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The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-514)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-514)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for Informal Bidding Processes and Update References to the Office of Procurement Services" (H.P. 1309) (L.D. 2047)

Signed:

Senators:

NANGLE of Cumberland

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

STOVER of Boothbay

ABDI of Lewiston

COPELAND of Saco

RISEMAN of Harrison

SINCLAIR of Bath

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-746)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:

ADAMS of Lebanon

GREENWOOD of Wales

POMERLEAU of Standish

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

READ.

Representative STOVER of Boothbay moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

Representative GREENWOOD of Wales **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Wales, Representative Greenwood.

Representative **GREENWOOD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I want to thank the Good Representative from Boothbay for bringing this forward, this Department bill. I want to say that we support all of the changes that were proposed in the summary, which it increased the limit for using informal bidding processes, procurement goods and services from $10,000 to $25,000. It replaces the oral proposal with informal written quotes in the provisions. It also replaces the term Bureau of Purchases with Office of Procurement Services and the term State Purchasing Agent with Chief Procurement Officer. All of those things, we support.

However, what we noticed in this bill was a section that was changing the word from “shall” to “must”. Basically, we at the State are requiring that our paper products be recycled for purchase. We are excluding all of our Maine forest products industries from even supplying paper; the paper that I’m reading from, the toilet paper that we used in the restroom this morning; because it’s not recycled from our Maine forest products, our Maine folks can’t even bid on those contracts. So, the Minority Report is in support of everything that the Good Representative from Boothbay has brought forward, but it does require the recycling content requirement for paper products. I would ask that you vote down the pending motion, review the amendment. It is merely expanding so that we can purchase products from our Maine folks. Maine is known for its forest products and our Maine people should have the opportunity to bid on those contracts. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 368

YEA - Abdi, Ankeles, Arford, Bell, Bridgeo, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Dhalac, Dill, Dodge, Doudera, Fay, Gattine, Geiger, Gere, Golek, Graham, Gramlich, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hobbs, Jauch, Kessler, Kuhn, Lajoie, LaRochelle, Lee, Lookner, Madigan, Malon, Mastraccio, Mathieson, Matlack, Meyer, Millett R, Milliken, Montell, Moonen, Moriarty, Murphy, O'Neil, Osher, Perry J, Pluecker, Pringle, Rana, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Runte, Russell, Sachs, Salisbury, Sargent, Sayre, Shagoury, Shaw, Sheehan, Sinclair, Skold, Stover, Supica, Terry, Warren, White B, Williams, Worth, Zager, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Adams, Albert, Andrews, Arata, Ardell, Bagshaw, Blier, Boyer, Bradstreet, Carlow, Collamore, Cray, Cyrway, Davis, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, Foster, Fredericks, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Guerrette, Hall, Henderson, Hymes, Jackson, Landry, Lanigan, Lavigne, Libby, Lyman, Millett H, Morris, Ness, Newman, Nutting, Parry, Paul, Perry A, Poirier, Polewarczyk, Pomerleau, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Schmersal-Burgess, Simmons, Smith, Soboleski, Strout, Swallow, Theriault, Thorne, Underwood, White J, Wood, Woodsome.

ABSENT - Babin, Boyle, Brennan, Campbell, Carmichael, Cluchey, Copeland, Costain, Eaton, Galletta, Haggan, Javner, Lemelin, Mason, O'Connell, Perkins, Walker.

Yes, 74; No, 59; Absent, 17; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.
