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Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

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

Off Record Remarks

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/15/24) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws" S.P. 32 L.D. 40

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-709) (10 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - April 15, 2024 by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

(In Senate, April 12, 2024, Report **READ**.)

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 **PIERCE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#747)

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

NAYS: Senators: FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, LIBBY, LYFORD, STEWART

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, PIERCE, POULIOT

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 6 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-709) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, Senate Amendment "A" (S-717) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-709) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Senator **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment does seven things. It removes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause; it makes a technical change to the definition of registration certificate in the medical law; it makes a technical change that is somewhat substantive to the ability of the patient testimonials on medical cannabis to include the following disclaimer - this statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration and this product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease; it makes a technical change to the rules around individual identification cards in the adult use program; a technical change to the ownership requirements of a co-located facility; and it makes another technical change to remove the exemptions from the laws relating to clean indoor air from the Cannabis Hospitality Taskforce; and last but not least, it authorizes all of the adult use rules that we have not authorized in other legislative instruments till now. Thank you, Mr. President.

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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#748)

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

NAYS: Senators: LIBBY, NANGLE

EXCUSED: Senators: LAFOUNTAIN, POULIOT

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "A" (S-717) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-709), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-709) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-717) thereto, **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-709) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-717)** thereto.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED** until Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 in the morning in memory of and lasting tribute to Joan Woodcock Nestles of Bangor and the Honorable Joseph Edward Brennan of Portland.