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actually listen to the public advocate, who has been for - since his swearing in, his confirmation from this Body - been railing about the need to do something specifically with regard to this program. And to now sit here today, after we put forward this ruse of a fix, and characterize him as somebody who hasn't been doing his job, that is insane, Mr. President. That is wrong, and it is, frankly, a lie. And I'm not going to just sit here while we play this game and act like this is some solution we should hold up as an actual fix to benefit ratepayers. He has been doing his job, we haven't. And that is a fact, and I'm not going to sit here and stand for more of that mischaracterization of that office and the work that they've been doing. They have been representing the public well, and I'm glad that we have them there. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind Members not to impugn the motives of others. The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#444)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, NANGLE, PIERCE, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, FARRIN, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, POULIOT, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-421) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation"
H.P. 1045 L.D. 1620

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
MOONEN of Portland
ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
POIRIER of Skowhegan

(Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. I just did not want this historic occasion to go by without it being remarked on. I think that this is a remarkable piece of legislation that has been a bipartisan collaboration, not just between members of the Judiciary Committee, but also with the Executive Branch, the Attorney General, and of course, the - I'm always trying to make sure I get the pronunciation right - the - because it's not Mi'kmaq anymore, the Mi'kmaq Nation. I know they have been - they are

one of our four federally recognized tribes in the state, but they have not had state recognition over the decades since the 1980 settlement. There was an effort in 1989 to have state recognition that was not successful, so it's been - it's been several decades coming. But I know that the Chief is here with us in the room today, and I just want to remark I think this is a historic occasion and I'm glad that we're at this point that we can proceed forward and take action on something that's long past due. So, thank you to all the members of the Judiciary Committee that we worked on this and I look forward to voting in support of the motion and I request a Roll Call. Thank you.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. A roll call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Somerset, Senator **FARRIN**, and the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#445)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BEEBE-CENTER, BENNETT, BLACK, BRAKEY, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DUSON, GROHOSKI, GUERIN, HARRINGTON, HICKMAN, INGWERSEN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LYFORD, MOORE, NANGLE, PIERCE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, RENY, ROTUNDO, STEWART, TIPPING, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: FARRIN, KEIM, LAFOUNTAIN, TIMBERLAKE

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act to Complete and Implement the Comprehensive Review of the Classification and Compensation System for Executive Branch Employees"

H.P. 1184 L.D. 1854

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-669)**.

Signed:

Senators:
NANGLE of Cumberland
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:
STOVER of Boothbay
ABDI of Lewiston
COPELAND of Saco
DHALAC of South Portland
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-670)**.

Signed:

Senator:
LYFORD of Penobscot

Representatives:
ADAMS of Lebanon
GREENWOOD of Wales
POMERLEAU of Standish
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-669)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-669)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **NANGLE** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-669)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-669) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.