147 million. As I said before, \$130 million right now is owed to the State of Maine. So, why would we push this hand-down further down the road? Maybe if we collect that money, we won't have to bond. I'm just trying to save the taxpayers of Maine a few hundred million dollars. Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sinclair, Representative Martins.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there appears to be some confusion regarding LD 644. There's talk about funds from the Highway Fund. The fiscal note, and I have a copy of it right here, is not one point some-odd million dollars as reported by my good friend and colleague, the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins, it's \$376,000, and the funds are not from the Highway Fund but from the General Fund. If we move forward with this piece of legislation, and I hope we do, that'll be placed on the Appropriations table and compete with other matters before us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 160

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Doudera, Geiger, Gramlich, Grignon, Hutchins, Lemelin, Millett, Sharpe.

Yes, 80; No, 62; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-353)** 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-353)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-383)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Public Ways Are Compliant with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990"

(H.P. 496) (L.D. 669)

Signed:
Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:
Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
WHITE of Mars Hill

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-383)** 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-383)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)** on Bill "An Act To Establish Trail until Rail Corridors"

(H.P. 1004) (L.D. 1370)

Signed:
Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville

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

Signed:
Representative:

WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)** 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-367)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways"

(H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1623)

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-363)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

READ.

Representative MARTIN of Sinclair moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative WHITE of Mars Hill **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Washburn, Representative White.

Representative **WHITE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is not a new bill. Me, being on my fourth term here, I think all of us have at least seen it once or twice. This is the first time that I have supported it and put my name on it, though.

One thing I've learned by being on my second term with the Transportation Committee is that you learn by failure. So, I've taken all the cumulative information that I've learned over the years on this bill and I have applied it to another report that we see once we shoot down this pending motion, and that

report would curb a lot of the concerns that a lot of people from the industry and the Legislature themselves and our public hearing have had in years past. So, I urge you to follow my light and shoot down this motion and let's move on to the next one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sinclair, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as some of you know, those of us that have been around here for a year or so, recognize that this piece of legislation is before us every session and really doesn't go anywhere. It's a great idea but according to the Maine State Police and other folks, it's really not enforceable, quite frankly.

I supported, as well as a majority of fellow members on the committee, the Ought Not to Pass Report, more so because of the testimony given us by the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine and the Maine Motor Transport Association, who clearly oppose this piece of legislation. I would hope, ladies and gentlemen, that you follow my light and defeat this piece of legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Washburn, Representative White.

Representative **WHITE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have addressed the concerns from the Professional Loggers Contractors and the Maine Motor Transport Authority as well in the second version of the bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 161

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carmichael, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Downes, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau, Foster, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Griffin, Hall, Harnett, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Kryzak, Landry, Libby, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tucker, Tuttle, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Berry, Carlow, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Ducharme, Greenwood, Grohoski, Haggan, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Johansen, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, McDonald, Nadeau, O'Connor, Ordway, Pickett, Rudnicki, Sampson, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, White B, White D, Wood.

ABSENT - Cebra, Cloutier, Doudera, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Hutchins, Lemelin, Martin, Sharpe.

Yes, 108; No, 33; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

108 having voted in the affirmative and 33 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting" (H.P. 174) (L.D. 253)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-387)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 162

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield,

Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Bickford, Cebra, Cloutier, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Landry, Lemelin, Martin, Sharpe.

Yes, 80; No, 61; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

(H.P. 402) (L.D. 557)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-381)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 163

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan,

Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Cloutier, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Landry, Lemelin, Martin, Sharpe.

Yes, 80; No, 62; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Revise Reporting Requirements for Maine Clean Election Act Expenditures"

(H.P. 686) (L.D. 930)

Signed:

Senator:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
HARRINGTON of Sanford
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-380)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion and just wanted to explain that what we would like to do with this is just to ensure

transparency in where money is being spent that is allocated from taxpayers to candidates. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 164

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Cloutier, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Landry, Lemelin, Martin, Sampson, Sharpe.

Yes, 79; No, 62; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Act by Limiting the Amount of Money Paid to Political Operatives"

(H.P. 727) (L.D. 981)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-379)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-378)** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Consideration of a People's Veto at a Presidential Primary

(H.P. 856) (L.D. 1178)

Signed:

Senators:

FARRIN of Somerset
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
KINNEY of Knox
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a bipartisan amendment to the Maine Constitution that would allow to make sure that when we have a peoples' veto or a referendum question that it does not happen in our new presidential primary vote because the presidential primary is often more of a partisan statewide vote. Yes, it's statewide, yes, anyone can go and vote on a referendum, but if your party is not really on

the ballot, you may not take the time to go and vote in that primary. It's in March, weather isn't always the greatest in March in Maine and, yes, you can vote by absentee but voter turnout is smaller at that time of the year in a primary like this.

So, to make sure that all the people can have the opportunity to vote, we're asking that this be something that only is allowed during a June primary when both parties are on the ballot or in a general election in November. And it's a very simple amendment that is nonpartisan and would hope that people will follow my light and vote down the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Corey.

Representative **COREY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I'm speaking against the pending motion.

In June of 2019, the Maine Legislature passed LD 1626 implementing a presidential primary system in Maine and in March of 2020, we held a contested democratic presidential primary. In other years, there could be a contested republican presidential primary, it really depends on if an incumbent is unopposed or if a seat is open. Regardless, every four years Maine will see a presidential primary and, in many cases, like our most recent primary, there will be greater partisan turnout on one side or the other.

So, how does this play in to the peoples' veto process? In 2019, different groups that opposed some of the actions of the 129th Maine Legislature, these groups embarked on gathering the signatures necessary for peoples' vetoes based on incorrect information supplied by the Secretary of State's office. They were told that the peoples' vetoes would be considered during the June primary. After these groups had signature collection efforts underway and had spent money, they were informed the voters would weigh in during the new presidential primaries in March. Some groups halted their efforts but one pushed ahead with an uphill battle before them. Why does this matter? In years where there are contested presidential primaries, campaigns will be spending money and expending resources on get out the vote efforts. Naturally, this can swing voter turnout and participation in one party's direction or the other. Voters show up when their vote is consequential. If a peoples' veto is considered during a presidential primary and that veto may run counter to a policy position held by the party with a contested election, the veto could easily be defeated. Moreover, unenrolled voters have even fewer reasons to show up during presidential primaries focused on partisan elections. An unintended consequence of passing the law implementing presidential primaries was the impact on the peoples' veto. The peoples' veto, a referendum where signature reforms of the progressive era focused on direct democracy or citizen rule, as was the presidential primary. With that said, we should not let the peoples' veto fall victim to the presidential primary as we did in 2020. I hope that we can all agree that the peoples' veto to be effective voter participation is necessary and we want to hear from a cross-section of Maine's people. This legislation ensures a fair and consistent process, a process that holds the same whether it is a presidential election year or not.

I leave you with this; back in 2019, when this problem arose and I became interested in it, the Bangor Daily News editorial board had said that I'm appropriately focused on the process concerned here and not the politics. They went on to say the right thing for all involved here is to wade through the admittedly complicated procedural and constitutional layers and try to find a way to address this unintended consequence,

not only in fairness to the existing peoples' veto efforts and the people working on them, but for the integrity of the process moving forward. We did not fix this issue in 2020 when we ran a peoples' veto during the presidential primary. We have an opportunity to correct this for the future. During my legislative service, it's always been my experience that when we enact laws that have unintentional consequences, we fix those laws. Please join me in defending or defeating the pending motion. I'd like to request that the Clerk read the Committee Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk to **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, our committees do a lot of work. They spend a lot of hours on different subject matter. This committee spent a lot of time on this bill and the bipartisan majority of the committee did not support the pending motion. When we have a committee that spends the amount of time that these folks do, we should respect and honor their vote. This was not a partisan vote. Please vote this motion down. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 165

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bailey, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, Fay, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, White B, White D, Williams, Wood.

ABSENT - Cebra, Cloutier, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Landry, Lemelin, Martin, Sharpe, Tuttle.

Yes, 70; No, 71; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 71 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative **CAIAZZO** of Scarborough, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolution was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-378)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolution was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-378)** and sent for concurrence.

Eight Members of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** report in Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers"

(H.P. 726) (L.D. 980)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

Four Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-368)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-369)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

GREENWOOD of Wales

READ.

Representative **MATLACK** of St. George moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass**.

Representative **TUELL** of East Machias **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of Report "A" Ought Not to Pass. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 166

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty,

O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Cloutier, Copeland, Doore, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Landry, Lemelin, Martin, Sharpe.

Yes, 78; No, 62; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Seven Members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-384)** on Bill "An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1061)

Signed:

Senator:

LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Five Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-385)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

HICKMAN of Kennebec

READ.

On motion of Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-384)** 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-384)** and sent for concurrence.

Eight Members of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** report in Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create a Voter Identification System"

(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1083)

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Four Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-405)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-406)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

COREY of Windham

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass**.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion.

This bill is probably the simplest that it has ever been proposed in the Legislature. It simply uses a form of identification that almost every Mainer already possesses. For those rare few that don't possess one of these forms of picture ID, one will be provided to them at no cost. It's really that simple. This bill will improve confidence in our election integrity. After the 2020 election, 75% of Republicans did not

have faith in our elections. After the 2016 election, 65% of Democrats did not have faith in our elections. I think it is clear to see that diminished faith in our election integrity is not a partisan issue.

One hundred sixty two thousand two hundred sixty-six? registered Maine voters, 13% of Maine's registered voters, don't have any form of Maine ID. Mr. Speaker, how is that possible? It is Maine law that any person who registers to vote in Maine has 30 days to apply for a driver's license. So, how do we have 162,266 registered voters who do not have one? I'm sure there are a small number on one end of the spectrum that have expired driver's licenses and there are probably a small number on the other end of the spectrum who have not yet received driver's licenses, and an even smaller number somewhere in between that will never receive a driver's license.

But, Mr. Speaker, how does that number get to 162,266? I'll answer that for you; it most likely doesn't. We have a problem. Bottom line; this bill doesn't hinder or restrict anyone's access to voting; it does improve election integrity and confidence. I urge the Members to vote no on the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I feel compelled to rise on behalf of my mother, who never drove in her entire life but she voted in every damn election she could. But, she was very worried when she thought she wasn't going to be able to because she didn't have a picture ID because she didn't have a driver's license, because she never had to have one. And, frankly, the only time she ever tried to drive, she drove up somebody's porch and then never got behind a wheel again, and that's probably a good thing, not a bad thing. But she was 70 when she moved to Maine and she was not about to get a driver's license, nor I suppose I could've taken her to the motor vehicle division and have her sit all day to get her picture taken, but that really wasn't in her agenda.

So, My mother can't be the only person that ever had that happen to her. There are a lot of elderly people who do not have driver's licenses, and many of whom never had driver's licenses, and I think that this law would impact them in a way that is not good. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to the pending motion and in doing so, you want to be thankful I don't have a driver's license.

Having said that, were I to reach into my pocket and pull out my wallet and open it up, you'd probably bust me on a point of order for doing so. Having said that, I have in that wallet, a form of ID. Now, that ID is a U.S. Pass Card that lasts roughly 10 years, I paid 60-some-odd dollars for it, and I can show that anywhere and everywhere I choose to go. Now, I realize the bill before us does not require that the individual pay for a form of ID, but I do think that it is critical that the State do so, that we encourage people who are going to be voting to be showing some form of state or federal ID in all of our elections. I say that as one who trusts my town clerk and my town office and many of our elections officials around the State. But it also doesn't hurt to have proper checks and balances and remove any doubt that anyone may have on either side of the aisle. So, I will be opposing the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, in order to register to vote in the State of Maine, you do need to show a form of ID as well as proof of residence, so, a utility bill of some sort. So, you do have to provide ID in order to register to vote, so, what this does is create the voter ID system so that when, at the time of going in to vote, you're again just reaffirming who you are. In my little town where cows outnumber people, we know everybody in town, there's not really a serious issue, but in municipalities, I grew up in the City of Auburn, there were wards all over the city, and I believe there still are in Auburn, and you aren't known as well by the registrar at that time. And this just makes it easier. I know when I was the one checking people in in my little of Knox, people didn't even want to tell me their name. Granted, I knew who they were, but you have to state your name and people don't even want to do that. So, this just makes it easier to make sure that the correct name is checked off. It does help when there's father and son and maybe grandson that all vote and they all have the same name there's just they're senior, junior, the third, it makes it easier to make sure the correct name is checked off because sometimes it's hard to understand what the person says. Certainly, it's been very difficult in here between trying to listen through masks and then also trying to listen through the conversations we've heard, it can be difficult to understand. So, this is just a way to ensure that the right person is casting their ballot. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Arundel, Representative Parry.

Representative **PARRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We all know that you need an ID to do virtually anything in society today. The Good Speaker and I live right next door to each other, one town over. If either one of us go into the Home Depot and pick up a can of spray paint and go through the self-checkout, it will prompt you to put your ID in. If you go to the doctor's office, if we go to Southern Maine Medical, there's a sign right in the window at the doctor's office that says please have your insurance card and photo ID ready. I don't know why we think we shouldn't have to show one when we go and vote. To me, voting is probably the most important thing we do as a citizenry. I don't know why we think we shouldn't have to show who we are when we go and vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Of the seven times I ran for election to this Body, several occasions I had someone walk out of the poll saying they told me I already voted, furious that they had to go to City Hall because they already voted and they didn't vote. This is a problem. When I first got my voter registration in 1973, you had a voting card. You had a registration card that you actually brought with you. Now, you can just say I am Ryan Fecteau, and I can vote. They don't know. Unless they know you, they don't know I'm not Ryan Fecteau. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are currently between the ages of 65 and 74, 96,196 people in the State of Maine, not registered voters, just people. Between the ages of 75 and 84, there are 63,890. Eighty-five and older, 23,316. These are just people in Maine,

not registered voters. All these categories, all the people, 65 years and older is 183,402. Virtually 100% of the population over 65 years old would have to have no form of photo ID to make up the 162,266 registered Maine voters that have zero form of picture ID in the State of Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also rise in opposition to the pending motion.

After this last election, I was talking to one of my constituents and he said you know, when I went to vote, they had me down as having already voted. And he got a little upset and he talked to the clerk, who happened to know him and he says you know I work until five o'clock, you know who I am, I have not voted yet. So, she said go ahead and have him vote. But he told me afterwards, this points out the real need for voter ID or picture ID. No charge of malfeasance, just an honest mistake. And when I heard that from the Good Representative from Auburn that it happened there, too, I'm thinking this happens more often than we realize and we really need to do something about it. So, I hope we can do something with this. It's a common sense solution and we ought to vote this motion down and move on to one of the Ought to Pass proposals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight.

Representative **McCREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd just like to add that we need to be careful to protect Mainers' voting rights. Passing this bill would mean putting into Statute discriminatory practices. This bill would not only negatively impact people of color but also the elderly, transient, people with disabilities, students in low-income communities. We need to make our democracy as representative as possible and we should not enact policies that cut out members of society.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of Report "A" Ought Not to Pass. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 167

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Cebra, Cloutier, Geiger, Grignon, Hanley, Landry, Lemelin, Martin, Perry, Sharpe.

Yes, 79; No, 62; Absent, 10; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought Not to Pass** was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Six Members of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass** on Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Close the Long Creek Youth Development Center and Redirect Funding to Community Integration Services for Adjudicated Youth

(H.P. 1239) (L.D. 1668)

Signed:

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

Six Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

READ.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report and later today assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass as Amended Committee Amendment "A" (H-409)** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules"

(H.P. 922) (L.D. 1256)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative LOOKNER of Portland pending the motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative LOOKNER of Portland **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Lookner.

Representative **LOOKNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In case anyone hasn't noticed, we are experiencing a record-breaking heat wave in the State of Maine and across the

country right now. While it would unwise to attribute this one event entirely to the climate crisis, the data and the science are clear. More greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels will result in more extreme weather events more frequently. This weather will be commonplace in the future without drastic action on the behalf of this Legislature and other lawmaking bodies the world over.

This Body cares about providing for future generations. Assessing a climate impact note on a bill should be thought of as the fiscal impact that a bill will have in the future. A ton of carbon emissions today may result in billions or trillions of dollars in climate and sea level rise mitigation infrastructure spending in the future. The results of the climate crisis will also be experienced more acutely by communities of color and on tribal lands. Assessing climate impacts are a necessary part in wholly understanding the impacts that a bill will have.

It is not a radical proposal to ask that when this Body considers legislation that we attach a climate impact note to that legislation. We are simply out of time when it comes to making the changes that are required if we're going to preserve a habitable planet for our children and our children's children. So, I urge you to support me in; or vote with me, on this motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, thank goodness for climate change. If we did not have climate change, which the earth has gone through since its creation, we would still be in an ice age, we would not be living in Maine, we would be under hundreds of feet of ice. Since the ice age, oceans have risen over 300 feet. This is not caused by the last 60 years of us being on the planet. This has always been evolving, it's part of the earth, there's a finite amount of carbon, you don't create carbon, carbon comes from carbon. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Presque Isle, Representative Underwood.

Representative **UNDERWOOD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think climate change is a hoax and it's just a figment of everybody's imagination and it's an excuse to raise taxes and implement more regulations on everybody. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the comments of the Representative from Portland. In doing so, when our committee heard this bill, heard many things. When we had discussion about it, one of the comments that we heard was well, we're doing impact statements on other topic areas. And I guess the thought that crossed my mind when we were doing that was where are we going to draw the line? Where are we going to stop with impact statements and at what point are we going to put into jeopardy the nonpartisan nature of our nonpartisan staff? Our nonpartisan staff, as folks will recall, are the ones who provide objective analysis on these bills that we're debating and discussing and using facts on. And our nonpartisan staff, the more and more work we either throw on them or our state agencies, that makes it even trickier for them to navigate those waters and truly present nonpartisan information. So, with that, I would ask that you read the Committee Report on the bill before us.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk to **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Bailey.

Representative **BAILEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that climate change poses a serious threat to our security and well-being and that we must take thoughtful, intentional, and pragmatic steps to mitigate its effects and reduce carbon emissions.

That said, I am not actively engaged in this cause. Furthermore, I hold views about how to grapple with this issue that put me at odds with some advocates on climate change who would prefer more immediate and aggressive action. However, putting aside any differences we may have on this issue, as a policymaker, I want the ability to make informed decisions on issues on behalf of my constituents and all of Maine. I want to understand the fiscal and racial impacts of proposed policies and rules, I want perspective on how decisions we make in Augusta impact people and places and the security and well-being of future generations of Mainers. For me, that is entirely what this bill is about. It's not about radical change or special interests on either side of this debate, but about providing me and you with additional information about the short- and long-term ecological and economic impacts of policies and rules over which we as a collective Body have the authority to address through legislation and oversight.

We are members of a part-time citizen legislature with term limits. I share one Legislative aide with 11 other colleagues. Partisan staff and lobbyists have considerable power and influence in our legislature because they hold institutional knowledge and information about bills. In this context, I want fiscal, racial and climate impact statements to help inform and guide me to ensure that I'm making smart and deliberative choices. I hope you'll join me in supporting this bill for Maine, for our Legislature and for the opportunity it gives us to make better policy decisions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mr. Speaker, I was hoping that you could help clarify for me. I want to be sure I'm understanding what we're doing that the Ought Not to Pass has been moved and a Roll Call on the Ought Not to Pass is what's before us.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm kind of hopeful that my green button will work on this one. I hope that you will follow me with that. But I've been farming for over 25 years, my family for over 40 years, and some members of this Body have more than eight generations of farmers in their families. Weather is cyclical and although today is great for our farm and our hay production, I'm thankful and I'm hopeful that we're going to get rain again. It doesn't always come when I want it to, but hopefully it will be here. I have faith. As the Representative from Auburn pointed out, climate change happens and it's been good, that's the reason we're able to live on the earth today. If it's meant to be that we're not to be here anymore, it's not up to us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Sylvester.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I so did not want to speak on this bill, but as I'm closer to the exit than the entrance of my political career, I have to say a few words. Climate change is real. What happens is that increasing air and water temperatures from the carbon leads to rising sea levels, supercharged storms, higher wind speeds, more intense and prolonged droughts, bigger wildfires, longer seasons, heavier precipitation and flooding. The number of climate-related disasters has tripled in the last 30 years. Between 2006 and 2016, the ocean has risen two and a half times what it has done for the last hundred years before. People are taken out of their homes by the hundreds of thousands every year by climate change. This is a real thing. In the same way that many other things that we study in this Body are real things.

As the Good Representative said, I want to know what the impact of those things are. I want a legislative history for those that will come after me and sit in this chair. I want to know the science, I want to know the economics, and the only way to do that is to do it intentionally. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Copeland.

Representative **COPELAND**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in favor of this bill. It impacts Maine. I'm sure we've all seen the research that the Gulf of Maine is warming faster than any other area in the nation and we can't ignore it. That's the Gulf of Maine. We are Maine. We have to care about it. It's the lobsters, it's the jobs, if you want to go to the economy, these are important things. As a coastal community, we're concerned with the water rise, it has already risen in the Saco River. It's real and I encourage everyone to vote to have information, facts and data available to us so that we can make the decisions that are the right ones for our State. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Riseman.

Representative **RISEMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to today to make you aware that climate change is not something that happens overnight and it's not something that happens in kind of a mass kind of happening. I think if you look at some of the bills we were considering today, they range from things like lakes quality, housing development, farming activities, water quality and agricultural issues. All of those things have an impact on environment and it is absolutely necessary that we get an understanding through some comments coming about how a bill would have an environmental ramification. So, I would strongly urge you that you vote this bill down and go with the Minority Report to pass this. Thank you.

Representative **LOOKNER** of Portland **MOVED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.**

Subsequently, Representative **LOOKNER** of Portland **WITHDREW** his motion to **MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Osher.

Representative **OSHER**: Just as we have fiscal impact statements that this is a chance for us to find out how this might impact the future, the climate in the future. Because what we know is that the way we got here is that individual decisions were made because they looked like they were in the best interests. Business decisions were made, policy decisions were made, those were all made, the assumption being that it was in the best interest of people and the environment. What we've learned is certain business

decisions and certain policy decisions resulted in us increasing the atmospheric concentration of CO2 which, as the Good Representative from Portland mentioned is causing all sorts of impacts to our climate.

So, I guess I would say that I do not agree with this Ought Not to Pass because it's important that we have staff give us evaluations of what the long-term impact might be on the climate of any legislation.

On motion of Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative **MATLACK** of St. George to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report. (Roll Call Ordered)

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 168)

STATE OF MAINE CLERK'S OFFICE

2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

June 7, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

Energy, Utilities and Technology

L.D. 709 Resolve, To Provide a Brief Moratorium on Certain New Net Energy Billing Arrangements and To Examine the Costs and Benefits of Net Energy Billing (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1556 Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study and Recommend a Financing Model To Increase Capital Investment in Renewable Energy, Clean Energy Technology, Energy Efficiency Projects and Jobs in Maine (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1596 An Act To Reduce the Nameplate Capacity of Distributed Generation Resource Projects to Qualify for Net Energy Billing and Decrease Tariff Rates for Customers Participating in Net Energy Billing Programs

Judiciary

L.D. 668 An Act To Ensure Public Accountability While Implementing a Practical Approach to Remote Participation

L.D. 746 An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings

L.D. 1438 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Declare the Natural, Inherent and Unalienable Right of Enjoying Personal Privacy

Taxation

L.D. 501 An Act To Amend Maine's Corporate Income Tax by Increasing the Top Rate from 8.93 Percent to 12.4 Percent

- L.D. 534 An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss
- L.D. 1222 An Act To Reduce Property Taxes of Seniors in an Amount Equal to the Cost of Education
- L.D. 1667 An Act To Create a Tax Credit for Maine Workers Who Have Earned Certificates from Accredited Institutions
- Veterans and Legal Affairs
- L.D. 1404 An Act To Legalize Sports Betting and Strengthen Public Education
- L.D. 1405 An Act To Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering
- L.D. 1518 An Act To Support Maine's Tasting Rooms and Restaurants during the COVID-19 Pandemic (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1527 An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 626)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

June 3, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:

- Barry W. Norris of Union for appointment, to the State Harness Racing Commission
 - Timothy J. Archambault of Holden for appointment, to the State Harness Racing Commission
- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary:
- Carrie L. Linthicum, Esq of Castle Hill for appointment, as a District Court Judge
 - Andrew Mead of Bangor for reappointment, as an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court
 - Valerie Stanfill of Wayne for appointment, as the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

ORDERS

On motion of Representative HEPLER of Woolwich, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1285) (Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, DRINKWATER of Milford, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNELL of Brewer,

PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, THORNE of Carmel) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR HOUSING

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Special Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, from the beginning of time, towns, hamlets, kingdoms and countries have needed to have a body of people willing to put their own lives on the line to provide defense; and

WHEREAS, these people by serving have earned a variety of benefits from grateful communities, from medieval knights being granted land to veterans being granted health care and pensions today; and

WHEREAS, in 1789 the first Congress of the United States assumed the responsibility of providing payments to veterans; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government has historically provided bounty land to its war veterans; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs home loan program was created in 1944 as part of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, better known as the GI Bill of Rights, and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in order to help veterans return to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, many veterans are not aware of or able to access benefits that they have earned because of complex program requirements or eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the need for advocates for veterans not connected with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs generated the creation of veterans service organizations, which have historically served as essential advocates for veterans as veterans work to understand the benefits they have earned and are entitled to use; and

WHEREAS, the only veterans benefit that does not have a specifically chartered veterans service organization is housing; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, on a single night in January 2020, 37,252 United States veterans were homeless; and

WHEREAS, safe, adequate housing is essential for veterans and their families to achieve their highest potential as thriving members of thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, veterans' understanding and ability to access United States Department of Veterans Affairs housing benefits require strong, independent advocacy; and

WHEREAS, a veterans service organization specifically focused on housing would provide that advocacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States ensure the creation and approval of a congressionally chartered veterans service organization for housing during the 117th Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and to each Member of the United States Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the United States House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Woolwich, Representative Hepler.

Representative **HEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Throughout the history of this country, veterans have been recipients of a grateful colonial and national government and have earned benefits such as land, pensions, access to higher education and loan guarantees for homes and farms. As with many government programs, those benefits are complex and for most people the system is difficult to navigate. The veteran service organizations provide advocacy for veterans. Examples include the American Legion, AMVETS, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Wounded Warriors Project. Congressionally chartered VSOs provide an array of services such as job fairs and other vocation-related services, access to representatives to help apply for VA benefits, and fundraising around issues of homelessness, for example. Indeed, one major veterans' benefit is housing. It's a significant one, but not easy to understand or access. It is also the only VA benefit that does not have a specific VSO whose specialty is housing. As mentioned, there are guarantees for loans to purchase homes but no VSO that provides help on sustainable home ownership, for instance, or even financial literacy education. That needs to change. Congress must charter a VSO for housing. There is a bill in the works but as yet has no bill number. This resolution, for which I am grateful to a constituent as well as members of this Body's veterans caucus brings this issue to the attention of the 130th Maine Legislature and calls on Congress to charter such an organization. Thank you.

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

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. 95) (L.D. 227) Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)**

(S.P. 224) (L.D. 537) Bill "An Act To Dedicate Sections of Maine's Interstate Highway System to Fallen State Troopers" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-166)**

(S.P. 236) (L.D. 597) Bill "An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program" Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-168)**

(S.P. 252) (L.D. 647) Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-178)**

(S.P. 258) (L.D. 672) Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Building a Trail on the Mountain Division Rail Line Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)**

(S.P. 281) (L.D. 730) Bill "An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine

Tree Development Zone Benefits" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-174)**

(S.P. 322) (L.D. 1027) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-162)**

(S.P. 334) (L.D. 1066) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Mortgage Servicer' in the Laws Governing Mortgage Foreclosures" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-179)**

(S.P. 426) (L.D. 1320) Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Shareholders of Banks and Members and Corporators of Credit Unions To Hold Virtual Meetings" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-161)**

(S.P. 465) (L.D. 1415) Bill "An Act Regarding Minor Revisions to Existing Site Location Permits, Exemptions for Rerouting Storm Water and Exemptions for New Construction or Modification of an Existing Licensed Development under the Site Location of Development Laws" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-171)**

(S.P. 481) (L.D. 1494) Bill "An Act To Create Limited Lines Self-storage Insurance" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-160)**

(S.P. 562) (L.D. 1709) Bill "An Act To Promote Home Ownership by Minimizing Education Debt" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-173)**

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.

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

(H.P. 894) (L.D. 1219) Resolve, To Facilitate the Modernization and Streamlining of the Utility Pole Attachment Process Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-417)**

(H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1505) Bill "An Act To Restrict the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-418)**

(H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1631) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Banning Polystyrene Foam To Exclude Packaging for Meat, Poultry, Fish, Seafood and Eggs" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-416)**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program

(S.P. 24) (L.D. 17)

(C. "A" S-148)

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. 105 voted in favor of the same and 21 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Require Annual Information Reporting by the Maine Information and Analysis Center

(S.P. 19) (L.D. 12)

An Act To Provide for the Well-being of Companion Animals upon the Dissolution of Marriages

(S.P. 222) (L.D. 535)

(C. "A" S-136)

An Act To Allow a 5-year Open Enrollment in the Participating Local District Retirement Program for Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Other Municipal Employees

(S.P. 364) (L.D. 1103)

(C. "A" S-145)

Was 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.

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Develop a Draft Registration Program for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction

(S.P. 83) (L.D. 195)

(C. "A" S-137)

Resolve, To Create the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

(S.P. 501) (L.D. 1559)

(C. "A" S-142)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create a Program and Fund To Provide Grants To Movie and Stage Theaters and Music Venues

(S.P. 526) (L.D. 1641)

(C. "A" S-153)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hodgdon, Representative Quint.

Representative **QUINT**: I request to speak on the record, please?

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order through adjournment. The Member may proceed.

Representative **QUINT**: Okay, thank you. Had I been here, I would have voted no on Roll Call 154, 155, and 156. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire if the Member indicated how she would have voted if she had been present.

Representative **QUINT**: Yes.

The SPEAKER: In the affirmative.

Representative **QUINT**: No; no on 154, 155, and 156, no for all three.

The SPEAKER: The record shall so reflect.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Wood who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **WOOD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, due to my inexperience, I did not properly last week read a sentiment that I wanted to read into the record and I'd like to do that now.

Robert V. Dunn of Falmouth. Mr. Dunn was a veteran of the United States Army who served in Korea and Japan. After his service, he became a lawyer working in New York, spending three years with the firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Irvine, and then 17 years with Sperry and Hutchinson as general counsel. Later, he served as general counsel with General Nutrition Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, leading the effort to take the corporation public. An athlete and avid tennis player, he and a lifelong friend, George Liddy, supported the launch in 1970 of the Virginia Slims Open, the first women's professional tennis tournament, which led to the Women's Tennis Association. Mr. Dunn will long be remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends. I'd like to now just read a few comments from me.

Bob Dunn was my friend. He was my mentor. We spent a lot of time discussing tennis. I'm not sure that my game improved much, but his work and beliefs improved the opportunities for all women in tennis at the competitive professional level in this country. He and I frequently discussed politics, often with a pocket-sized copy of the Constitution present. He and I had different points of view and we were able to, on occasion, expand each other's viewpoint. One of my biggest disappointments was that Bob was not able to come to the State House to watch this Body in action and one of his biggest disappointments was that he, at the age of 91, didn't have the opportunity to be my legislative assistant. He will be sorely missed.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative PAULHUS of Bath, the House adjourned at 4:53pm until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021; in honor and lasting tribute to Paul D'alessandro, of Brunswick and Judy Montgomery, of Brunswick.