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In Senate Chamber
Monday
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Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Senator Craig V. Hickman of Kennebec County.

SENATOR HICKMAN: Good morning. Dear Lord, please bless our work in this Chamber today and help us all to see that brilliantly blessed are those who forgive themselves, for they will be able to forgive all others their greatest wrong doings. Brilliantly blessed are those who walk with courage through the depths of their own sorrow, for they will walk also through the greatest joy and their spirits will grow expeditiously, for them a healing will come. Brilliantly blessed are those who share what they have with those who have not, for their generosity will be rewarded with even more to share. Brilliantly blessed are those who seek perfection, not in people or things but in the process of loving itself, for they shall possess clarity of insight. Brilliantly blessed are those who walk with courage through the depths of their own fear, for they will love from the bottom of their hearts. Brilliantly blessed are those who belong to the trees and the animals, for their voices will grow plants like the sun and their kindness will kill the anger of strangers. And brilliantly blessed are those strive to create unity out of vast diversity, for they will experience heaven on earth. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Benjamin M. Chipman of Cumberland County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, June 3, 2021.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Bailey.

Senator **BAILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and men and women of the Senate, my great-aunt, Hilda Brungot, from northern New Hampshire served in the New Hampshire State Legislature from the early 1930's through the late 1970's. She's known as the Grand Dame of the General Court and her portrait hangs in the New Hampshire State House outside the Senate Chamber, coincidentally. She was known as a fierce and tenacious advocate for the north country and was a champion for

her constituents. You can read more about Tante Hilda, as she was known in my family, in the book 'More Than Petticoats, Remarkable New Hampshire Women,' which has an entire chapter dedicated to Tante Hilda and in that chapter there was one thing in particular she was also known for, and I'll just read the little blurb, 'Hilda also showed concern for her colleagues in the House. Legislative sessions often extended well into the summer and without air conditioning the State House was unbearably hot. Hilda often initiated a motion to allow men to take off the suitcoats they were required to wear.' With that, Mr. President, I move that members be allowed to remove their jackets.

Senator **BAILEY** of York requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities
H.P. 1012 L.D. 1378

In Senate, June 2, 2021, on motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on **REFERENCE** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **INSISTED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1280

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

May 25, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On May 25, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on May 25, 2021, as follows:

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1279) (L.D. 1730) (Submitted by the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.P. 1282

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

May 27, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
130th Legislature

Honorable Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate
130th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On May 27, 2021, 1 bill was received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on May 27, 2021, as follows:

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Create the Belgrade Water District" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1281) (L.D. 1731) (Sponsored by Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade) (GOVERNOR'S BILL) (Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

Comes from the House, **READ** and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 628

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

June 02, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 709 Resolve, To Provide a Brief Moratorium on Certain New Net Energy Billing Arrangements and To Examine the Costs and Benefits of Net Energy Billing (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1556 Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study and Recommend a Financing Model To Increase Capital Investment in Renewable Energy, Clean Energy Technology, Energy Efficiency Projects and Jobs in Maine (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1596 An Act To Reduce the Nameplate Capacity of Distributed Generation Resource Projects to Qualify for Net Energy Billing and Decrease Tariff Rates for Customers Participating in Net Energy Billing Programs

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mark W. Lawrence
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 629

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

June 02, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 501 An Act To Amend Maine's Corporate Income Tax by Increasing the Top Rate from 8.93 Percent to 12.4 Percent
- L.D. 534 An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss
- L.D. 1222 An Act To Reduce Property Taxes of Seniors in an Amount Equal to the Cost of Education
- L.D. 1667 An Act To Create a Tax Credit for Maine Workers Who Have Earned Certificates from Accredited Institutions

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman S/Rep. Maureen F. Terry
Senate Chair House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 627

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

June 02, 2021

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, President of the Senate
Honorable Ryan Michael Fecteau, Speaker of the House
130th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1404 An Act To Legalize Sports Betting and Strengthen Public Education
- L.D. 1405 An Act To Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering
- L.D. 1518 An Act To Support Maine's Tasting Rooms and Restaurants during the COVID-19 Pandemic (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1527 An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini S/Rep. Chris Caiazza
Senate Chair House Chair

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Requiring the Use of Propane and Natural Gas Detectors"

H.P. 244 L.D. 346

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-313).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-313).**

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-313) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Its Complaint Review Committee"

H.P. 376 L.D. 513

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-314)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-314)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-314) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Who Signs and Swears to a Certificate Stating the Results of a Breath-alcohol Test"

H.P. 969 L.D. 1313

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To License Ambulance Drivers Who Are Not Licensed To Provide Emergency Medical Services"

H.P. 1194 L.D. 1605

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-325)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-325)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-325) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Introduce a Career and Fiscal Management Elective Course at the High School Level"

H.P. 34 L.D. 68

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-351)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-351)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-351) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities To Identify Barriers to Full Societal Integration

H.P. 680 L.D. 924

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-283)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-283)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-283) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Align the Expulsion Process with School Disciplinary Policies"

H.P. 1067 L.D. 1451

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-282)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-282)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-282) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Public Utility Assessments, Fees and Penalties"

H.P. 172 L.D. 251

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-289)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-289)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-289) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Lincolnville Sewer District Trustees from 3 to 5"

H.P. 1209 L.D. 1625

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-370)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-370)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-370) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Implement a Statewide, Multi-use Online Energy Data Platform"
H.P. 1237 L.D. 1666

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-315)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-315)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-315) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Depth of Phillips Lake in the Town of Dedham" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 665 L.D. 909

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-307)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-307)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-307) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Update Maine's Sales Prohibition on Upholstered Furniture Treated with Flame-retardant Chemicals"

H.P. 1233 L.D. 1662

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-347)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-347)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-347) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities

H.P. 40 L.D. 74

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-308)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-308)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-308) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors"

H.P. 84 L.D. 118

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-286)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-286)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-286) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Accidental Overdoses by Establishing a Protocol for Prescription Drug Recovery"

H.P. 234 L.D. 330

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-348)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-348)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-348) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clear Waiting Lists for and Ensure Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Maine Children" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 359 L.D. 496

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-309)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-309)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-309) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 425 L.D. 582

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-310)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-310)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-310) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers
H.P. 465 L.D. 629

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-311)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-311) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State"
H.P. 793 L.D. 1064

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-287)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-287)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-287) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Those Services"
H.P. 813 L.D. 1135

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-294)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-294)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-294) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Streamline Requests for Housing Assistance"
H.P. 961 L.D. 1305

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-349)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-349)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-349) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Certain Home-based Services
H.P. 1132 L.D. 1528

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-285)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-285)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-285) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Include Excluded Individuals on Insurance Cards"

H.P. 749 L.D. 1011

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-346)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-346)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-346) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Clarify All-terrain Vehicle Registration Requirements and Establish Regular Maintenance of Designated State-approved All-terrain Vehicle Trails"

H.P. 1055 L.D. 1439

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-326)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-326)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Create a Municipal Grant Program To Promote Sustainable Economic Development"

H.P. 625 L.D. 857

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-350)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-350) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers"

H.P. 369 L.D. 506

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-343)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-343)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-343) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Protect Towing Operators Providing Emergency Assistance by Allowing the Use of a Flashing Red Light"

H.P. 1034 L.D. 1400

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-345)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-345)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-345) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

H.P. 1049 L.D. 1433

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-352)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-352)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-352) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act to Modify the Requirements for Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees"

H.P. 1099 L.D. 1485

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-306)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-306)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-306) **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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Children from Exposure to Toxic Chemicals"

H.P. 382 L.D. 519

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-328)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
LANDRY of Farmington
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
PLUECKER of Warren
SKOLFIELD of Weld
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-329)**.

Signed:

Senator:

MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco
OSHER of Orono

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-328)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-328)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-328)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-328) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-328)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act Relating to Personnel Working in Public Safety"

H.P. 806 L.D. 1128

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-340).**

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
CYRWAY of Kennebec
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-341).**

Signed:

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

Comes from the House with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-341)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-341).**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right to Self-defense Exists outside the Home by Removing the Requirement To Retreat"

H.P. 816 L.D. 1138

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-342).**

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Restrict Maine Law Enforcement Participation in Federal Firearm Confiscation or Buy-back Programs without Legislative Approval"

H.P. 857 L.D. 1179

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-319).**

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

COSTAIN of Plymouth
NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters"

H.P. 1056 L.D. 1440

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-293).**

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COSTAIN of Plymouth
LOOKNER of Portland
MORALES of South Portland
PLUECKER of Warren
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

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

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

NEWMAN of Belgrade
PICKETT of Dixfield
RUDNICKI of Fairfield

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-293).**

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-293) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions"

H.P. 62 L.D. 96

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

SAMPSON of Alfred

STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 York, Senator **WOODSOME**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#210)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Promote School Attendance by Exempting Virtual Public Charter School and Private School Students from Immunization Requirements"

H.P. 112 L.D. 156

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-304)**.

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls

ROCHE of Wells

SAMPSON of Alfred

STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#211)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Certain Schools To Provide Menstrual Products"

H.P. 328 L.D. 452

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-244)**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-245)**.

Signed:

Senator:
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-244)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-244) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-344)** thereto.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-244)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-244) **READ**.

House Amendment "A" (H-344) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-244) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-244) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-344) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-244) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-344)** thereto, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Vaccines by Reinstating Religious Exemptions"
H.P. 601 L.D. 833

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#212)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change"
H.P. 161 L.D. 226

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland
BENNETT of Oxford

Representatives:
TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
JOHANSEN of Monticello

TUELL of East Machias
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Representatives:
HANLEY of Pittston
O'CONNOR of Berwick

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-206)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BRENNER** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-206) **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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Establish Appliance Energy and Water Standards"

H.P. 696 L.D. 940

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-298)**.

Signed:

Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:
TUCKER of Brunswick
BELL of Yarmouth
BLUME of York
DOUDERA of Camden
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:

Senator:
BENNETT of Oxford

Representatives:
HANLEY of Pittston
JOHANSEN of Monticello
O'CONNOR of Berwick
TUELL of East Machias

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-298)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Stable Funding and Support for Child Care Providers"

H.P. 510 L.D. 698

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
MEYER of Eliot
CONNOR of Lewiston
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
PERRY of Calais
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-327)**.

Signed:

Representative:
MADIGAN of Waterville

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Authorize and Regulate Visitation of Essential Caregivers at Long-term Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 817 L.D. 1139

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-336)**.

Signed:

Senator:
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:
CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Claxton.

Senator **CLAXTON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to highlight a couple of issues. This is a bill that's based on a big part about big concerns about the folks who had to tolerate living in long-term care facilities for month after month during the last year and a half, a year or so, and who weren't able to get the visitation that they wanted from their families. Much of that was concentrated in the early part of the COVID pandemic. As we began to work out solutions and issues the long-term care, ombudsman spoke neither for nor against because all the problem solving that they were doing and the consistent manner in which those problems were addressed and resolved with any of the nursing homes for which they were contacted. My problem, specifically it was a great idea and then the specifics were looked into and the issue was there is language in the bill that stipulates that a visitor can come in at any time. I see that, as someone who's working in nursing homes, as a potential significant distraction from the nursing who are never underemployed in a nursing home these days, and would have to stop doing what they were doing, attending to a patient, and then admit somebody to help them gown and do whatever was appropriate at that time. There also was a lack of clarity about who the caregiver was, the essential caregiver, and we could at risk the nursing homes for balancing state regulation versus federal regulations and what this bill does is codify a current standard that's been promulgated by CDC with some changes. But that standard changed a number of times over the course of a year, so we would lose all sorts of flexibility to adjust to whatever the next pandemic issue is or the next public health crisis. So, with that loss of flexibility, a number of other states made this voluntary. We would be the only state that would have put this into statute and the lack of flexibility was a source of significant concern. The other issue I'd raise is that when this bill was first considered in committee it was voted 11-0 Ought Not to Pass. At the request of the sponsor, who wasn't able to attend the first work session, we reconsidered the bill, to end up where we are today. So, I think we respected the process. We appreciate the degree of suffering that so many folks went through. I don't see this as the best solution for addressing that.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#213)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Family Day Care Providers by Increasing the Number of Children Allowed To Be Cared For without Obtaining Certification"

H.P. 918 L.D. 1252

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-332)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. This has been a really great experience for me, making sure I close my watch rings on my Apple Watch with a stand goal every time I have to request a roll call. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. This bill increases from two to three the number of children a family care provider may care for in the provider's home, not including the provider's children, before the provider is required to be certified as a family care provider. This bill also specifies that the sibling of one of the children under the care of the provider, not a child of the provider, does not count towards the limit of three. In this day and age, when we're struggling to find sufficient daycare facilities, childcare facilities, I think this is a very important change to be made and the provisions were actually part of the Governor's Executive Order #20 that imposed that pursuant to the State of Emergency declared due to the pandemic related to the COVID-19 pandemic that was going on, and so we felt, in the committee or at least the Minority felt, that this should be continued. It's been working for way over a year, during this Emergency Order, so that's why we voted to Ought to Pass. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#214)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, BRENNER, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Family Care of Aging Adults"

H.P. 1043 L.D. 1427

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CONNOR of Lewiston
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea
MADIGAN of Waterville
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-334)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions"

H.P. 1104 L.D. 1490

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-335)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
BALDACCI of Penobscot
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot
CRAVEN of Lewiston
GRIFFIN of Levant
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston
JAVNER of Chester
LEMELIN of Chelsea

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-335)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-335) **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 **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 448 L.D. 612

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BAILEY of Gorham
BERNARD of Caribou
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-318)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Eliminate or Forgive Fines and Penalties on Persons and Businesses Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic"

H.P. 647 L.D. 891

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
LUCHINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
ANDREWS of Paris
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-299)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield
DUCHARME of Madison

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CURRY** of Waldo moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Waldo, Senator Curry.

Senator **CURRY:** Mr. President, Bangor Daily News reported that between April 19, 2020 and April 19, 2021, twenty-three businesses had their licenses temporarily suspended through the Maine Health Inspection Program. DHHS reported six received fines for operating on temporary suspended license and four received fines for unlicensed operations. I share these numbers because it's important to understand that we should be proud of the vast majority of our businesses, 99% plus, that have done what they needed to do with incredibly hard work to keep us all safe. Overwhelmingly, our Maine businesses came together to do what was necessary to take care of all of us and for that I am thankful and proud. The Maine CDC said numerous times that they would lead with education and information and they did this through regular webinars, robust COVID business guides, and by listening and adjusting as they learned more about the virus. These numbers support that assertion. When the Maine CDC Health Inspection Program did need to get involved, the most likely outcome was a conversation, a conversation to help the business figure out what they need to do or adjust to keep their customers safe. The Health Inspection Program responded to over 4,100 concerns around public health. These resulted in 93 eminent health hazard findings, which are not enforcements, they are statements that can be corrected - identifying problems that

can be corrected, and most often were. The extreme few that refused to correct the violations and mitigate the risk had their licenses temporarily suspended. All licensees were afforded due process with a full right to appeal any penalties imposed. Let's not focus on the few who didn't do what they needed to do and instead celebrate the many, so so many, that got us to this place and this time. Thank you to all the business owners, managers, and frontline staff who worked countless hours to protect us. You have my great respect and loyalty. Out of respect for the work they did, I encourage you to follow my lead and vote against L.D. 891, Ought Not to Pass.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in opposition to this motion. I've sat here this year and watched us deal with bills that have to do with legalizing prostitution, allowing the use of drugs, and forgiveness of people who use drugs and needles, and everything else. Yet when a business in the state of Maine makes a small decision, that may be a bad decision, we don't want to forgive that. Excuse me but I don't understand it, probably never will, but for that reason alone, I believe people deserve a second chance. I'll be voting against the pending motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, I'm going to support this motion but I admire those businesses that stood up after a period of time and said, 'Other places are doing something different, it's not causing a lot of problems. We want your attention. We're going to do this.' They were told it's not time yet for Maine and they said, 'We're exercising our rights to do it. We're taking a stand. We're being brave. We know we might get fines, we might go to jail.' I admire that. Stand up for what you think's right and when you're told you're wrong and you get fined that's the penalty of having those freedoms. So, thank you for doing it and pay your fines.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#215)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Guardianship"
H.P. 264 L.D. 366

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-296)**.

Signed:

Senator:
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:
HARNETT of Gardiner
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
THORNE of Carmel

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

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
POIRIER of Skowhegan
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

(Representative NEWELL 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-296)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this bill is seeking to address a very real problem and the problem is that people are being left in a hospital setting when they really need an alternative care setting. However, the bill doesn't really address the problem, which is lack of capacity. We have no place to move people out to when they need to move. So this bill is seeking a permanent solution of guardianship when there are other measures that are more temporary that could be used for medical decision making and when we expedite the process of guardianship, again a permanent solution, then we are setting aside some of the safeguards in that process and this is a person losing their right to their right autonomy. It's a big deal and so I believe the safeguards are there on purpose and they shouldn't be set aside without due diligence. There was a question if this was even constitutional because it does change the meaning of serious harm as people in a hospital care setting is not good for them. It's not good for them mentally. It's not good for them physically. But it also has not been considered serious harm in the past. So, I think with this bill, the solution need - we need to find others but not to take people's rights away without due diligence on our part. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and colleagues in the Senate, I rise in support of the pending motion. This bill provides that a delay in discharge of a patient from a hospital to an appropriate setting constitutes substantial harm under our emergency guardianship process. The effect is that hospitals seek an emergency guardianship in order to get consent to move a patient. Delays have been caused by the regular guardianship process which makes it hard for patients and hospitals to accept placement of the patient in an appropriate setting when capacity in that appropriate setting has been identified and is available to the patient. This bill will help speed the transition of a patient from the hospital setting to a better setting when they no longer need to be in the hospital. I urge you to support the pending motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn.

Senator **SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to rise briefly to address my good friend from Oxford's comment that this was a permanent solution. In fact, what we're amending is the emergency guardian statute and the emergency guardian statute is specifically limited in its time and in its powers. The duration of the authority of an emergency guardian for an adult may not exceed sixty days and the emergency guardian may exercise only the powers specified in the order. The emergency guardian's authority may be extended once for not more than 120 days if the court finds that the conditions for appointment of an emergency guardian continues. So, this is actually quite a narrow

remedy, meant to help us move folks from the hospital to available settings when they are identified as being available. The hospitals are asking us to do this. It is a very limited remedy. It is not a permanent guardianship and it is something the we really need to take action on today. I urge you to support the motion. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#216)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, STEWART, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator 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-296) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Protect an Individual's Personal Data"
H.P. 286 L.D. 402

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:
HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
EVANGELOS of Friendship
RECKITT of South Portland
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-300)**.

Signed:

Senator:
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
HAGGAN of Hampden
LIBBY of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, To Create the Criminal Records Review Committee
H.P. 408 L.D. 563

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-297)**.

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

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

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 Report.**)

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-297).**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-297) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Employer Recovery of Overcompensation Paid to an Employee"
H.P. 446 L.D. 610

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-316).**

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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-316).**

Reports **READ.**

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

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#217)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 731 L.D. 993

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-333).**

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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-333).**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-333) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Study the Impact of Workers' Compensation Laws on Certain Public Sector Employees

H.P. 762 L.D. 1024

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
DRINKWATER of Milford
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-280).**

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED.**

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Create a Commission To Develop a Comprehensive Rental Registry for Multifamily Housing"

H.P. 1031 L.D. 1397

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-291).**

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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-291)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#218)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-291) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Allow People To Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling"

H.P. 1134 L.D. 1530

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-317)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
GUERIN of Penobscot
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
DRINKWATER of Milford
GERE of Kennebunkport
MORRIS of Turner
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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-317)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-317) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Homelessness by Establishing the Rental Relief Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority"
H.P. 1151 L.D. 1546

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

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-290)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-290) **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 Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs"

H.P. 794 L.D. 1065

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-284)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRYANT of Windham
GREENWOOD of Wales

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-284)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-284) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

ROLL CALL (#219)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Pension Deduction for State Income Tax" H.P. 92 L.D. 136

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-323)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BRENNER, CARNEY, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, BREEN, CHIPMAN, CYRWAY, DAVIS, GUERIN, ROSEN, STEWART,

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-323 **READ** and **ADOPTED**).

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

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000" H.P. 520 L.D. 708

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-322).**

Signed:

Representatives:

- BICKFORD of Auburn
- CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
- KRYZAK of Acton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt from Taxation Certain Out-of-state Pensions" H.P. 862 L.D. 1184

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

- CHIPMAN of Cumberland
- LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-324).**

Signed:

Representatives:

- CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
- HANLEY of Pittston

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Certain Public Employees Retirement System Pensions" H.P. 898 L.D. 1227

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-321).**

Signed:

Senators:

- CHIPMAN of Cumberland
- LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

- POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

- CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
- HANLEY of Pittston

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-321).**

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Gold and Silver Transactions from State Sales and Use Tax" H.P. 1005 L.D. 1371

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-331)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
HANLEY of Pittston
KRYZAK of Acton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#220)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption" H.P. 1064 L.D. 1448

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-320)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
LIBBY of Androscoggin
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

TERRY of Gorham
CARMICHAEL of Greenbush
COLLINGS of Portland
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach
MATLACK of St. George
PERRY of Bangor
SACHS of Freeport

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
KRYZAK of Acton

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-320)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, 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 Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT**: Thank you, Mr. President. I think I was the only person that voted against revenue sharing going to 5% because I said that we really need to get to 100% reimbursement on homestead exemptions. So, this is an opportunity for us to do that. It just makes perfect sense. You know, we've all asked to increase the homestead exemption. It seems like most of supports that, but when we don't fund it at 100%, you know, we're really passing that buck on to the municipalities. So, here's a wonderful opportunity to support a measure that will guarantee property tax relief for Maine people and also, you know, we put our money where our mouth is and pay for it. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Breen.

Senator **BREEN**: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to point out that as much as we care about the homeowner exemption and helping out property tax payers in their homes, we do know that a lot of times that differential gets shifted over to commercial properties and that's why I am so strongly in support of revenue sharing, because it treats all property tax payers equally and I think in these times we certainly want to protect homeowners but we also want to protect our businesses as well. So, I would say that revenue sharing is the best way to do that. Thank you.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#221)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: NONE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-320) **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

Six members of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Prepayment Requirements in Home Construction Contracts"

H.P. 76 L.D. 110

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-301)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
BAILEY of Gorham
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-302)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**C**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
DUCHARME of Madison

Comes from the House with Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-301)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-301)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CURRY** of Waldo moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-301)**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#222)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CURRY** of Waldo to **ACCEPT** Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-301)**, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-301) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-301)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Marriage of Any Person under 18 Years of Age" H.P. 458 L.D. 622

Reported in Report "**A**" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:
HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
HAGGAN of Hampden
MORIARTY of Cumberland
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**B**" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
LIBBY of Auburn
POIRIER of Skowhegan
THORNE of Carmel

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "**C**" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-303)**.

Signed:

Representative:
EVANGELOS of Friendship

(Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports Report "**A**", **Ought To Pass**.)

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "**A**", **OUGHT TO PASS**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carney.

Senator **CARNEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, L.D. 622 raises the legal age of marriage in Maine from 16 to 18. Thirty Maine children aged 16 and 17 were married between 2017 and 2019. Nearly all of those marriages were between girls aged 16 and 17 and adult men. This bill is about protecting children, especially girls, from abuse, from the loss of education and career opportunities, and from serious health risks. I urge you to support the Majority Ought to Pass motion.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. I think it's interesting to note that as we heard this bill in front of the Judiciary Committee almost all of the people speaking in support of prohibiting marriage were from away, from other states, and a vast majority of people testifying against this were all Maine people.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept Report "A".

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#223)

YEAS: Senators: BALDACCI, BREEN, CARNEY, CLAXTON, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, ROSEN, SANBORN, VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BENNETT, BLACK, BRENNER, CHIPMAN, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

9 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 24 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS**, in concurrence, **FAILED**.

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, Report **"B"**, **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**, **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

Six members of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry"

H.P. 65 L.D. 99

Reported in Report **"A"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-337)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor

Five members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"B"** that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
CUDDY of Winterport
DRINKWATER of Milford
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"C"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-338)**.

Signed:

Representative:
WARREN of Scarborough

Comes from the House with Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-337)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-337)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-337)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** Report **"A"**, **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-337)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Eight members of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act Relating to Fair Chance in Employment"

H.P. 845 L.D. 1167

Reported in Report **"A"** that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-305)**.

Signed:

Senators:
HICKMAN of Kennebec
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBworth of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

Four members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report **"B"** that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro

DRINKWATER of Milford

MORRIS of Turner

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:

PRESCOTT of Waterboro

Comes from the House with Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED, READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-305)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 Penobscot, Senator Guerin.

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, do you want to hear something very surprising? The Committee Amendment that was adopted for L.D. 1167 was never shared with the business community prior to being passed in committee. The bill amendment was not well vetted nor was it collaborative and, as a result, the Maine Chamber of Commerce now opposes the bill, as does the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, the Maine Jobs Coalition, and many other representatives in Maine business and employees. The amended version makes the bill even more challenging for those businesses. For example, trucking company must abide by federal law in the hiring processes. Trucking companies cannot hire someone with a criminal record. The bill now states these companies can ask the question whether someone has a criminal record but they must first give the applicant a chance to explain themselves and they must document that they have done so. Essentially, they must provide someone with a criminal record the opportunity for an interview even though they are precluded from hiring them by federal law. This is inefficient, costly, and time consuming for Maine small businesses. Another example, all logging and trucking firms in Maine are small family businesses and pride themselves in providing both long-term and stable places of employment. They're also heavily regulated and are at the whim and mercy of both weather and government oversight as a result. They do not have time or resources to wait during a hiring process to determine if an applicant for a position has a criminal history.

Small business logging company owners are not only trying to operate their business profitably to stay afloat but they are also the target of criminal activity. Their equipment is targeted in the woods and they must assure that people who work for them cannot only do the job but may not be involved in any nefarious activities. The consequences are too extreme and the risk too high to take a risk. They must be allowed to review the background of applicants before the beginning rather than at some point later in the process. Many businesses do hire folks with criminal backgrounds but they would rather know about the criminal history at the beginning of the process rather than wait until later in the process and waste valuable time and money if the specific job they are looking to fill would be affected by the background check. There are unintended consequences that must be considered if this law goes into effect, which would be problematic. Maine's small businesses are working hard to survive and continue offering employment to Maine workers. They don't need any unvetted surprise packages of unintended consequences delivered by the Legislature.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to read the testimony of one of the people who had worked on this Ban the Box Fair Chance employment law for a number of years, notwithstanding the assumption that any committee amendment is actually discussed in the committee before it's voted out.

'My name is Ray Luc Levassesur, born in Sanford and raised in Sanford's first Franco-American neighborhood. I now live in Waldo. I am a formerly incarcerated person. I'm also a Vietnam veteran. I survived war and prison to return to my home state. I was released from prison in 2004 in desperate need of a job. One needs a job to successfully transition, which includes food, rent, clothing, transportation, etc. I also needed a job because my supervised release mandated I be 'gainfully employed'. For almost three weeks I scoured Portland for a job. I filled out applications. Not a single call-back for an interview, and these were largely unskilled jobs. Everywhere I went job hunting, I carried my DD-214 with me, my military discharge papers. My DD-214 states that I have an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. But an honorable discharge and being a war veteran did me no good when it came to obtaining a job. My military and war service were reduced to nothing when I checked the yes box on applications that asked if I'd ever been convicted of a crime. Finally, I obtained a minimum wage job as a dishwasher at a restaurant. No questions asked. I worked there for several months. During that time I received pay raises, praises, and offered a promotion to the salad bar. Point is that I was given a chance, an opportunity, to demonstrate that I was dependable, hardworking, and trustworthy. This opportunity enabled me to go from unemployed and stigmatized to valued employee, from tax burden to tax payer, and that brings me here today.

I have worked on this bill and earlier variations going back four years. Thirty-six states have instituted Fair Chance/Ban the Box policies. Fourteen states extend Fair Chance hiring policies to cover the private sector. The private sector has the majority of the jobs. There are approximately 70 million American adults with arrest and/or conviction records. Seventy million, not just a number. The number represents human beings: grandparents, parents, children, brothers, and sisters. When someone is

imprisoned, their families bear the burden too, and when a person is released to start over their families bear that burden. A 2016 study found that over 20,000 Maine children had at least one parent incarcerated in a state prison at some point in their childhood.' I'm just going to read that again; a 2016 study found that over 20,000 Maine children had at least one parent incarcerated in a state prison at some point in their childhood. 'These are the highest rates in New England. A more recent study in 2020 confirms the large number of Maine children are impacted by parental incarceration. The largest and most successful Fair Chance campaigns are led by African-Americans, including the formerly incarcerated. Just as mass incarceration has disproportionately impacted people of color, so does stigmatization follow into the job market. Ban the Box does not dismantle structural racism but it serves as a small and needed step towards getting there. This bill seeks to lower the barrier to employment for those with arrest/conviction records. Removing the box from the job application is a critical step to reduce blanket exclusions and encourage individualized assessments of job applicants on their qualifications first without the stigma of a record. Employment is the key component in reducing recidivism. Reducing recidivism contributes to the economic well-being of communities and families while enhancing public safety. This bill neither handcuffs nor over-regulates employers. No employer is required to hire a person under the provisions of this bill. Employers retain discretion to hire whom they want. It simply removes the dreaded box from job applications and postpones criminal history questions until the interview can be conducted.'

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of Report "A", Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-305). Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#224)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **HICKMAN** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED**, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-305) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator LAWRENCE for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program"

S.P. 236 L.D. 597

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-168)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-168) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator BRENNER for the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Regarding Minor Revisions to Existing Site Location Permits, Exemptions for Rerouting Storm Water and Exemptions for New Construction or Modification of an Existing Licensed Development under the Site Location of Development Laws"

S.P. 465 L.D. 1415

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-171)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-171) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Allow Maine Shareholders of Banks and Members and Corporators of Credit Unions To Hold Virtual Meetings"

S.P. 426 L.D. 1320

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-161)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-161) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator SANBORN for the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Create Limited Lines Self-storage Insurance"

S.P. 481 L.D. 1494

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-160)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-160) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits"

S.P. 281 L.D. 730

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-174)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-174) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CURRY for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Promote Home Ownership by Minimizing Education Debt"

S.P. 562 L.D. 1709

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-173)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-173) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CARNEY for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Mortgage Servicer' in the Laws Governing Mortgage Foreclosures"

S.P. 334 L.D. 1066

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-179)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-179) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator CHIPMAN for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption"

S.P. 252 L.D. 647

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-178)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-178) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor

S.P. 95 L.D. 227

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-183)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Dedicate Sections of Maine's Interstate Highway System to Fallen State Troopers"

S.P. 224 L.D. 537

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-166)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-166) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Building a Trail on the Mountain Division Rail Line

S.P. 258 L.D. 672

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-167) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DIAMOND for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges"

S.P. 322 L.D. 1027

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-162)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-162) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate and Other Synthetic Herbicides for the Purpose of Silviculture"

S.P. 58 L.D. 125

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-184)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

BERNARD of Caribou

GIFFORD of Lincoln

HALL of Wilton

LANDRY of Farmington

McCREA of Fort Fairfield

SKOLFIELD of Weld

UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-185)**.

Signed:

Senator:

MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:

O'NEIL of Saco

OSHER of Orono

PLUECKER of Warren

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-184)** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Maxmin.

Senator **MAXMIN:** Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues in the Senate. I rise to oppose this motion for the simple reason that I do not think we should be spraying Glyphosate in the air in Maine. One problem with the Majority Report is that the standards laid out were basically laid out by the industry and the Department has said that they would do nothing to change the practice of aerially spraying Glyphosate in Maine. So, it doesn't do that much. Glyphosate, for those who don't know, is a common herbicide. It's originally an antibiotic. It is the active ingredient in Roundup, and that might sound familiar because there have been quite a few lawsuits recently around the health impacts of Glyphosate. In 2020, there was Bayer, which is the company that manufactures Glyphosate, doled out \$10 billion to resolve lawsuits from folks who were claiming that Glyphosate was linked to Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. The public has no access to the evidence that was used in these court cases but there must be something there if \$10 billion was given out, and this year, in February, \$2 billion was also set aside for future litigation around the health impacts of Glyphosate. Some other concerns that arose in our committee is that none of the waterways around which we are aerially spraying Glyphosate up north have ever been tested for the presence of Glyphosate, none of the rivers or streams. So, that is very concerning. We also know that one the label of the products that we're spraying it says that you should spray it from a height of 10 feet but that is not safe given the circumstances up north, and so it's being sprayed at 30 feet or higher. One of the arguments used against the Minority Report is that it would be prohibited - that is we're not aerially spraying Glyphosate then we might ground spray it but that would be extremely prohibitive to the industry to spray 15 to 50,000 acres by hand or to procure the machinery to do that and it's much more likely that they would pursue a different avenue like selective cutting, which is not only better for reducing our use of herbicides but also for our climate and our ecosystems. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Franklin, Senator Black.

Senator **BLACK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, let's be honest. This bill doesn't ban Glyphosate. It bans aerial spraying of Glyphosate. Aerial spraying is more accurate and uses less concentrates and less chemicals per acre. With a skidder or a mist blower, they put on as much as 2 ½ quarts more per acre. This procedure is only used once in the harvest, maybe twice, in the harvest of softwood. After the harvest has taken place, in softwood it's used once immediately afterwards, or maybe twice very rarely, to control the weeds and to promote softwood growth so that they can cut more quality softwood logs in a shorter period of time. It's also used once in hardwood applications to kill - 5 to 6 years after a harvest it's used to kill the beech, which is a weed tree and is

diseased today. We worked hard in the committee to come up with a good, bi-partisan report that would take care of the concerns around this. We came up with an amendment that would push back concerns - would push back the spray to 250 to 300 feet back from any waterways and at this time they're spraying a lot, lot closer than that, and this spray would be put on with, and is being put on, with a helicopter, not the old fixed winged aerial sprayer of the past where we had a lot of drift and that kind of stuff. I've seen the computer models, the charts, of after this has been sprayed and they can tell you exactly where the spray has been placed with the GPS monitoring on this. So, I would ask that you would support this Majority motion. Thank you.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. To put it simply, if you want to see the continuation of the wood industry in the state of Maine and the continuation of, hopefully, the paper industries state to come back, I'm not ever convinced they're going to, but if you really want to see our forest land to continue to be a profitable venture for the people then you need to support the Majority Report. It's what's best. There's a reason. This was worked on hard. The committee, I think, did a fantastic job at coming up with this and I just - I see what's happening to our state. I see what's happening in my own county when I look at what's happening up at Verso. So, I just ask you to support the Majority Report and I request a roll call, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, 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 Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues in the Senate, I remember the days when we were down in Turner and they were spraying from the local airport there and none of those folks I met when I was over teaching on the flight line are alive any more. They all died young of cancer. They used to go try to mix these chemicals to spray and it didn't matter if they were using a helicopter or an airplane. They sloshed around and killed everything around that corner that they had those planes in and, like I said, they are all dead. This is a horrible practice. Some of these chemicals are so horrible and if they haven't been proven safe they shouldn't be used. They are creating areas that they defoliate everything just for the convenience of making profits and the ease of the corporate producers instead of the small farmers like my colleague here in the Senate. They can handle their orchards, their farms. Several of my colleagues here handle their farms without these horrible chemicals, but definitely spraying. You set it back 250 and on a bad day it's coating everybody. We've had to deal with bills about overspray forever, about giving notice when the Department doesn't give proper notice, about how you give notice and then they say you should have gotten it another way. If there was ever an area that was bait and switch, like the old days of selling, this was one of them and that's why I don't trust what's coming out of that Department

and we just need to ban it. It'll protect our people, our farms, our trees, everything. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-184) Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#225)

YEAS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

NAYS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DIAMOND, HICKMAN, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

14 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 19 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-184)** Report **FAILED**.

The Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-185)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-185) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-185)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs to the Board of Pesticides Control and the Posting of Inspection Results for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public" S.P. 209 L.D. 524

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-181)**.

Signed:

Senators:
DILL of Penobscot
BLACK of Franklin
MAXMIN of Lincoln

Representatives:
O'NEIL of Saco
BERNARD of Caribou
GIFFORD of Lincoln
HALL of Wilton
LANDRY of Farmington
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
OSHER of Orono
PLUECKER of Warren
SKOLFIELD of Weld

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

Signed:

Representative:
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-181) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County

S.P. 180 L.D. 814

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-164)**.

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-164) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools"

S.P. 377 L.D. 1114

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-163).**

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Reports **READ.**

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#226)

YEAS:

Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS:

Senators: NONE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-163) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Address Student Hunger through Expanding Access to Free School Meals"

S.P. 540 L.D. 1679

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-165)**.

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Representatives:

SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

Reports **READ**.

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 Kennebec, Senator Pouliot.

Senator **POULIOT:** Well, Mr. President, I'm not rising to request a roll call for once but I am rising to speak in favor of the pending motion. When I was a kid my Mom was on food stamps and we received assistance at school for lunch, my sister and I, and my Mom was working two jobs and putting herself back through college. We were living with my grandparents. Often times, you know, I hear folks who will criticize this initiative say that it really should be the parent's responsibility to make sure their kids are fed, why are they not working harder to make sure this happens. The reality is there's a lot of parents out there that, just like my Mom, are working their butts off to do all that they can to keep their head above water and had it not been for these programs I don't know what we would have had for lunch in school. So, then a lot of folks will say, 'Well, you know, this should be means tested and we should make sure that those who are receiving these benefits are the ones who are most financially in need,' but

the reality is there's quite a bit of stigma that's created around having some of these kids on different programs and other kids not and we're all paying for this already with our tax dollars. You know, I think that for a parent that might have the financial means to pay for their kid's lunch, to have to pay for it, to me that doesn't really make any sense because they already are paying for it. What we're talking about here is prioritizing these resources to go to make sure that our kids in the K-12 system across the state of Maine are being fed. We invest \$3 billion a year in public education between state and federal resources and if kids are hungry they can't bring their best mind to that educational experience. So, I hope that my colleagues will see that this is a wise investment with a significant return that we all ought to support and I hope that you'll join me in supporting the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator **VITELLI**, to the rostrum where she assumed the duties as President Pro Tem.

The President took a seat on the Floor.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem **ELOISE A. VITELLI** of Sagadahoc County.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Madame President. I want to commend Senator Pouliot for his thoughts and sharing that and you can't help but empathize with any child or family in that situation. I rise in support of L.D. 1679 just based on my own experiences. I've been in education for over 40 years but last spring I was asked to assist in my area, my community, to distribute food to folks that needed it and I was happy to do so. Volunteered to help a friend of mine that owns a meat distribution, a butcher shop in town. I found myself driving throughout York County delivering food to people that needed it, which amazed me. It's very difficult to see poverty. It's very difficult to see need, particularly when it comes to food, but that was certainly an eye opener for me. Then as I got back to school, he also delivers a lot of products to our local schools, they were administering food to people that qualified initially and they opened that up to any student and eventually, in my community of Kennebunk, which we might view as a very well-to-do community, they opened the school's lunch program to any citizen that needed food and I think that you would be surprised to see the line-up of cars on a regular basis going in, looking for assistance. Again, I commend the sponsor and in full support of L.D. 1679 and ask you to do the same. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Jackson.

Senator **JACKSON:** Thank you, Madame President. I appreciate it, and thank you, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I certainly want to thank the good Senator from York, Senator Rafferty, and the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Pouliot, for speaking

so well about it and sorry, you know, to come down for a minute but this bill, when I first was talked to about it, I thought it was a good bill but as time went on I really got more and more invested in it and that's why I really wanted to at least come down for a minute to speak about it. Obviously, I do not choose to do this on most of my bills but, you know, it's really clear, I mean for me, no child should have to go to school hungry, let alone be expected to learn on an empty stomach. Yet we know too many of our kids don't have access to reliable, nutritional food on a regular basis and it's really hard not to get choked up about that. Like Senator Pouliot talked about, I know that feeling very well but, more than that, even, you know, early on this pandemic, you know, a young woman from Aroostook County reached out to me just weeks before she was set to graduate from high school and over the course of 12 years she showed up at school, put in the hard work, and earned her high school diploma, and at the end of the day all that stood in the way of her receiving her cap and gown was an outstanding lunch bill that she couldn't pay. Fortunately, we were able to get the issue resolved by, you know, talking to the administration. I mean, they obviously didn't want to do anything that drastic but, you know, it's an unfortunate deterrent that happens far too often that kids shouldn't have to deal with, you know, and I remember that feeling so well in school of kids that either didn't have money or kids that maybe made just a little bit too much and there's stigma on both sides of that. I mean, the number for free or reduced lunch is so miniscule and to have kids that are 6 or 7 years old dependent on bringing in the money and things like that it just seems to be such a ridiculous system that we have that, like I said, causes real stigma. But I also know, you know, that in Maine we constantly have the highest rate of food insecurity in New England. I can remember sitting in this Chamber, I believe in Senator Timberlake's chair, and having that realization come to me that, you know, we - there's people that consistently go to bed at night hungry and that's really hard to understand how in this day and age that things like that would happen. For me, you know, during this pandemic, some of the things that I saw that shocked me were, you know, going down the road through, you know, my district, school wasn't in, but there being consistently cooler after cooler alongside the mail box outside the road and I couldn't understand originally what it meant. Why these coolers were out there in April, May, June? What it was, was families that were still getting the meals delivered to their kids. Now, I got to tell you, it seems pretty apparent to me that those families must have needed that pretty bad to stick a cooler out at the road for their kids to get those free meals and, you know, we have an opportunity to try and change the way that this goes for a bunch of kids that have no way of making it different for them or their lives other than to show up and do the best they can, learn everything they can, and get out into our world and our economy, and being hungry, and being held back by being hungry, seems to be the last thing they'd have to worry about. That's why, like I said, when I started this bill I was in support and now that I've had more time to reflect on that and talk to more people, you know, this is probably one of the best bills I've ever had a chance to be involved with because I know how much it's going to mean for all of our constituents and that's why I wanted to get down and speak a little bit about it. I really hope that the Senate will come in strong on this one. Thank you, Senator Rafferty, and thank you, Senator Pouliot, for doing such a great job.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hickman.

Senator **HICKMAN:** Thank you, Madame President. Madame President, women and men of the Senate, I rise in strong support of the pending motion. I appreciate the work of President Jackson, Chairman Rafferty, Assistant Minority Leader Pouliot. Back when I was a kid in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, our family struggled to make ends meet. My father worked the first shift at Pabst Brewing Company in the mailroom. A WWII veteran with little education, he was basically the company mailman. My mother held a string of part-time jobs to help put food on the table for their two children. As hard as they both worked, and they worked hard, we needed food stamps in order to survive. Still, my parents made clear in both word and deed that no matter how little we had someone else had less and we needed to help them however we could. I'll never forget the day. I was about 3 or 4 years old when a young girl who smelled of dried urine knocked on our door. My father was at work, my sister at school. My mother let the girl in, escorted her to the bathroom where she drew a bath for the girl who could not have been more than 12 years old. After bathing her, my mother gave her a blouse and a pair of pants and sat her down at the kitchen table for a steaming bowl of Cream of Wheat, bacon, and toast. I couldn't believe how fast the girl devoured it all. It was an image that stuck with me like good preaching. She ate another bowl of cereal and then my mother let her take a nap on the couch. Later, when it was time for her to leave, my mother handed the girl the brown paper bag with a change of clothes and peanut butter and jelly sandwich inside. I couldn't count how many girls came knocking on our door over the next month but they came nonetheless. My mother cared for each of them in almost the exact same way like ritual. Our home was a stop on an underground railroad for throw-away girls. If it takes a village to raise a child then it takes all of us to feed all of our children and that is exactly what this bill seeks to attempt to do and so I will cast a very proud vote for this bill today. Thank you, Madame President.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#227)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, JACKSON, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT PRO TEM VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: NONE

EXCUSED: Senators: LIBBY, WOODSOME

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-165) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Create Greater Accountability in the Office of County Sheriff"

S.P. 163 L.D. 375

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)**.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representative:

COPELAND of Saco

Reports **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. At this time I would move to table 5-85 pending further discussion with stakeholders in this matter for further clarification.

On motion by Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, To Establish the COVID-19 Review Commission (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 193 L.D. 817

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)**.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. I think one of the benefits of actually all of us being able to meet in person is to talk and share viewpoints and share perspectives and I think, after going over this and hearing from different members of the Legislature in both parties, I'm comfortable going forward with this particular review commission. I think it will help us going forward in the future and it really should have minimal or no burden upon the Administration but I think it will be helpful to inform and to educate both the public and the Legislature in terms of the handling of future emergencies. So, I would ask the Senate to respectfully support the Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, 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 Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#228)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, CYRWAY, DAUGHTRY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, HICKMAN, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, ROSEN, SANBORN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: NONE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-176) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System To Study the Potential Effects of the State Adopting Atlantic Standard Time (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 259 L.D. 826

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-182)**.

Signed:

Senator:
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:
COPELAND of Saco
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
TUELL of East Machias

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

Signed:

Senator:
BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:
MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
RISEMAN of Harrison

Reports **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Unfortunately, for 5-87 the time is not right with this bill so I would move the Ought Not to Pass report.

Senator **BALDACCI** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Baldacci.

Senator **BALDACCI:** With all due respect, I think the reason the Minority voted the way they did is because there have been studies done and we didn't feel additional studies would be a good use of taxpayer money or the University's time but, in addition, even if the study was completed and said that it would be great for Maine, or whatever, there are major problems with one state's just leaving a time zone and I think the Legislature's previously dealt with this, that we're amenable to this if, you know, it's more than a few states in the same time zone, so that we're not completely out of step, literally, with the rest of the country. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Bennett.

Senator **BENNETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members of the Senate, this bill is required if we are to consider changing our time zone. The approval for a time zone change comes from the Federal Department of Transportation and one of their requirements is a state that would be petitioning them is to have a study done. This study will not cost taxpayers. If it is done it will be done with private funding that would be raised and go to the University Maine System. They have professors at the University of Maine System who studied this in other jurisdictions and are capable and ready to do it. This does not presuppose any decision by the Legislature about changing our time zone or fixing a particular, you know, permanently on Atlantic time year-round or whatever. It just will give us information upon which to base a decision next year, if we decide to do that, and one of those decisions might be to await the action of other states, in fact the state of Massachusetts, the state of New Hampshire. There are a lot of other states who are actually considering making a change to make permanent a time zone that doesn't change because of the daylight savings issue. My own personal preference, and we may all have our own, I'd like to just stay, keep the time zone the same year-round. Keep the time, don't make the change. There's a lot of studies that suggest that it has an injurious impact to have the change in time for four months, which is all it is these days, but this study will give us the opportunity, if we wish, to next year take a look at this question. If we don't take this action now we're basically saying we want the status quo. So, with that, because of that, Mr. President, I respectfully request fellow Senators to vote down the pending motion so that we can adopt the Majority Report. Thank you.

At the request of Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford a Division was had. 12 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 22 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BALDACC** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **FAILED**.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-182) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Investigation and Prosecution of Cases That Involve Vulnerable Road Users"

S.P. 208 L.D. 821

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-186)**.

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Complete a Feasibility Analysis To Initiate a Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

S.P. 317 L.D. 991

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-180)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
MARTIN of Greene
O'CONNELL of Brewer
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
WHITE of Mars Hill

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-180) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Placement of Temporary Signs" S.P. 442 L.D. 1356

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

DIAMOND of Cumberland
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
O'CONNELL of Brewer
WHITE of Waterville
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

CEBRA of Naples
MARTIN of Greene
PARRY of Arundel
PERKINS of Oakland
WHITE of Mars Hill

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting S.P. 91 L.D. 202

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-172)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#229)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: LAWRENCE, WOODSOME

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-172) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

Nine members of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Certain Employees of and To Allow Supplemental Funding for the Public Advocate" S.P. 194 L.D. 487

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-169)**.

Signed:

Senators:
LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CUDDY of Winterport
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
WADSWORTH of Hiram
WOOD of Portland
ZEIGLER of Montville

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-170)**.

Signed:

Senator:
STEWART of Aroostook

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Representative:
FOSTER of Dexter

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-169), ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-169) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-169)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

The Committee on **Engrossed Bills** reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow a Dentist To Administer Botulinum Toxin and Dermal Fillers

S.P. 34 L.D. 26
(C "A" S-124)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish a Working Farmland Access and Protection Program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and a Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund within the Land for Maine's Future Program
H.P. 413 L.D. 568
(C "A" H-121)

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

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools
S.P. 250 L.D. 636
(C "A" S-106)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow the Sale of Raffle Tickets Online
S.P. 256 L.D. 671
(C "A" S-102)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act Regarding Local Option Elections
S.P. 527 L.D. 1642
(C "A" S-107)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Acts

An Act To Improve Maine's Quality Rating System for Child Care Services
H.P. 59 L.D. 93

An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022
S.P. 54 L.D. 123
(C "A" S-129)

An Act To Eliminate Time Limits for Placing Land in Trust Status under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement
H.P. 115 L.D. 159
(C "A" H-176)

An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry
S.P. 76 L.D. 188
(S "A" S-95 to C "A" S-70)

An Act To Update the Maine Parentage Act
H.P. 157 L.D. 222
(C "A" H-149)

An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs
S.P. 147 L.D. 340
(C "A" S-66)

An Act To Establish the Maine Healthy Soils Program
S.P. 179 L.D. 437
(C "A" S-75)

An Act To Create New Models of Maine Manufacturing Employment and Education
H.P. 378 L.D. 515
(C "A" H-122)

An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads
S.P. 234 L.D. 596

An Act Regarding the Practice of Pharmacy
S.P. 242 L.D. 603

An Act To Improve the Lives of Maine Workers by Supporting Apprenticeships That Lead to Good-paying Jobs
S.P. 253 L.D. 648
(C "A" S-100)

An Act To Ensure the Safety of Certain State Employees by Allowing Disclosure of Certain Confidential Information in Limited Circumstances
H.P. 571 L.D. 766

An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Eligibility Provisions of the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program
S.P. 53 L.D. 792
(C "A" S-105)

An Act To Amend Credit and Debit Card Surcharges Imposed by Governmental Entities
S.P. 87 L.D. 800
(C "A" S-110)

An Act To Ensure Decommissioning of Solar Energy Developments
S.P. 113 L.D. 802
(C "A" S-111)

An Act To Support School Decarbonization
S.P. 184 L.D. 815

An Act To Improve Communication between School Board Members and School Employees and Members of the Public
S.P. 185 L.D. 816
(C "A" S-68)

An Act To Extend the Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Labor Contracts to Other Public Sector Employees
S.P. 235 L.D. 824
(C "A" S-121)

An Act To Increase Government Accountability by Removing the Restriction on the Dissemination of Information Regarding Investigations
H.P. 650 L.D. 894

An Act To Require Joint Use Entities To Establish Permanent Liaisons with All County Emergency Management Agencies
H.P. 746 L.D. 1008
(C "A" H-133)

An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program
H.P. 748 L.D. 1010
(C "A" H-144)

An Act To Require Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training or Implicit Bias Training for School Resource Officers
S.P. 330 L.D. 1040
(C "A" S-115)

An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools
H.P. 779 L.D. 1050
(C "A" H-115)

An Act To Prohibit an Employer from Charging an Employee for Direct Deposit for Wages
S.P. 367 L.D. 1106

An Act To Improve Fairness in Auto Insurance Claims
H.P. 854 L.D. 1176
(C "A" H-178)

An Act To Amend the Statement of Purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 To Include Emergency Responses That Do Not Require Transportation
S.P. 391 L.D. 1290

An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District
S.P. 494 L.D. 1520

An Act To Ban the Sale of Cosmetics That Have Been Tested on Animals
H.P. 1156 L.D. 1551

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans
S.P. 31 L.D. 23
(C "A" S-72)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefit Reductions for Corrections Officers Currently Included in the 1998 Special Plan
S.P. 78 L.D. 190
(C "A" S-101)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Discontinue the Use of the SAT in Maine Schools
H.P. 193 L.D. 277
(C "A" H-119)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Include Certain Mental Health Workers under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

S.P. 331 L.D. 1041
(C "A" S-114)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities
H.P. 791 L.D. 1062
(C "A" H-117)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Support the Operations of Youth Shelters in Maine
S.P. 344 L.D. 1076
(C "A" S-112)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons
H.P. 761 L.D. 1023
(C "A" H-137)

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, 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 Timberlake.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President, and I'm sorry to talk but in our caucus this has been a major discussion amongst the members about confusion on the bill when we originally voted on it and some members wanted some clarification and so that's why I've asked for this to be brought up, because they'd like to vote on it. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

An Act To Include Certain Employees in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters

S.P. 131 L.D. 305
(C "A" S-69)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Support E-9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Officers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

H.P. 343 L.D. 467
(C "A" H-118)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry

H.P. 345 L.D. 469
(C "A" H-104)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Assist Public School Students and Families Who Are Homeless

H.P. 578 L.D. 773
(C "A" H-172)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

An Act To Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in the Armed Forces of the United States under the State Retirement System

S.P. 308 L.D. 956
(C "A" S-92)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Resolves

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Seek Input from Stakeholders on the State's Hemp Program

S.P. 41 L.D. 33
(C "A" S-130)

Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine

H.P. 190 L.D. 274
(H "A" H-57)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Analyze Funding To Address Student Achievement Gaps

H.P. 197 L.D. 281
(C "A" H-132)

Resolve, To Advance Career and Technical Education Opportunities in Maine

S.P. 140 L.D. 313
(C "A" S-118)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Education To Report on Family Income Data Collection

H.P. 260 L.D. 362
(C "A" H-159)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop a Study Plan Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the Agricultural Sector

H.P. 403 L.D. 558
(C "A" H-123)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Report on Charter School Funding Methods and Reporting Protocols

H.P. 440 L.D. 604
(C "A" H-111)

Resolve, To Develop a Plan for Teachers To Collect Social Security

H.P. 456 L.D. 620
(C "A" H-173)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Establish a Working Group To Determine Best Practices and Accountability Standards for School Boards To Manage the Performance of Superintendents

H.P. 474 L.D. 643
(C "A" H-116)

Resolve, To Create an Electronic Titling Work Group

H.P. 476 L.D. 645
(C "A" H-160)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Survey School Administrative Units and Review the Feasibility of a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students

H.P. 482 L.D. 655
(C "A" H-120)

Resolve, To Promote the Education of Students Who Participate in Health Education Classes Regarding Common Cancer Symptoms, the Bone Marrow Registry and Organ Donation

H.P. 778 L.D. 1049
(C "A" H-197)

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Engage Stakeholders in an Examination of Fair Chance Housing Policy Options

H.P. 879 L.D. 1201

Resolve, To Require the State Auditor To Report on Corrective Actions Regarding the Administration of Federal Grants

H.P. 890 L.D. 1215
(C "A" H-198)

Resolve, To Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley

S.P. 546 L.D. 1690

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Resolve, To Expedite Processing of Applications for Certification under the Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit

H.P. 424 L.D. 581
(C "A" H-127)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Sunday Hunting

S.P. 325 L.D. 1033
(C "A" S-123)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/11/21) matter:

An Act To Include Grandparents under Maine's Family Medical Leave Laws

H.P. 27 L.D. 61

Tabled - March 11, 2021 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In Senate, March 11, 2021, on motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.)

(In House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE**.)

Senator **RAFFERTY** of York moved the Senate **SUSPEND THE RULES**.

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

Senator **TIMBERLAKE:** Yes, thank you, Mr. President. We object to the suspension of the rules.

On motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin, 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 Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I know this is a Parliamentary action we're about to take. I'm just not familiar with us roll calling reconsideration actions. In the past several Legislatures here in the Senate courtesy has been given from the Majority caucus, the Minority caucus, and vice versa to allow reconsideration as a basic courtesy of how we do our business. I'm just surprised to see us roll calling this action here. I wonder if I could pose a question through the Chair to any member who may like to answer. Am I misremembering how we have done things in the last several Legislatures or is there another reason for roll calling this motion? Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby, has posed a question through the Chair for anyone who may answer. Seeing no one, the Chair would advise that in the scope whenever said reconsideration is actually roll call on suspension of the rules, so that is the pending question before the Senate. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#230)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, POULIOT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York to **SUSPEND THE RULES PREVAILED**.

On motion by Senator **RAFFERTY** of York, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-27) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Rafferty.

Senator **RAFFERTY:** Thank you, Mr. President. So this amendment just removes the emergency preamble, but going back to the original L.D. we're looking to give a so-called green light to grandparents that may be in a position to take care of a grandchild using the family leave. I stand by that and, you know, I've been just a few months into being a grandparent and this means more and more to me every day. In the event that my granddaughter, Evie, would be in a situation where she needed help I would hope that any grandparent, in this particular case me, obviously, but be in a position where they had that ability to stand there and do whatever it was. I think any of you would want the same for your grandchild and I think, most importantly, any of you would probably just, as I once stated to you, hope that you could take that grandchild's place and incur any suffering or illness that they were going through. You'd happily, you know, step in and take it. Again, I ask that you vote Ought to Pass L.D. 61.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-27) **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-27), in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/28/21) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Assist Certain Businesses in the State That Sell Prepared Food or Alcohol"

H.P. 96 L.D. 140

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)** (5 members)

Tabled - April 28, 2021 by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#231)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI

NAYS: Senators: BALDACCI, BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/3/21) matter:

Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use
H.P. 111 L.D. 155
(C "B" H-67)

Tabled - June 3, 2021 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 28, 2021, Report "**B**", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-67)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec, 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 (#232)

YEAS: Senators: BAILEY, BALDACCI, BREEN, BRENNER, CARNEY, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CURRY, DAUGHTRY, HICKMAN, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MAXMIN, MIRAMANT, RAFFERTY, SANBORN, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BENNETT, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, GUERIN, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, STEWART, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senator: WOODSOME

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

The Chair removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

H.P. 445 L.D. 609
(C "A" H-75)

Tabled - June 2, 2021 by Senator **DAUGHTRY** of Cumberland

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 28, 2021, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-75)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-75)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

Same Senator moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-75), in concurrence, and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** same.

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

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senator **POULIOT** of Kennebec requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-75), in concurrence, and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** same.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-177) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-177), in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

HELD MATTER

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue" H.P. 873 L.D. 1195

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-201)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

(In House, June 2, 2021, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

(In Senate, June 3, 2021, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **FAILED**. Subsequently, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.)

On motion by Senator **CARNEY** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **ADJOURNED** until Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 10:00 in the morning.