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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

RECESSED until 1:15 in the afternoon.

After Recess the Senate was called to order by the President.

The President Pro Tem requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **JACKSON**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to her seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act Concerning Automotive Right to Repair"
H.P. 1227 L.D. 1911

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-935)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CURRY of Waldo
GUERIN of Penobscot
RAFFERTY of York

Representatives:
ROBERTS of South Berwick
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
CROCKETT of Portland
LANIGAN of Sanford
LaROCHELLE of Augusta
NESS of Fryeburg
SMITH of Palermo
WALKER of Naples
WHITE of Waterville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-936)**.

Signed:

Representative:
SAYRE of Kennebunk

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-935)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-935)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CURRY** of Waldo moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-935)** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-935)** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Regarding Public Records Exceptions"
H.P. 1421 L.D. 2215

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
BAILEY of York

Representatives:
MOONEN of Portland
BECK of South Portland
KUHN of Falmouth
LEE of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-920)**.

Signed:

Senator:
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
ANDREWS of Paris
HAGGAN of Hampden
HENDERSON of Rumford
POIRIER of Skowhegan

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report.

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

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

Senator **BRAKEY**: Thank you, Mr. President. I stand opposed to the Majority Ought to Pass Report. It is not a good bill. I won't look at the bingo card. In all seriousness, I do find the proposal in front of us to be somewhat problematic. The bill overall has many components that there was no objections to from anyone in committee, so for the sake of time, I don't see any need to reference the parts we all agree on. But a significant component of this legislation seeks to strip away privacy protections for individuals within the medical cannabis industry that have been in place for a very long time and for very good reason. The simple fact is that despite the efforts of Maine leading the way in the nullification of federal cannabis prohibition, federal cannabis prohibition does remain in place and the more that we make publicly known lists of information of people who are participating with that program, the more we open people up to being targeted by the federal government. I think that is a very serious concern that I have. But in particular, you know, this is about recommendations from the Right to Know advisory committee and I am a little confused why stripping away these privacy protections for folks in the medical cannabis industry is such a priority, because when I think of the purpose of our Right to Know laws, it tends to be about our right to know what the government is doing, not our right to know what private citizens are doing. The Majority Report would strip away those privacy protections. The alternate report does everything else the bill -- that was proposed by the Right to Know advisory committee but leaves our privacy protections for the medical cannabis industry in place. So, please follow my light.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for the Purposes of Collective Bargaining"
H.P. 330 L.D. 525

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-934)**.

Signed:

Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland

Representatives:
ROEDER of Bangor
GALLETTA of Durham
GEIGER of Rockland
GERE of Kennebunkport
MALON of Biddeford
RUSSELL of Verona Island

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

Signed:

Senator:
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
SOBOLESKI of Phillips

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-934)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-934)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **TIPPING** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

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

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **CARNEY**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.