

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
9th Legislative Day
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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

Prayer by Pastor Robert Richards, Fellowship Baptist Church, Augusta.

National Anthem by Marcia Gallagher, Hallowell.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, March 24, 2022 was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: We once again gather in this Body for a session day as we've done numerous times this year and last but once again we, this year, in 2022 join together knowing that one of our fellow colleagues, fellow lawmakers, will not be returning to join us in this chamber. My condolences are extended to the family of Representative Ted Kryzak, to my friends across the aisle in the House Republican Caucus. You probably had the opportunity to get to know him in a way that those of us on the other side of the aisle maybe did not, but certainly any time I ever had an interaction with Representative Kryzak during his two terms of service was always positive, a man who exuded kindness and will be deeply, deeply missed by all of us in this chamber. I know that on Thursday we expect a sentiment in his honor to be before this Body. I expect we'll hear many of the stories we've all shared over the four years of service that we've had with Representative Kryzak. But, once again, it's a sad day for this Body to be missing one of our own and so, if you will join me in a moment of prayer and silence for the deceased.

At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of the Honorable Theodore Joseph Kryzak Jr., of Acton.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 741)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S REALTORS

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of REALTORS® has more than 6,000 members actively involved in the business of real estate and it has approximately 360 affiliate members, including lenders, appraisers, title companies, building inspectors, surveyors and insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit trade association provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the real estate profession, serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, a healthy supply of affordable, safe, secure and high-quality residential and commercial real estate inventory statewide supports the continuing growth of Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, real estate transactions stimulate Maine's economy and include not only the money spent and reinvested in the sale price of a property but all those services and expenditures that occur in relation to a property transaction, for both a buyer and a seller; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, it is estimated that one job is generated for every 2 home sales, each home sale contributes about \$113,800 to the economy and the real estate industry accounts for 19% of the gross state product; and

WHEREAS, the real estate market in Maine is strong, as evidenced by the number of home sales increasing by 4.2% to 24,173 homes sold in 2021 with a value of \$8,900,000,000; and

WHEREAS, real estate ownership is an investment in the future and one of the best ways to build financial security through equity accumulation, and for many in Maine their real property ownership represents their life savings; and

WHEREAS, expanding real property ownership will strengthen our State and its families and communities, enhance our economy and create jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its members for their positive contributions to and the significant role they play in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities and that their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Maine's 12 local association boards and councils.

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

READ.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This June will mark 20 years that I have been a broker with Camden Real Estate Company and a member of the Maine Association of REALTORS®. In that time, I've sold property through boom times and through busts. Along the way, there have been many humorous occasions, such as this time I showed an empty house only to find a teenage couple in one of the bedrooms. Or the time I met with a seller who had a giant dog that kept growling at me and when I mentioned I was a little nervous, he said that's okay, just don't look him in the eye. There have been sad times and very joyous transactions. And, personally, I'll always be grateful for my career as a realtor because it brought about three things; first, the dangerous aspects of being a realtor sparked my imagination, enabling my dream to write a mystery series. The second gift I received as a realtor was participating in a Habitat for Humanity build in Mobile, Alabama, with the Maine Association of REALTORS®, which introduced me to this great organization and spurred me to volunteer for my home affiliate, something I have done since that time. And, third, the flexibility of being a realtor and the paycheck it provided has allowed me to do this job as a legislator. So, I'm very grateful and I want to thank all of you here in the House for recognizing us and the work that we do. And as I close, I want to challenge my fellow realtors, those that are here in this Body and those that may be listening in, to partner with us in State government to address what is one of Maine's great challenges right now and that is the lack of affordable and workforce housing. I ask my fellow realtors to keep an open mind, to reach out to us with ideas and to help us pursue every avenue possible. Some of the

bills we will debate today are proof that we need all the keys on the keychain to unlock this problem. Solving the housing crisis is not about selling more homes; it's really about strengthening our State, its families and communities. And I know that that is something that Maine's realtors care very deeply about. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Resolve
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation
and Forestry**

Report of the **Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry** pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 70, section 1 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities To Regulate Timber Harvesting"

(S.P. 728) (L.D. 2012)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ**.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Prisoners and Jail Staff by Limiting Work Hours of Jail Employees" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 832) (L.D. 1154)

Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-809)** in the House on March 22, 2022.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order, Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs To Report Out a Bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature Updating the Designation of Vietnam War Remembrance Day under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 150-G

(H.P. 1462)

READ and **PASSED** in the House on February 10, 2022.

Came from the Senate **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

Representative WHITE of Mars Hill assumed the Chair.
The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 394)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

March 21, 2022

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

RE: State Workforce Board

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Title 3 M.R.S.A., §154, I am withdrawing my nomination of Tracey Cooley of Pittsfield for reappointment to the State Workforce Board at the request of the nominee.

This nomination is currently pending before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Janet T. Mills

Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 395)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 29, 2022

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (H), I appoint Representative Dustin Michael White of Mars Hill to serve as Speaker Pro Tem to convene the House on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 392)

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

March 29, 2022

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 Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Labor and Housing

L.D. 1901

An Act To Protect Funding for Health Care for Retired Teachers by Establishing an Investment Trust Fund

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 393)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

March 29, 2022

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to her authority, Governor Janet T. Mills has nominated the following:

on March 21, 2022

Frederick A. Onion of Wayne for appointment to the Finance Authority of Maine.

Pursuant to Title 10, MRSA §965, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Perry A. Ellsworth of Strong for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

Pursuant to Title 12 MRSA §683-A, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

on March 24, 2022

Bruce L. Noddin of Auburn for appointment to the State Workforce Board.

Pursuant to Title 26 MRSA §2006, this appointment is contingent on the Maine State Senate's confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Sincerely,

S/Ryan M. Fecteau

Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 1198)

**MAINE SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE**

March 24, 2022

Honorable Ryan 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 nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Ret. Brigadier General Diane L. Dunn of Newburgh for appointment, to the State Harness Racing Commission.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

**Pursuant to Statute
Revisor of Statutes**

Representative HARNETT for the **Revisor of Statutes** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1516) (L.D. 2034)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Licensure of Certain Individuals from Other Jurisdictions"

(H.P. 1517) (L.D. 2035)

Sponsored by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1515)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service and culture; and

WHEREAS, people of Arab ethnicity and culture who have immigrated to America have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, these immigrants brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education and diversity in faith and creed, which have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the United States continues to be characterized by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate expressed by crimes and hate speech; and

WHEREAS, the civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping and bullying suffered by Arab Americans must be combated with education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate April 2022 as Arab American Heritage Month.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the Camden Fire Department, which is celebrating 175 years of service to Camden and the Midcoast. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 828)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DOUDERA of Camden, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to rise and congratulate the Camden Fire Department, Chief Chris Farley and all the good folks who protect our towns. In the 175 years since the fire department

was established in Camden, the motto has been "Always Ready" and that has certainly been the way that they have been. So, this is a very auspicious occasion and I certainly want to wish them all the best and thank them for all they do for our communities.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Oceanside High School Girls Basketball Team, of Rockland, which won the Class B State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 829)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MATLACK of St. George, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

the Dexter Regional High School Boys Basketball Team, which won the Class C North Championship. Members of the team include Kayden Kimball, Ben Bourgoin, Avery Gagnon, Seth Robbins, Cameron Allen, Bryce Connor, Will Spratt, Will Kusnierz, Brady Reynolds, Owen Brown, Caden Brown and Gage Sinclair; manager Miles Gadwah; assistant coaches Mike Martin and Jason Campbell; and head coach Peter Murray. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 565)

Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FOSTER of Dexter, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

the Dexter Regional High School Cheerleading Team, runner-up at the Class C State Championship. Members of the team include Alyvia Dorman, Andrea Gilman, Amelia Greaves, Tiffany Heinrichs, Elyssa Jerome, Kenzie Kimball, Elizabeth Roberts, McKenzie Trafton, Cristin Warner and Jennifer Young; assistant coach Danielle Mower; and head coach Kirstie Mower. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 601)

Presented by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative FOSTER of Dexter, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER PRO TEM**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this month basketball fans across the country are enjoying March Madness. Here in Maine, high school basketball fans go through our own version of it the last couple weeks of February. This year was no exception. A big part of the basketball experience for Dexter Tiger teams and fans is the

Tiger cheerleading team. Besides their traditional role of supporting the teams and rallying the fans during games, these team members train all season long for the chance to compete as a unit at the Northern Class C Cheering Competition. This year's squad under Coach Kirstie Mower and Assistant Coach Danielle Mower finished third at the regional meet, which qualified them to go against 16 other teams from around the State for the Class C State Championship. During Lady Tigers' last home basketball game, the Tigers Cheering Team took their program to the court at halftime in what one might call a final dress rehearsal. To say they were disappointed with their performance as they left the court that evening might be an understatement. With Saturday's State meet a few days away, were they ready? On Saturday, their season of preparation and hard work paid off with a second-place finish, just 0.25 points out of first place. They clearly left all the errors and jitters back in the gym at Dexter Regional High School and now held the 2022 State Class C Cheering Runner-Up trophy.

For Dexter Regional High School fans, our one shining magic moment came when the Tigers men's team won the Northern Maine Regional Class C Championship in what one sportswriter described as a comeback that had to be seen to be believed. Down 23 to 2 after going zero for 17 from the floor, the Tigers scored their first basket of the game with two minutes, 32 seconds left in the first half, 23 to 2, two minutes, 32 seconds left in the first half. Now, Dexter fans have grown accustomed to close finishes. They had seen the Tigers win the last Class C North Championship played in 2020 with a buzzer beater. They watched many of these same players win the first eight-man football State championship last fall on the last play of the game after the clock had run out. But still trailing 25 to 10 at halftime, a comeback here seemed improbable. The third quarter ended with the Tigers down 32 to 18. With five minutes left in the game, it was 38 to 25, only two points closer than at the half. From there on, however, the Tigers took over, holding their opponents to two points and taking the lead 41 to 40 with 38 seconds left. They held on to win, giving Coach Peter Murray his 346th Dexter Regional High School Men's Basketball victory. In addition to their successes on the hardwood, the Dexter Regional High School Men's Basketball Team, the Dexter Regional High School Ladies' Basketball Team and the Dexter Regional High School Cheerleading Team, represented themselves, their parents, their high school and the communities in SAD 46 extremely well this season. Each of them earned the Class C North Good Sportsmanship Award. We are all very proud of their accomplishments. And for the Good Representative from Dixfield and others who may wonder; we, too, have some of our championship team members returning next year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Recognizing:

the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Company, headquartered in Auburn, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 676)

Presented by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Representative CONNOR of Lewiston, Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

In Memory of:

Carmine Pecorelli, of Belfast. Mr. Pecorelli was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and an icon among Maine veterans and the community beyond. First enlisting in the United States Navy in 1943, he earned the rank of Radarman Second Class before joining the United States Army Reserves and earning the rank of Sergeant Major. Later in life, he volunteered with the Belfast Veterans of Foreign Wars, Troop Greeters and Wreaths Across America. Mr. Pecorelli will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(SLS 812)

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

READ.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm going to have a hard time today. One, I have to stare at the flowers for Representative Kryzak and, two, Carmine was a very good friend. I had the pleasure and honor to meet Carmine Pecorelli about 10 years ago. We met at our church in Belfast and he immediately handed out his business card and told me to call him Pop-Pop, as that was what's on his business card. I have one if you want to see it later. Well, that was really all I needed to hear to know that we would become friends for life. You see, I called my own grandfather Pop-Pop. And from then on, we were fast friends, visiting most often at fellowship after Mass on Sunday mornings. And we would talk about his service to our great nation in not one, not two, but three wars. We would talk about our families who still lived in our home State of New Jersey. While he grew up there, my parents brought me to Maine at only 15 months of age, but we did live together in the State of New Jersey for a short period of time. Every time we connected, he would ask about my children, especially my son. And we spent a lot of time together over the years, both in church and with our county GOP. Last fall, I had the pleasure to attend a Wreaths Across America fundraiser event where Vietnam War veterans were recognized with a proclamation originally proposed by President Obama and reissued by President Trump, honoring these veterans for their service during the controversial war where they were terribly mistreated upon their return home. Carmine was in attendance. There was a group of us that traveled from Waldo County together to the event in Turner and Carmine was wearing his Army uniform for the event.

He took over any room he entered, as people would flock to his side to hear his stories that ranged from trying to enlist at the age of 14 during World War II, to serving during World War II when he finally enlisted at the age of 17, to when he would return to high school to earn his diploma in his 20s and when he entered the Citadel. And that was one item that he was extremely proud of his service. When I attended his viewing last Wednesday evening, his family pulled me aside after I presented a flag flown over the State House, a Maine flag flown over the State House, pulled me aside to make sure that I had the opportunity to see his Citadel uniform. His family still had it and it was in beautiful shape. And then, finally, when he entered the National Guard during the Vietnam War because of his desire to serve our nation. And if he were with us today, he would be in full uniform because last week we had the opportunity, thank you, to pass legislation aligning the veterans of the Vietnam War with the federal designation, which is today. And so, in honor of Carmine, I invite all of you to attend at 1:00 this afternoon in Capitol Park at the Vietnam War Memorial for a ceremony, a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of all of our Vietnam War veterans who were not treated right when they returned home and it's time that they be honored. Thank you very much.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

In Memory of:

John Dominick Cancelarich, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania and formerly of Presque Isle. Mr. Cancelarich was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked at Lederle Labs in Pearl River, New York before moving to Presque Isle in 1962 to work for Vahlsing's Maine Sugar Industries, later taking leadership roles in Potato Service, Colby Starch and Northland Frozen Foods. Involved in the Maine manufacturing and agricultural industries, as well as Maine Democratic politics, he was an associate of Maine Governors, United States Senators and members of the United States Congress. He was a very active member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Presque Isle, serving as Parish Council Chairman and leading the church rosary group, and later became involved with the Holy Spirit Parish of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. In Presque Isle, he led an anti-war peace group and served as a board member of Presque Isle's public library. In retirement, he consulted for the World Bank as a volunteer, supporting many developing countries with agricultural and food processing opportunities throughout the world. Mr. Cancelarich will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 63 years, Johnnie Lou Cancelarich, his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 679)

Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield. Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook, Representative LOOKNER of Portland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **McCREA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was a sophomore in high school when Mr. Cancelarich moved to the County. Throughout my adult life and prior to becoming a legislator, I had heard his name numerous times at the

forefront of Aroostook County news and industry. On occasion, I would be at a meeting and in his presence but it was not until 2016 when I was campaigning for this very job while, that I actually had the opportunity to sit down and meet with Mr. Cancelarich. The conversation was good, very personable, memorable and remarkably in depth. Before I realized it now, keep in mind, this is campaigning, I left his house over an hour later, wishing that I didn't have to move on. I really appreciated that. I visited a few times, not nearly enough, as it turns out. I noticed in my life that there are a few times when all of us either know somebody or maybe don't know them at all and when we get an opportunity to read their obituary, we realize how much we really missed in this person. It's remarkable when you see that summary of their life in the obituary, what impact they had on their community and the accomplishments that they had. John Dominick Cancelarich was, indeed, such a person.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Lookner.

Representative **LOOKNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't going to speak but John Cancelarich was a one-of-a-kind person and real unique and I had the opportunity to stay with him on several opportunities when I was working up in the County, him and his family. They had a, you know, huge house that was just kind of, you know, a landmark. And I remember I'd be listening to him, he'd be 89 years old, loading up his furnace with wood and just telling me these stories of like hanging out with John F. Kennedy and, you know, all these crazy things. I couldn't believe that he was at that point in his life, you know, 89, just, you know, living like he did. And it occurred to me just a week or so ago to ask when I was sitting down with some Representatives from the County what happened to John Cancelarich and it turned out that he had passed away. And I'm just really grateful that I had the opportunity to have known him and, you know, the County, I don't think and the State will never be the same without him. So, that's all I wanted to say. Thanks.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Thorne.

Representative **THORNE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as a Presque Isle native. I grew up in Presque Isle. I grew up going to St. Mary's Catholic School where the Cancelarichs were a big part of that church and of that community. John Cancelarich's wife, Johnnie, was very active in volunteerism in the community. I went to school with their children and later on in life when my mother was in the nursing home at Presque Isle Nursing Home, Johnnie Cancelarich, John's wife, would spend a lot of time visiting with a lot of the patients that were at Presque Isle Nursing Home and I just knew the family as nothing more than very pure. Obviously, their roots were not in Presque Isle, but they adopted Aroostook County and Presque Isle and Presque Isle and Aroostook County adopted them as one of their own. And I know John will be missed and is missed and has been missed in the County and his presence. Thank you.

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

In Memory of:

Willard Alfred Bredenberg, of Lewiston, a Doctor of Medicine who practiced as a psychiatrist, working for Tri-County Mental Health Services and the Riverview Psychiatric Center. Dr. Bredenberg was a veteran of the United States Navy. He participated in the HIV and AIDS Epidemic Collaborative Commissions and was recognized with a Doctors without Borders honor. He helped to co-found the Maine Gay Men's Chorus, and he was a member of High Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Auburn. Dr. Bredenberg will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 681)

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Representative CONNOR of Lewiston, Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** and later today assigned

The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair wishes to thank the Representative from Mars Hill, Representative White for his service as Speaker Pro Tem and his four terms of service to the people of the great State of Maine.

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Ought to Pass as Amended**

Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Fund and Support the Veterans Homes in Caribou and Machias and Require Legislative Approval for the Establishment and Closure of Veterans Homes"

(S.P. 719) (L.D. 2001)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-468)**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-468) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-473)** thereto.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-468)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-473) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-468) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-468) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-473) thereto 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" (S-468) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-473)** thereto in concurrence.

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

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-454)** on Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees"

(S.P. 599) (L.D. 1744)

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 "B" (S-455)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

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

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 "B" (S-455)**.

READ.

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

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

Representative **O'NEIL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Right now, the Animal Welfare Program doesn't have enough resources to serve our constituents. We have a couple of options to fix the problem. The first is to take taxpayer money from the General Fund, away from essential needs such as PFAS mitigation, housing or behavioral health. The second option is to raise fees for people getting a pet license or to raise fees on the big companies who license pet food products to sell in Maine. This report was a compromise. The bill raises Maine's pet food registration fee for big companies by \$20, which is half the amount needed to meet the budget shortfall. So, it covers only half of the Animal Welfare Program's current need. Our fee would be \$100 per product. Regionally, it would match Massachusetts's registration fee and we'd be lower than Vermont's fee. Home pet food manufacturers are treated differently than the corporate ones who sell at stores and are

not subject to the fee. And these are the reasons that our Animal Welfare Program needs this increase; increasing costs due to pandemic-related delays and court cases, animal investigations have tripled, veterinarian costs have increased, many of the animals taken into custody need medical attention, personnel costs have risen in the last decade and you might be familiar with the recent case in Wales where animal welfare seized more than 63 live cats and 31 dead cats, farmers need resources as well to address feral cat colonies on farms. So, this was an issue we knew we needed to address. The other Body adopted this report. The other option is taking it from taxpayers or raising fees for pet licenses. So, this is your call, Mr. Speaker. This will modestly increase the registration fee for big companies to register and sell a product in Maine by \$20. Please vote yes to help the program do its important work.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind Members to not reference actions of the other Body.

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: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I oppose this motion because this raises taxes. It's a license fee on selling pet food. Bottom line here; it's a tax put on pet food sales. Our Chief Executive has stated there will be no new taxes. Bottom line; this is a tax, period.

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

Representative UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the House would like to raise taxes on the poor and the middle class, this is the bill to do it, vote yea. But, otherwise, vote nay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative McCREA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We need more money in the animal welfare realm. There are many ways of getting it. Well, I have a horse. I buy horse feed for that horse, 50 pounds in a bag. When I get it at Tractor Supply, there are 10 of them stacked there. This is at my one Tractor Supply in Northern Maine, which is probably not the busiest Tractor Supply. There are 10 bags there. I'm sure they replenish that several times a year. The company that manufactures that right now with no new laws pays \$80 to register that particular product. This bill proposes to raise it to \$100, an increase of \$20, which is spread across I can't imagine how many hundreds or thousands of bags of that one product in the run of a year. The increased cost of that might be half a penny a bag. I doubt that it's that much. So, while I have to admit it is an increase in a fee and call it a tax if you wish, I think that's the best way to go and it does not impact me with my horse or me if I had a hundred cattle. Thank you.

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative DILLINGHAM: So, the Good Representative from Fort Fairfield, with his testimony just made me think. What is the estimate of the additional tax that this is going to raise for this program, when he mentions the number of items that have to be registered and this charge will be added to them? Does anyone know that answer, please?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who wishes to answer it. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative O'Neil.

Representative O'NEIL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I'd encourage anyone to reference the committee file. This is from memory, so, not perfect, but my understanding is that the current shortfall for the Animal Welfare Program is around \$500,000 and this would raise around 250 and that's due to the compromise we made to not fully raise the fee to cover the entire 500. So, \$20 raise for, you know, labels of pet food products sold at the store and to help cover the costs of our animal welfare program. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Caribou, Representative Bernard.

Representative BERNARD: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just wanted to mention that everyone recognized that there was a shortfall for the Animal Welfare Fund and we all wanted to do something about that. So, if I may reference the Amendment "A" that was the Majority Report? May I do that?

The SPEAKER: The Member may make comments in relation to the report before us as to why the Member did not support the report before us and perhaps may, in that commentary, speak to what alternatively would've been the item, the way in which this bill could've been drafted, yes. The Member may proceed.

Representative BERNARD: I can make it way simpler than that. I was against Amendment "B" because I was in favor of Amendment "A" and if I may ask for the roll call of the votes for Amendment "A" versus Amendment "B"?

The SPEAKER: The reading of the report?

Representative BERNARD: Yes, please.

Representative BERNARD of Caribou **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

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

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. 487

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Crafts, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stover, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Dolloff, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Mathieson, McDonald, Millett, Parry, Sharpe.

Yes, 73; No, 62; Absent, 12; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "B" (S-455)** 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 "B" (S-455)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-846)** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Solitary Confinement in Maine's Corrections System"

(H.P. 508) (L.D. 696)

Signed:

Senator:

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 Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
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 to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

Representative **WARREN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I just want to bring attention to the name. The new title, according to this amendment of the bill, is simply An Act to Define Solitary Confinement. The language of the amendment is one sentence; solitary confinement means confinement in a cell for more than 22 hours per 24-hour day. That is the entirety of the proposal is to define solitary confinement. Thank you.

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

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. LD 696 intends to define for the Maine Revised Statutes Title 34-A the term solitary confinement. The Maine Department of Corrections Commissioner Randall Liberty agrees with the research that clearly states solitary confinement leads to long-term psychological and physiological distress and does not support recovery or balanced wellness. The Department, however, accepts the negative impact of solitary confinement as fact and because of that, Maine's Department of Corrections does not utilize the practice of solitary confinement. Mr. Speaker, this bill, even though it intends only to define solitary confinement in Statute, is attempting to be an answer to a problem that does not exist in Maine, in either our State facilities or county jails. Commissioner Liberty and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ryan Thornell actively speak out against the practice of solitary confinement and offer correctional facilities across the country and national audiences humane ways to deal with the most violent and dangerous residents.

The Maine Department of Corrections houses residents who have committed violent acts, quite gruesome, often premeditated and at times resulting in near-fatal and sometimes fatal injuries to residents and to staff and which present a sizeable threat to the safety and security of others in an administrative control unit, which is not solitary confinement, rather than placing them with the general population. In a unit like this, managed properly, the Maine Department of Corrections has been successful providing programs and services, education and recreational activities alongside behavioral health resources in a safer, controlled manner, all while granting adequate time out of cell in order for these therapeutic and rehabilitative services to take place. Out of the nearly 1600 residents served by the Department of Corrections, there were just seven residents housed in this type of housing unit at the time the Department of Corrections testified in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. LD 696 in its first amended version was originally voted out of committee was originally voted Ought Not to Pass. On March 16th during our Criminal Justice and Public Safety work session, the bill's sponsor asked to reopen the bill. The request was granted and the bill was amended again as to simply as An Act to Define Solitary Confinement, which means confinement in a cell for more than 22 hours per 24-hour day. While the new language in the bill may not appear nefarious, the concept of potentially limiting segregation for county inmates in our county jails when needed will put staff and other inmates in significant danger. The Maine Sheriffs Association has stated repeatedly throughout this session the intake at county jails is comprised of oftentimes unstable individuals

suffering from mental illness, substance abuse disorder and a myriad of other complications. The term the emergency rooms of the criminal justice system is often used and is an accurate description of what these facilities look like and are asked to deal with each and every day across our State. The one-size-fits-all approach to corrections is and has been proven to be inappropriate and dangerous. A correctional facility must have the ability remove violent individuals from the general population and in doing so to ensure the safety of staff and other residents, which is not akin to solitary confinement. LD 696 in its amended revision may seem harmless. However, it is not needed. There is no need to place a definition in Statute, for something that no longer is practiced here in Maine, nor has been for quite some time. It's another attempt to micromanage solutions to a problem that does not exist.

Please follow my light and vote no on the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative PICKETT of Dixfield **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 Portland, Representative Lookner.

Representative **LOOKNER**: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we use a lot of words in this chamber and for most of them we have a common understanding of what I mean when I say those words. Members of this chamber might be surprised to learn, however, that there is no common understanding of what I mean when I say solitary confinement. And this bill did start as a much more ambitious effort but it soon became clear that without a definition of what I mean when I say solitary confinement, we wouldn't be able to get very far. Opponents might say that this practice is not used in the State of Maine but it became clear through testimony through working this bill that there are a lot of folks who have experienced this practice in Maine in recent years. So, how can you regulate something or even kind of get your hands around something if you can't define it? If I don't know what I'm saying when I use a word, if you don't know what I'm saying when I use a word, how can we come to a common understanding of the best way to approach an issue? And if it's true that it's not being used, it's not a problem, then why not define it? So, this is a very simple definition so we can have a common understanding of what I mean when I say solitary confinement. This is congruent with international law, this is congruent with the Department of Corrections' own testimony when we were talking to them in committee and in order to have a common understanding and be able to get our arms around what exactly is happening in Maine when it comes to these practices, it's really important, it's necessary that we have a definition in Statute. So, please join me in supporting the motion.

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

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just respond to that by saying the definition of solitary confinement is very well known by the jails and by the Department of Corrections here in the State of Maine. They made it very clear that they understand what it is. They also do not practice it. And so, by putting the definition of solitary

confinement in the Statutes, it's the first step for the camel to get under the tent to deal with something that we do not need because we do not have a problem with it. Thank you very much, 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. 488

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, 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, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Bickford, Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Sharpe.

Yes, 78; No, 58; Absent, 11; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies 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-846)** 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-846)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-830)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Reentry Services to Persons Reentering the Community after Incarceration"

(H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1552)

Signed:
Senator:

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 Not to Pass** on same Bill.

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.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-860)** on Bill "An Act To Create the General Purpose Aid Stabilization Fund" (H.P. 1460) (L.D. 1963)

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 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 Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I do not wish to speak against this pending bill but simply to point out that the exact

same language is in the Chief Executive's supplemental budget as been caucused earlier this week, will likely be voted on very soon. It mirrors the same language, asks for the same dollar amount. It may require some clarification in terms of how the fund might be accessed down the road so, I'm not speaking to encourage you to vote yea or nay but simply to tell you that this is duplicative of pending budget language in the Appropriations Committee. 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. 489

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Doudera, Downes, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Hall, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Cebra, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Morris, Newman, O'Connor, Perkins, Pickett, Prescott, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Sharpe.

Yes, 99; No, 38; Absent, 10; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

99 having voted in the affirmative and 38 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-860)** 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-860)** 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-861)** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval"

(H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1847)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-862)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

CARLOW of Buxton
FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
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 Richmond, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, the committee amendment before us would require that in the future utility disconnections of public safety facilities in the State for nonpayment of rates, fees, or charges for utility service involve a prior written notice to the municipal or plantation government that uses the public safety facility, at least 60 days before termination or disconnection for nonpayment, that the Public Utilities Commission provide written authorization to terminate and the Department of Public Safety also provide that authorization. It's unfortunate that the committee has saw fit to report not one but two amendments that both make similar changes to the law. One would hope that this would not be necessary but what brought us here today is that in at least two instances in the last two years, our largest transmission and distribution utility in the State had nearly shut down critical public safety facilities in Maine, one of them in Newcastle and the other in Buckfield. The committee heard from the town manager for Newcastle at the time when that incident happened in 2018. A technician showed up at the Public Works area, turned that off, they were concerned about the impact on safety lighting at the town sand pile for the loading of plow trucks after dark, that did happen. And then they went on to almost disconnect the volunteer fire department. Fortunately, as is not always the case, but fortunately someone was there, the fire chief himself, the town got involved and the confusion was cleared up. It turned out the town had paid its bill, it's just the check had not been applied to the correct account. Our municipalities often have multiple accounts.

A very similar situation occurred the following summer in Buckfield and, again, a worker arrived to shut down the volunteer fire department. Again, fortunately, someone was there, as is often not the case and, again, the issue appeared to be a dispute over which account the check, which had been sent and received, was meant to be applied to. We also heard from that town manager. The critical issue here that I think all of us really need to understand and that the committee is concerned about is that public safety really depends on electricity, on utility services generally, but electricity especially. Life-saving equipment for ambulances and fire trucks require charging in this day and age. Diesel engines for plow trucks and other emergency vehicles use electric block heaters to reduce wintertime idling and the need for heated bays. If no one is present, a worker shows up to disconnect and an emergency occurs 24 hours later or more, that vehicle may not start at that critical moment in a rural facility that depends on, you know, maybe two or three volunteers. An ambulance in this day and age has many items that require charging. For example, cardiac monitor defibrillators, suction for airways, fluid for IV delivery, a razor to shave chest hair to apply the monitor and/or defibrillator pads, a radio for emergency communications, a heater core for the diesel engine, a stretcher battery, the automatic CPR device, the laryngoscope handles for intubation and so on. So, Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can adopt the present motion and take immediate action. There is another amendment that would require rulemaking that would take additional time. I don't think that we can afford to take that risk. The committee did also hear strong support for the bill from the Professional Firefighters of Maine and from the Maine fire chiefs. They cautioned us that with lives at stake, there's not a minute to lose in passing this measure. And so, I urge you, Mr. Speaker and all of my colleagues in the House to accept the Majority Report and vote yea. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would remind Members to not refer to reports not before the Body. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hiram, Representative Wadsworth.

Representative **WADSWORTH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Good Representative from Bowdoinham is correct; all members of the EUT committee, we definitely agree on the problem that this bill is trying to solve. You know and that is that utilities should not be disconnecting our public safety facilities without advanced notice. And my vote, my no vote today would no way reflect that. But what is the best fix? We don't need to put this in Statute, but a better solution would be to direct the PUC to correct the problem through rulemaking. That's what they're there for. 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. 490

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Doudera, Downes, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Hall, Harnett, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Cebra, Connor, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Hasenfus, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Newman, O'Connor, Perkins, Pickett, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Sharpe.

Yes, 90; No, 47; Absent, 10; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 47 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 10 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-861)** 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-861)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-847)** on Bill "An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked by and Workloads of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services"
(H.P. 1358) (L.D. 1825)

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.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-847)** 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-847)** 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-848)** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients" (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 1387) (L.D. 1877)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

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:

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.

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative JAVNER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill, in the words of our director of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Director Probert, says this change would severely limit MaineCare's ability to manage the pharmacy benefit in a fiscally responsible, clinically appropriate and transparent manner. The bill would severely limit MaineCare's ability to manage the pharmacy benefits because it would effectively mean the current preferred drug list would not apply to all the medications used to treat serious mental illness. In other words, what LD 1877 seeks to accomplish is in direct conflict with our CMS agreement, so, federal approval to the change is unlikely. 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. 491

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, 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, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Bickford, Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Kinney, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Sharpe.

Yes, 76; No, 59; Absent, 12; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 12 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-848)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative MEYER of Eliot **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-868) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-848)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-848) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-868) thereto 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-848) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-868)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-849)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services"

(H.P. 1421) (L.D. 1915)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
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:

GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
PERRY of Calais

READ.

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

Representative JAVNER of Chester **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 Chester, Representative Javner.

Representative JAVNER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The Bureau of Human Resources testified against this bill, noting concerns about changing wages through legislation instead of through collective bargaining. Here we are again. I know I miss a lot of emails because my inbox is full every day. However, I don't know if I missed an email letting me know that our role as a legislature had changed to union boss because if I did miss that one, I would appreciate my compensation to be to that level as well. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Perry.

Representative PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am actually speaking against this motion and I have voted against it in committee. My big concern is that we are changing payment within classifications where those in the same classification will have different reimbursement and salaries. So, it also creates an inequity within the classification that these people are in, which means we will have this back again, like we did with the previous bill about raises, where that inequity is going to continue until we have the ability to really

look at the whole system. I vote against this because we are creating inequity, not parity.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Madigan.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have worked in community mental health for 34 years. I would say that everyone in this chamber and everyone in the State of Maine should be grateful every day to intensive case managers. In my time working in community mental health, I have worked in emergency rooms, done assessments, getting people hospitalized. The person I could always call no matter what time of the day or night that could answer my questions about where to find someone or to find them the help they needed, someone who's at risk of ending up in jail or being blue papered was an intensive case manager. They're the experts in our State and for all our talk about needing to fix our behavioral health care system, the folks who work with the people who are in and out of the emergency rooms, in and out of our jails and are frequently homeless, are often living outside, are our intensive case managers. I believe that we need to support them because they are doing a lion's share of work, particularly in the past couple years when there's been a collapse of services as well as increased economic dislocation. Every one of us should be grateful for the work they do and I, for one, would be glad to vote to pay them what they're truly worth. Thank you.

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I, too, rise in support of the pending motion and a great appreciation to the majority on the HHS committee for supporting this bill and for supporting our ICMs here in Maine who do such important work. And I just want to begin by reminding the Body that the Legislature has saw fit in the past to make exactly this consideration for OCFS caseworkers, the same \$5 per hour stipend for workers that would be given here and the \$1 per hour that would apply for those who have or are working on a pertinent Master's degree. Our ICMs are doing incredibly important work and I think one voice that the committee heard is worth repeating, that of the ACLU, who spoke about the crisis in our prisons and our criminal legal system and how related that is to the failures of our mental health system. I quote ACLU's testimony; intensive case management is part of the puzzle of reinvestments. A large proportion of the people arrested and incarcerated in Maine and shot to death by law enforcement suffer from mental and behavioral health disorders. A recent report from Maine's Deadly Force Review Panel found that of 10 case studies of people shot by police, quote, 90% were in mental health crisis and/or suicidal, unquote. As of 2016, the testimony continues, quote, between 30 and 61% of Maine's 1,774 county jail inmates were prescribed at least one psychiatric medication and about a third of the 2,223 inmates in State prisons were taking drugs to manage their mental illness, unquote. If the status quo continues, ACLU continues, more people will lose their life and liberty because Maine lacks adequate health care services.

They then go on to speak about the inflation rate, the fact that wages have not kept up and conclude the bill before you would help turn Maine into a State that heals and treats

illnesses rather than one that criminalizes them. This is a necessary component of reducing the harmful impact of our criminal legal system. We urge you to vote Ought to Pass. The executive director of the Community Housing of Maine, the largest housing provider for homeless populations of Maine, also spoke in strong support of the bill and of our ICMs and their critical role. Specifically, their testimony referred to the people who, quote, were ricocheting through our criminal justice system, mental health system, substance use disorder system and our homeless system and said that our success in stabilizing this population through measures like LD 1915 will save all of our systems money and, more importantly, will open the door to better the lives of each person. ICMs, continue Cullen Ryan, the director of Community Housing of Maine, play a critical role in ensuring the provision of important services, maintaining connections to the service provider community and continuity of housing plans for people experiencing homelessness with serious and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorder who interact with the criminal justice system and/or require hospitalization. These positions are vital to ensuring that upon release people are not discharged into homelessness or lost elsewhere in our emergency system. I want to end by just referring to some data that we received from the Department of Health and Human Services when asked about the ICMs currently in the system and the turnover that those positions are experiencing due to working conditions as well as the lack of pay. We currently have 24 ICMs in the State of Maine. This is a small but important population of workers. In the last two years, there has been a 32% turnover across those ICM team positions for various reasons; some early retirement and others who simply left for other positions. So, I think it's time that we take the same step that we have taken before with respect to other positions and adjust these wages for inflation. It's been too long. It needs to happen yesterday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Friends in the House. This bill has nothing to do with what you just heard. Not at all. This has nothing to do with whether or not we respect these health care workers. We all do. We all know how important they are and we all care about how they're paid and how they're treated. That's not what this bill is about. This bill is about a pay increase and stepping on the toes of the union workers, Mr. Speaker and we don't have a right to do that. Unless, of course, my friends across the aisle are trying to tell me, Mr. Speaker, that unions stink and we don't need them anymore. If that's what they're trying to tell me, then they need to stand up and say that. I respect the unions, I trust them, they're in bargaining now over this, I think we need to mind our own business, let them do their job. It has nothing to do with respect; we all respect these workers and love them. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would remind Members to speak to their own motivations as to why they're opposing or supporting a bill and not speaking to the motivations of other Members. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like the record to reflect that the union representing these employees and all State employees, strongly supports this bill. 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. 492

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, 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, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Copeland, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Kinney, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Sharpe, Tuell.

Yes, 75; No, 60; Absent, 12; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 12 being absent, and accordingly, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-849)** 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-849)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-839)** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutions"

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 840)

Signed:
Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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
THORNE of Carmel

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-839)** Report.

READ.

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner 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. 493

YEA - Arata, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Hall, Hanley, Harnett, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Underwood, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Connor, Dolloff, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Javner, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Mason, Morris, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stanley, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Alley, Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Kinney, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Sharpe, Tuell.

Yes, 101; No, 33; Absent, 13; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

101 having voted in the affirmative and 33 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 13 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-839)** 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-839)** and sent for concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-838)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partners" (H.P. 1346) (L.D. 1804)

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" (H-838)** Report.

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" (H-838)** 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-838)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-854)** on Bill "An Act To Support Child Care Providers and School Readiness through Tax Credits" (H.P. 1249) (L.D. 1678)

Signed:
Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:
Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
STETKIS of Canaan

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (H-854)** 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-854)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-853)** on Bill "An Act To Change the Exclusion Amount under the Estate Tax and Provide Additional Funding for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund" (H.P. 1267) (L.D. 1704)

Signed:
Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:
Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
STETKIS of Canaan

READ.

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

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **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 Buxton, Representative Blier.

Representative **BLIER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I think we're all in the same place that we agree that there's a housing shortage or a housing problem in our community. And I've spoken to the Good Representatives from South Portland and good legislation needs to come forward. My only point to this is this; we don't have a money issue, we have a housing shortage issue. If we propose this bill, it will just help pay for more housing which we don't have which will cause inflation. This will not help the housing issue, it will just raise the rates of rents and create the problem that we have now to be amplified. Like I said, we don't have a money issue; we have a housing shortage issue. If we throw more money at the issue, it's just going to cause inflation. That's why I cannot support this bill. 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. 494

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Collings, Corey, Cuddy, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Paulhus, Perry, Riseman, Sharpe.

Yes, 73; No, 58; Absent, 16; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 16 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-853)** 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-853)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-844)** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1283) (L.D. 1732)

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
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 "B" (H-845)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
STETKIS of Canaan

READ.

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

Representative STETKIS of Canaan **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 Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regardless of which end of the State you live in, it's undeniable that there is a severe shortage of housing. This bill seeks to incentivize by making it a little bit more affordable for nonprofit housing development organizations to add to some of the much-needed affordable housing. Mr. Speaker, the housing shortage combined with current inflation, especially in the building materials sector as well as the labor shortage, all building today is much more expensive and more difficult to build in a timely manner. Mr. Speaker, because of our current challenges of building and the extreme shortage of housing, I believe it's vital that the Members of this Body are all in on addressing this problem. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, this bill falls a little bit short of its full potential in its current form. If we

agree that a sales tax exemption for nonprofit housing development organizations will help more Maine families find good homes, then providing that same incentive to all businesses whose primary purpose is to develop housing for low-income people, that will create even more opportunities for Maine families to find homes. Mr. Speaker, I hope you would join with me in voting down this motion so we can move on to the amended version that will help put even more Mainers into good housing by incentivizing all developers of affordable housing. And, like the Good Representative from Camden had said earlier today, this is just one more of those keys on the keychain.

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

Representative GERE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bill does one thing; it applies a new approach to the sales tax exemption for nonprofit housing development organizations. They are nonprofit housing development organizations. It helps them to build housing, as we just heard about, for people who need it in our communities. This includes housing what I call for regular people; nurses, teachers and public safety officers who need to have an affordable option in their communities. This bill does not address any question about sales tax exemption applying more broadly to other kinds of developers. So, I urge folks to vote with me in support of this amended bill. 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, why are we picking winners and losers? We shouldn't be doing that. If we want to build low-income housing, who the heck cares who builds it? They should get the same treatment. Please vote this bill Ought Not to Pass with me. 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. 495

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Paulhus, Perry, Riseman, Sharpe.

Yes, 75; No, 58; Absent, 14; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-844)** 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**.

Representative TERRY of Gorham **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-873)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-844)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-873)** and sent for concurrence.

Eight Members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-836)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information"

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 233)

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

Four Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

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

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-837)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-836)**.

READ.

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

Representative HAGGAN of Hampden **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

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 Libby.

Representative **LIBBY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Because she expressed my concerns with LD 233 more clearly and eloquently than I could, I'll just read a portion of the testimony of Julie Finn, representing the Judicial Branch. LD 233 provides for the electronic transmission of confidential juror questionnaires. The handling of these questionnaires is of particular concern to the branch because of the amount of personal and confidential information they contain. We are concerned that such confidential and personal information could no longer be protected if these documents were transmitted electronically. Jurors have often expressed concerns about providing this sensitive personal information and the possibility that it could be misused in ways that could result to harm to them if widely disseminated. The Judicial Branch has historically reassured jurors that while their information must be available for purposes related to jury trials, their information will be responsibly maintained. The widespread electronic dissemination of this personal data would mark a significant change in the historical treatment of this sensitive information. It is my understanding that this bill was proposed in order to keep attorneys and others from having to be physically present in the courthouse, sometimes in a small room, in order to review the juror questionnaires. We believe that we can accomplish effective workarounds during this COVID era that will provide this vital information without requiring attorneys and other to expose themselves to the threat of infection without electronically disseminating the completed juror questionnaires. In closing, I would propose that the Jury Trial Management Committee work with local attorneys in the Portland area where I understand that these issues were raised to work through the very valid concerns that LD 233 was proposed to address. The Judicial Branch is willing to draft or revise a PMO in order to notify litigants statewide of the agreed-upon process. It does not make sense to effect a long-term change by amending a Statute in order to address a short-term problem. Thank you. I ask that you follow my light and vote against the pending motion.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Harnett.

Representative **HARNETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Good Representative from Auburn noted, she did read the testimony of Julie Finn which was delivered in January of 2021, and at that time, as a sponsor of the bill, we put the bill on hold so that the court could develop procedures and protocols to make the electronic dissemination or other dissemination of this information available. That did not occur. The bill that is before you, the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by committee "A" limits electronic distribution only to attorneys licensed in the State of Maine. The court said that this was a doable fix. Attorneys who are licensed in the State of Maine are officers of the court, are subject to discipline by the court and by the Board of Bar Overseers so any violation of the confidentiality provisions, which do not change in this bill, could

be addressed as to attorneys in ways that they could not be addressed to the broader group of people that the original bill would have provided this information, which would have included investigators, other staff and pro se litigants. I ask you to please support the Ought to Pass on committee amendment "A". Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 496

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCreag, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Paulhus, Riseman, Sharpe.

Yes, 76; No, 58; Absent, 13; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 13 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-836)** 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-836)** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 408) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-835)**

(H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1389) Bill "An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-857)**

(H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1652) Bill "An Act To Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-855)**

(H.P. 1327) (L.D. 1776) Bill "An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-842)**

(H.P. 1354) (L.D. 1821) Bill "An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-840)**

(H.P. 1366) (L.D. 1845) Bill "An Act To Amend the Education Statutes" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-852)**

(H.P. 1398) (L.D. 1888) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting Sex Offenders and Petitions for Child Custody" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-851)**

(H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1890) Bill "An Act To Create a Rental Fleet Registration Program and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-841)**

(H.P. 1411) (L.D. 1904) Bill "An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-850)**

(H.P. 1442) (L.D. 1933) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-858)**

(H.P. 1480) (L.D. 1994) Bill "An Act To Establish the Progressive Treatment Program Fund" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-834)**

(H.P. 1486) (L.D. 1999) Bill "An Act To Require Civil Rights Officers at Law Enforcement Agencies" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-859)**

(H.P. 1502) (L.D. 2020) Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Regulation of Firefighting or Fire-suppressing Foams to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Intentionally Added" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-856)**

(H.P. 1504) (L.D. 2024) Bill "An Act To Allow County and Regional Communications Centers To Request Polygraph Examinations for Employees and Applicants for Employment" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-843)**

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.

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

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Strengthen the Governance of the University of Maine System

(H.P. 1353) (L.D. 1820)
(H. "A" H-821 to C. "A" H-811)

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

On motion of Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-833)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-811) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-821)** thereto and **House Amendment "A" (H-833)**.

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 Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-811) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-821) thereto and House Amendment "A" (H-833). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 497

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blume, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, 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, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Arata, Bickford, Brooks, Caiazza, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Paulhus, Riseman, Sharpe.

Yes, 76; No, 56; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-811) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-821)** thereto and **House Amendment "A" (H-833)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Codify the Senate and House Legislative Districts, the Congressional Districts and the County Commissioner Districts as Enacted by the Legislature
(H.P. 1448) (L.D. 1936)
(C. "A" H-820)

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. 114 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Concerning Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham
(H.P. 1468) (L.D. 1975)
(C. "A" H-814)

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.

Acts

An Act To Align Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Funding with Recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(H.P. 1039) (L.D. 1423)
(C. "B" H-812)

An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay
(H.P. 1331) (L.D. 1780)
(C. "A" H-817)

An Act To Update Statutory References to Building Code Standards for Public Improvements
(H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1795)

An Act To Coordinate Marine Port Development
(H.P. 1337) (L.D. 1796)
(C. "A" H-818)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program
(H.P. 1338) (L.D. 1797)
(C. "A" H-816)

An Act To Amend Provisions in the Laws Governing Aquaculture Leases
(H.P. 1365) (L.D. 1844)
(C. "A" H-815)

An Act To Allow for a Variance Rate in the Amount and Potency of Cannabinoids in Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products
(H.P. 1367) (L.D. 1846)

An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee
(H.P. 1396) (L.D. 1886)

An Act To Amend the Whistleblowers' Protection Act To Ensure Coverage in Unionized Workplaces
(H.P. 1399) (L.D. 1889)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes
(H.P. 1407) (L.D. 1900)
(C. "A" H-807)

An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem
(H.P. 1424) (L.D. 1918)
(C. "A" H-808)

An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions
(H.P. 1488) (L.D. 2002)
(C. "A" H-819)

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 Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues
(H.P. 1381) (L.D. 1871)
(C. "A" H-806)

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

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Working Group
(S.P. 742) (L.D. 2032)

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

On motion of Representative CEBRA of Naples, was **SET ASIDE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Naples, Representative Cebra.

Representative **CEBRA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request a roll call and would like to speak to my motion.

Representative **CEBRA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to object to this enactment. I ask that the House would follow my light. I believe that now is not the time to be increasing any taxes or fees and I would hope to get a roll call on this so we can see where we stand. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Paris, Representative Andrews.

Representative **ANDREWS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill received no public hearing. It doubles the fees for car inspections and it was printed the same day it was engrossed. It deserves a roll call. Please follow my light.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 498

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Blume, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Copeland, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Griffin, Hall, Harnett, Hepler, Hymanson, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Pebworth, Perkins, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, White B, White D, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Carmichael, Cebra, Connor, Dodge, Dolloff, Ducharme, Evangelos, Foster, Greenwood, Grohoski, Haggan, Hanley, Hasenfus, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kessler, Lemelin, Libby, Mason, Millett, Nadeau, Pickett, Pluecker, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Thorne, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Paulhus, Riseman, Sharpe.

Yes, 95; No, 39; Absent, 13; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

95 having voted in the affirmative and 39 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 13 being absent, and accordingly and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Thursday, March 24, 2022 had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee

(H.P. 1351) (L.D. 1818)

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-782)**.

TABLED - March 24, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

PENDING - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-782)**.

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-872) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-782)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-782) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-872) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-782) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-872)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 186) (L.D. 482) Bill "An Act Regarding Pet Insurance" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-460)**

(S.P. 634) (L.D. 1807) Bill "An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-469)**

(S.P. 605) (L.D. 1853) Bill "An Act To Support Improvements in Child Protective Services" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-458)**

(S.P. 660) (L.D. 1861) Bill "An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-461)**

(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1906) Bill "An Act Regarding Rulemaking and Pricing under the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-463)**

(S.P. 725) (L.D. 2011) Bill "An Act To Allow the Annexation of Certain Lands by Columbia Falls" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-465)**

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.

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

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

(H.P. 1438) (L.D. 1930) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 492) (L.D. 665) Bill "An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-864)**

(H.P. 741) (L.D. 1003) Bill "An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-863)**

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.

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

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

(H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1446) Bill "An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-866)**

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

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

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

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

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 225) Bill "An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-871)**

(H.P. 443) (L.D. 607) Bill "An Act To Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-870)**

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.

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

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 180: Appliance Efficiency Standards, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Air Quality (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1507) (L.D. 2026)

Majority (10) **OUGHT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in the House on March 24, 2022.

Came from the Senate with the Majority (10) **OUGHT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-472)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Allow Heating Fuel and Motor Vehicle Fuel Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets

(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1896)

(C. "A" S-451)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 24, 2022.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-451) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-474)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify State Policy and Legislative Intent Regarding the Maine Veterans' Homes, To Require Notification of Closure of the Maine Veterans' Homes to the Legislature and To Fund Public Homes in Caribou and Machias in Order To Keep Them Open

(S.P. 719) (L.D. 2001)

(S. "A" S-473 to C. "A" S-468)

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.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 241) (L.D. 343) Bill "An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-874)**

(H.P. 1357) (L.D. 1824) Bill "An Act To Improve the Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-875)**

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.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Ranked-choice Voting in Municipal Elections"

(H.P. 627) (L.D. 859)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-813) in the House on March 22, 2022.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-813) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-456)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative TUELL of East Machias **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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 East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I saw this slipped on to a supplement and I pulled up the amendment and, from my point of view, if the original bill was bad, this makes it worse. The original bill required that moving to, if a town wanted to go to ranked choice voting, they would have to do so at their annual town meeting, which is the time of year when most folks would go to a town meeting, being sort of like the Superbowl, if you will. Now, it appears the word annual is going to be struck, at least from what I've been able to read, of the amendment from the other Body and that, to me, means this could happen at any time, without much focus, it could happen during the summer months, potentially, when there are more folks in the area than otherwise who maintain their residence. And, beyond that, Mr. Speaker, I just think this is an objectionable bill. It takes the process into a different realm. It creates more uncertainty and it makes things a lot more wide open. So, please join me in voting against the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, the amendment that we see before us now would simply replace the two words annual meeting with the one word election. The original Committee Amendment that this Body voted for required that the municipality adopt its own alternative method to the plurality vote at least 180 days before the annual meeting, not at the annual meeting. So, I think there may be some confusion on that point. The clarification that is in the amended version before us, if we do Recede and Concur, is simply to provide that the 180 days, which allow the register of voters and other town staff to prepare themselves for a slightly different method, might be runoff, might be ranked choice, is sufficient, that they have at least 180 days to prepare. But the timing and the manner of that municipal choice to adopt a different method is not changed in the Recede and Concur motion before us. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 499

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

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Fay, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin J, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Brooks, Caiazzo, Corey, Faulkingham, Grignon, Harrington, Lyford, Mathieson, McDonald, Parry, Paulhus, Riseman, Sharpe, Stearns, Tepler.

Yes, 69; No, 63; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.
69 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-878)** on Bill "An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey"

(H.P. 1478) (L.D. 1992)

Signed:
Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington
ALLEY of Beals
HEPLER of Woolwich
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
MARTIN of Sinclair
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
ORDWAY of Standish
THERIAULT of China

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

Signed:
Representative:

LYFORD of Eddington

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-878)** 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-878)** and sent for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees

(S.P. 599) (L.D. 1744)
(C. "B" S-455)

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative O'Connell, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **O'CONNELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. I know we have at least one Vietnam vet in the crowd. If there are any others, could you get them to stand up, get him to stand up so we can properly thank him for his service in the Vietnam War, please?

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Along the same lines, I saw a little while ago a post from social media that I feel obligated to read aloud. This from one Bridget Alley who at the recognition of the Representative from Beals, happens to be the daughter of the Representative from Beals, posted the following. It says today, in honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, I would like to say thank you to all Vietnam veterans for your service and sacrifice, not just today but every day. All veterans hold a special place in my heart. Freedom isn't free. To my special Vietnam veteran, as always, thank you, Dad. And I would say from one part of Washington County to another, thank you. Because the Representative from Beals and I have been very good friends over these eight years and I'm here to tell you he'd do just about anything for anybody. So, in the spirit of that, welcome home and thank you for your service, Robert.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Colleagues. You know, being a teenager during the Vietnam War, it was a difficult, difficult time. And I just wanted to acknowledge that, you know, today was the day that the last combat troops left Vietnam in 1973 and, you know, in war, there are no unwounded soldiers. And this war, in particular, was very difficult for the brave men and women who fought it. So, I just wanted to acknowledge that 1719 were missing in action, 303,000 were wounded in action and more than 106,000 are totally disabled. One out of every 10 Americans serving in Vietnam was a casualty and the average age of a soldier in Vietnam was 19. So, I wanted to bring up those statistics again for a very difficult time during the commemoration that we're giving now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House.

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

On motion of Representative ALLEY of Beals, the House adjourned at 4:06 pm until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2022; in honor and lasting tribute to John Dominick Cancelarich, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania and Presque Isle and Willard Alfred Bredenberg, of Lewiston.