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55th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Senate called to Order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County.

Prayer by Reverend Mark Tanner, Skowhegan Federated Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Joyce A. Maker of Washington County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Bill Sturrock, M.D. of Orrington.

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Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-1) SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on TAXATION on Bill "An Act To Promote Workforce Development and Provide an Economic Stimulus for Maine-based Filmmakers and Supporting Businesses"

S.P. 501  L.D. 1450
(C "A" S-228)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-228) (11 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-228).

Comes from the House, the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-2) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Include Tax-exempt, Nonprofit Regional Transportation Providers under the Maine Tort Claims Act" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 213  L.D. 280
(C "A" H-464)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-464) (6 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2017, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-464).
Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-3) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws To Add Provisions Relating to the Surrender of Animals"

       H.P. 1097  L.D. 1593
       (C "A" H-446)

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-446) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, 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-446) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

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Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-4) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Increase Workforce Participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and Other Assistance Programs"

       H.P. 899  L.D. 1302

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-329) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-329).
Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-5) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Build Greater Accountability into the General Assistance Program by Increasing the Penalty for Falsely Representing Information on an Application for General Assistance"

H.P. 11  L.D. 10

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-129) (6 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-129) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-6) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Safeguard Student Contact Information Provided to Schools"

H.P. 1022  L.D. 1483

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-456) (6 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-456) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.
Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-7) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Require Responsible Contracting on Public Construction Projects"
H.P. 961  L.D. 1382

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (10 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-450) (2 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report was READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-450).

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Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-8) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Voluntary Cooperation among School Systems"
H.P. 1009  L.D. 1470

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-455) (6 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-455) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.
Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-9) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Prioritize Family Members as Surrogates for Medical Decisions"

H.P. 1108  L.D. 1607
(C "A" H-465)

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-465) (6 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2017, on motion by Senator KEIM of Oxford, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-465) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body having INSISTED on its former action whereby the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report was READ and ACCEPTED.

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Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-10) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Androscoggin County"

H.P. 79  L.D. 111

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-331) (9 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-332) (4 members)

In Senate, June 6, 2017, on motion by Senator KEIM of Oxford, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-332 Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-332) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-331) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-488) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.

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(1-11) SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on TRANSPORTATION on Bill "An Act To Allow Delivery Vehicles To Display Lighted Advertising Signs"

S.P. 122  L.D. 381

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (10 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-238) (3 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2017, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-238).

Comes from the House, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

(1-12) SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Clarify Eligibility for Unemployment Benefits during Labor Disputes"

S.P. 455  L.D. 1341

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-165) (5 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-165).

Comes from the House, the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.
Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-13) SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations"

S.P. 466  L.D. 1358

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-232) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2017, on motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland, the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.

Comes from the House, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-232) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Joint Resolution

(1-14) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1120

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO NEGOTIATE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION TO KEEP MAINE AND DOMESTIC LOBSTER AND SEAFOOD PRODUCTS COMPETITIVE WITH CANADIAN LOBSTER AND SEAFOOD PRODUCTS

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, the value of marine resources commercially harvested in Maine exceeded $700 million in 2016, and the value of lobster harvested in Maine accounts for over $533 million of that amount; and

WHEREAS, total exports from Maine to the European Union exceeded $503 million in 2016; and

WHEREAS, exports from Maine of lobster to the European Union totaled approximately $158 million, or approximately 80% of all lobster exported from the United States to the European Union, in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the European Union is the largest global fish and seafood market in the world; and
WHEREAS, Maine and Canada share the same lobster species and compete for market share in the European Union and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the European Union imposes tariffs on fish and seafood products that range from 2% on certain types of salmon to 20% on processed lobster imported from both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, or CETA, is a free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union that will reduce tariffs on fish and seafood products exported from Canada to the European Union; and

WHEREAS, CETA will go into effect on the first day of the month following the date the European Union and Canada notify each other that each has completed all necessary procedures for implementation; and

WHEREAS, when CETA takes effect, the 8% tariff on live lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be immediately eliminated, the 6% to 16% tariff on frozen lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be eliminated over 3 years and the 20% tariff on processed lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be eliminated over 5 years; and

WHEREAS, while tariffs on lobster and seafood products exported from Canada to the European Union are being eliminated, tariffs on Maine and other domestic lobster and seafood products exported to the European Union will remain; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of tariffs on Canadian lobster and seafood products will increase trade between Canada and the European Union, resulting in economic injury to Maine and other domestic lobster and seafood harvesters and processors; and

WHEREAS, the impact of CETA on Maine lobster harvesters, who landed over 130 million pounds of lobster in 2016, should be minimized; and

WHEREAS, the impact of CETA on Maine lobster dealers, who support 675 jobs and paid $28.4 million in wages in 2016, should be minimized; and

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution, Article I, the Congress of the United States has the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article I of the United States Constitution, negotiate trade agreements with the European Union that will reduce tariffs on Maine and domestic lobster and seafood products, or otherwise mitigate the effects of CETA, to ensure that historical, lucrative industries are not damaged by the economic disadvantage that will result from CETA unless these negotiations are undertaken; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Comes from the House, READ and ADOPTED as Amended.
COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

June 12, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Ethna Mary Kelly of Portland, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 2 Keim of Oxford, Whittemore of Somerset
Representatives 8 Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, Reckitt of South Portland, Sherman of Hodgdon

NAYS 0


Ten members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable Ethna Mary Kelly of Portland, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim
Senate Chair

S/Matthew W. Moonen
House Chair
June 12, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable Peter L. Darvin of Bridgton, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS Senators 2 Keim of Oxford, Whittemore of Somerset
Representatives 9 Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk, Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of Monticello, Reckitt of South Portland, Sherman of Hodgdon

NAYS 0


Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable Peter L. Darvin of Bridgton, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim  S/Matthew W. Moonen
Senate Chair  House Chair
June 12, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the nomination of Honorable David J. Soucy of Fort Kent, for reappointment as a District Court Judge.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS  Senators 2  Keim of Oxford, Whittemore of Somerset
      Representatives 9  Moonen of Portland, Babbidge of Kennebunk,
                           Bailey of Saco, Bradstreet of Vassalboro, Cardone
                           of Bangor, Guerin of Glenburn, Johansen of
                           Monticello, Reckitt of South Portland, Sherman of
                           Hodgdon

NAYS  0


Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Honorable David J. Soucy of Fort Kent, for reappointment as a District Court Judge be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Lisa Keim  S/Matthew W. Moonen
Senate Chair  House Chair
June 12, 2017

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
128th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has had under consideration the nomination of Lani M. Smith-McNabb of East Machias, for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS  Senators  3  Volk of Cumberland, Bellows of Kennebec, Langley of Hancock

Representatives  4  Fecteau of Biddeford, Handy of Lewiston, Mastraccio of Sanford, Stetkis of Canaan

NAYS  0


Seven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Lani M. Smith-McNabb of East Machias, for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Amy F. Volk
Senate Chair

S/Ryan M. Fecteau
House Chair
June 13, 2017

Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

In reference to the action of the Senate on June 13, 2017 in which it Insisted and Joined in a Committee of Conference on L.D. 390, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019" (H.P. 281) I am pleased to appoint the following as conferees on the part of the Senate:

   Senator Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo
   Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec
   Senator Cathy Breen of Cumberland

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
June 12, 2017

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
128th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby it accepted the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the 24-hour Reporting Requirement under the Election Laws" (S.P. 340) (L.D. 1033)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
June 12, 2017

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
128th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its former action whereby it accepted

- the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report of the Committee on Health and Human Services on Bill "An Act To Establish an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee on Maine's Welfare Programs" (S.P. 486) (L.D. 1408) and Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-156)

- the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process" (S.P. 395) (L.D. 1174)

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
The Following Communication:

H.C. 235

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

June 13, 2017

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
128th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

House Paper 110, Legislative Document 152, "An Act To Strengthen Intragovernment Communication," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

85 voted in favor and 62 against, with 1 being excused, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 629, Legislative Document 901, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Determination of a Wind Energy Development's Effect on the Scenic Character of Maine's Special Places," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

75 voted in favor and 72 against, with 1 being excused, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 280, Legislative Document 374, "An Act To Recodify and Revise Certain Portions of the Maine Criminal Code," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

79 voted in favor and 68 against, with 1 being excused, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 828, Legislative Document 1191, "An Act To Extend to One Year the Probationary Period for Certain Municipal Employee Positions," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

90 voted in favor and 57 against, with 1 being excused, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 412, “Resolve, To Direct the Development of After-school Programs.”

This bill represents a classic bait-and-switch approach to legislation. The sponsor originally introduced a bill that would restore emphasis on home economics and industrial arts in our public schools. For all the money we spend on public education in Maine, I understand why supporters of the bill were interested in making sure Maine students develop life skills that enable them to be productive members of their households and the workforce.

During the legislative process, the bill was amended to direct the Department of Education to work with a specific nonprofit organization, which was designated in statute. The legislature did not fund this working group, creating an unfunded mandate for the Department.

Further, the workgroup is charged with designing and developing afterschool programs that the legislature can require schools to implement as part of the growing list of unfunded mandates, or they can come back to the public trough for more state funding for afterschool programs. However, these programs are only necessary because the legislature failed to ensure our public schools are using the school day to provide young Mainers with the skills they need to be effective in life.

Instead of solving a problem, this bill creates an unfunded workgroup that will leave even more problems unsolved.

For these reasons, I return LD 412 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-10) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Require the Completion of Courses of Study in Home Economics and Industrial Arts Education Prior to Graduation from High School"
S.P. 139  L.D. 412
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

12 June 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 983, “An Act To Increase Efficiency in the Enforcement of Restitution and Bail Orders.”

This bill tasks the Executive Branch with additional duties, but does not appropriate any additional funding that will be necessary to carry the proposed law into effect. In the case of this bill, the State Tax Assessor would be required to help enforce forfeiture orders. This new initiative would take time and money to implement.

I have said it before, and I will likely have to say it again: if the Legislature wants to mandate that the Executive Branch undertake more work, then the Legislature must appropriate the financial resources necessary to accomplish that work. This bill fails to live up to that simple rule of good government.

For this reason, I return LD 983 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Sinead Lounsbury, of Fryeburg, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment;

Sponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

SLS 465

(4-2) Katherine Trumbull, of Fryeburg, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment;

Sponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: WADSWORTH of Hiram.

SLS 466

(4-3) Audra Hamlin, of Stoneham, who has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is the second highest award in Girl Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We send our congratulations to her on this accomplishment;

Sponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: HEAD of Bethel.

SLS 467

(4-4) Gabrielle Cooper, of Gardiner, a student at Gardiner Area High School, who won the Poetry Out Loud Maine State Finals. We extend to Gabrielle our congratulations and best wishes;

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GRANT of Gardiner, HANLEY of Pittston.

SLS 468
(4-5) Rachelle Tome, of Bowdoinham, who is retiring from the Department of Education. Ms. Tome came to the department after a lengthy career as a teacher and school administrator. Among the positions Ms. Tome has served in at the department are Acting Deputy Commissioner of Education and Acting Commissioner of Education. She is retiring as Chief Academic Officer. We extend to Ms. Tome our appreciation for her service to the State and offer her our best wishes;

SLS 469
Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

(4-6) Brian Dumoulin, of Biddeford, a professional hockey player and member of the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins, winners of the 2017 Stanley Cup. This is the team's, and Mr. Dumoulin's, second straight Stanley Cup victory. We extend to Mr. Dumoulin our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 470
Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHMAN of Biddeford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.

(4-7) Amy Delorge, of Biddeford, Band Director at Biddeford Middle School, who was named the 2016 Music Educator of the Year by Music & Arts. We extend to Ms. Delorge our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 471
Sponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHMAN of Biddeford, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program"

H.P. 965  L.D. 1391

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

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-321).

(5-2) The Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State"

H.P. 273  L.D. 367

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-493).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-493).
(5-3) The Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Increase Fines for Certain Wage and Benefits Violations"

H.P. 705  L.D. 1004

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-389).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-389).**

(5-4) The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities"

H.P. 840  L.D. 1204

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-494).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-494).**
Divided Report

(5-5) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Privatization of State Correctional Facilities and the State's Forensic Hospitals"

H.P. 893  L.D. 1296

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-486)**.

Signed:

Senators:
    CYRWAY of Kennebec
    DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
    WARREN of Hallowell
    GROHMAN of Biddeford
    LONGSTAFF of Waterville
    NADEAU of Winslow
    RECKITT of South Portland
    TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:
    ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:
    COREY of Windham
    GERRISH of Lebanon
    HERRICK of Paris
    MAREAN of Hollis

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-486)**.
(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Indexing of the Minimum Wage to Inflation"

H.P. 558  L.D. 778

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

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford
BATES of Westbrook
DUNPHY of Old Town
HANDY of Lewiston
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
SYLVESTER 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-356)**.

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGH NOT TO PASS** Report READ and ACCEPTED.
(5-7) The Majority of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns"

H.P. 980  L.D. 1422

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

Signed:

Senators:
   MASON of Androscoggin
   COLLINS of York

Representatives:
   LUCHINI of Ellsworth
   DILLINGHAM of Oxford
   FARRIN of Norridgewock
   HANINGTON of Lincoln
   WHITE of Washburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269).**

Signed:

Senator:
   CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:
   CASÁS of Rockport
   HICKMAN of Winthrop
   LONGSTAFF of Waterville
   MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
   SCHNECK of Bangor

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

(5-8) The Majority of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino on Houlton Band Trust Land Exempt from Certain Gaming Laws" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 999 L.D. 1447

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
   MASON of Androscoggin
   COLLINS of York

Representatives:
   LUCHINI of Ellsworth
   DILLINGHAM of Oxford
   FARRIN of Norridgewock
   MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth
   SCHNECK of Bangor
   WHITE of Washburn

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-437).

Signed:

Senator:
   CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:
   CASAS of Rockport
   HANINGTON of Lincoln
   HICKMAN of Winthrop
   LONGSTAFF of Waterville

Comes from the House with the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-437).
Divided Report

(5-9) Seven members of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation"
H.P. 525  L.D. 745

Reported in Report "A" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-483).

Signed:
Senators:
   ROSEN of Hancock
   CYRWAY of Kennebec
   DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
   COREY of Windham
   GERRISH of Lebanon
   HERRICK of Paris
   MAREAN of Hollis

Three 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-484).

Signed:
Representatives:
   GROHMAN of Biddeford
   NADEAU of Winslow
   TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:
Representatives:
   WARREN of Hallowell
   RECKITT of South Portland

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "D" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-485).

Signed:
Representative:
   LONGSTAFF of Waterville

Comes from the House with Report "B" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-484) READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-484).
(5-10) Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Pretrial Detention"
S.P. 177  L.D. 516

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-264).

(5-11) Senator ROSEN for the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act Regarding Community Corrections Funds"
S.P. 519  L.D. 1490

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-268).

(5-12) Senator VOLK for the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Motor Vehicle Dealers"
S.P. 509  L.D. 1463

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-267).
Divided Report

(5-13) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Language Defining Schedule W Drugs and To Add Drugs to the List of Schedule W Drugs"

S.P. 541  L.D. 1546

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-262).**

Signed:

Senators:
   ROSEN of Hancock
   CYRWAY of Kennebec
   DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
   COREY of Windham
   GERRISH of Lebanon
   GROHMAN of Biddeford
   HERRICK of Paris
   LONGSTAFF of Waterville
   MAREAN of Hollis
   NADEAU of Winslow
   RECKITT of South Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:
   WARREN of Hallowell
   TALBOT ROSS of Portland
Divided Report

(5-14) The Majority of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Encourage Development in the Logging Industry by Requiring State and Local Government Agencies To Give Preference to Lumber and Solid Wood Products Harvested in the State"

S.P. 551  L.D. 1573

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-269).

Signed:

Senators:
   DAVIS of Piscataquis
   DESCHAMBAULT of York
   KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
   MARTIN of Sinclair
   BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
   BRYANT of Windham
   HARRINGTON of Sanford
   HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
   MADIGAN of Rumford
   ORDWAY of Standish
   SPEAR of South Thomaston

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

Signed:

Representatives:
   GRIGNON of Athens
   PICKETT of Dixfield
Divided Report

(5-15) The Majority of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Political Action Committees"

S.P. 405  L.D. 1211

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

Signed:

Senators:
  MASON of Androscoggin
  COLLINS of York

Representatives:
  LUCHINI of Ellsworth
  DILLINGHAM of Oxford
  FARRIN of Norridgewock
  HANINGTON of Lincoln
  LONGSTAFF of Waterville
  SCHNECK of Bangor
  WHITE of Washburn

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

Signed:

Senator:
  CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:
  CASÁS of Rockport
  HICKMAN of Winthrop
  MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth

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Divided Report

(5-16) Seven members of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Protect Law Enforcement Officers by Creating the Crime of Aggravated Assault on an Officer"

S.P. 329  L.D. 990

Reported in Report "A" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-265).

Signed:

Senators:
ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:
COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
MAREAN of Hollis

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

Signed:

Representatives:
WARREN of Hallowell
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

Two members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-266).

Signed:

Senator:
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representative:
NADEAU of Winslow
Committee of Conference

(5-17) The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Bill "An Act To Allow Fees To Be Charged for Wild Game Dinners"

S.P. 202  L.D. 587

Has had the same under consideration, and asks leave to report:

That the Senate **RECEDE** and **CONCUR** with the House.

On the Part of the Senate:

Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin
Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis
Senator CARSON of Cumberland

On the Part of the House:

Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson
Representative HARLOW of Portland
Representative NADEAU of Winslow

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ENACTORS

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

**Emergency Resolve**

(7-1) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan To Enhance the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Probate Court System

S.P. 423  L.D. 1260
(C "A" S-231)

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**Mandate**

(7-2) An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

H.P. 597  L.D. 848
(C "A" H-448)

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(7-3) An Act To Provide Training for Forest Rangers To Carry Firearms  
H.P. 9  L.D. 8  
(C "A" H-451)

(7-4) An Act To Encourage Maine Consumers To Comparison-shop for Certain Health Care Procedures and To Lower Health Care Costs  
S.P. 147  L.D. 445  
(C "A" S-236)

(7-5) An Act To Simplify the Licensing Process for Off-site Catering  
S.P. 538  L.D. 1543  
(C "A" S-234)

(7-6) An Act To Promote Workforce Education Attainment  
S.P. 589  L.D. 1638

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment have preference in the Orders of the Day and continue with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

1. Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program"  
S.P. 164  L.D. 503  
(C "A" S-31)

Tabled - April 20, 2017, by Senator KATZ of Kennebec

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-31)
2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Provide Consistency among Medical Professionals with Regard to Jury Duty Exemption"

S.P. 26  L.D. 46

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-46)**

Tabled - April 27, 2017, by Senator KEIM of Oxford

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT**

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Mining of Massive Sulfide Ore Deposits under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act"

H.P. 118  L.D. 160

**Majority - Ought Not to Pass** (12 members)

**Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-158)** (1 member)

Tabled - May 23, 2017, by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report

(In House, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.)

4.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act To Promote Small Diversified Farms and Small Food Producers

H.P. 584  L.D. 835

Tabled - May 23, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - **ENACTMENT**
5.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Local Government Employees' Private Information"

H.P. 104  L.D. 146

Tabled - May 25, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, May 9, 2017, PASSED TO BE ENACTED in concurrence.)

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

6.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Reduce Youth Access to Tobacco Products"

S.P. 391  L.D. 1170

Report "A" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-146) (8 members)

Report "B" - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Report "C" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-147) (1 member)


Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT Report "B" OUGHT NOT TO PASS
7. Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY on Bill "An Act To Modernize the Renewable Portfolio Standard"

H.P. 810  L.D. 1147

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-272) (11 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)


Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-272).)

8. Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Bill "An Act To Expand Opportunities for Moose Permit Winners To Swap Their Permits"

H.P. 446  L.D. 630

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) (11 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-313) (1 member)

Tabled - May 31, 2017, by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-312).)
9.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act Regarding Generic Drug Pricing"

S.P. 432  L.D. 1280

**Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-153) (11 members)**

**Minority - Ought Not to Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - May 31, 2017, by Senator VOLK of Cumberland

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

10.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Protect against Sex Discrimination

H.P. 153  L.D. 197

Tabled - June 1, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, FAILED FINAL PASSAGE.)

11.

**Tabled and Later Assigned**

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights To License and Regulate Student Loan Servicers"

S.P. 532  L.D. 1507

Report - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-188)

Tabled - June 5, 2017, by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT
12.
Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
on Bill "An Act Regarding Possession of a Firearm on School Property"
S.P. 327  L.D. 988

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (9 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-174) (4 members)

Tabled - June 5, 2017, by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

13.
Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act Regarding Pay Equality"
S.P. 422  L.D. 1259

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-173) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - June 5, 2017, by Senator VOLK of Cumberland

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report
14.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT on Bill "An Act To Establish the Maine Buy America and Build Maine Act"
S.P. 311  L.D. 956

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-171) (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-172) (5 members)

Tabled - June 5, 2017, by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-172) Report

15.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce"
S.P. 521  L.D. 1492

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-195) (11 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - June 6, 2017, by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report
16. Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Weapons at Municipal Public Proceedings and Voting Places"

H.P. 257  L.D. 351

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (4 members)

Tabled - June 7, 2017, by Senator ROSEN of Hancock

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-89).)

17. Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Improve the Quality of Teachers"

S.P. 263  L.D. 818

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-203) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - June 7, 2017, by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report
18.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Establish Energy Policy in Maine"

H.P. 910  L.D. 1313

Report - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)**

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator **WOODSOME** of York

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT** in concurrence

(In House, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-429).**)

19.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Increase Efficiency in Enforcement of the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 862  L.D. 1239

**Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-434) (8 members)**

**Minority - Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report in **NON-CONCURRENCE**

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-434).**)
20.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Lien Recordings on Statutory Road Associations"

H.P. 908  L.D. 1311

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-435) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator KEIM of Oxford

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-435).)

21.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Payment Per Signature for Citizen Petition Drives

H.P. 39  L.D. 53

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-436) (10 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator COLLINS of York

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the RESOLUTION PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-436).)
22.

Tabled and Later Assigned

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage"

H.P. 165  L.D. 209
(S "A" S-141 to C "A" H-111)

Tabled - June 9, 2017, by Senator COLLINS of York

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, May 24, 2017, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-111) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-141) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.)

(In House, House INSISTED on its former action whereby the Bill was PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-111).)

23.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act Regarding Parental Rights"

H.P. 335  L.D. 472

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-441) (5 members)


Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.)
24.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORT - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Promote Impartiality in the Probate Court"

S.P. 345  L.D. 1043

Report - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-230)

Tabled - June 9, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT

25.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act To Amend the Direct Initiative Signature Gathering Process

H.P. 917  L.D. 1323
(C "A" H-405)

Tabled - June 9, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - ENACTMENT in concurrence

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

26.

Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act To Provide a Definition of 'Primary Residence' for Purposes of Property Tax Abatements Based on Hardship or Poverty

S.P. 401  L.D. 1180

Tabled - June 9, 2017, by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin

Pending - ENACTMENT in concurrence

June 7, 2017, RECALLED from the GOVERNOR’S DESK

(In Senate, May 30, 2017, PASSED TO BE ENACTED in concurrence.)

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)
27.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Protect Substance-exposed Infants"

H.P. 746  L.D. 1063

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-383) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - June 9, 2017, by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin

Pending - ACCEPTANCE of Minority Report in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-383).)

28.

Tabled and Later Assigned

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Allow a Wrongful Death Cause of Action for the Death of a Viable Fetus"

H.P. 241  L.D. 327

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - June 12, 2017, by Senator KEIM of Oxford

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report in NON-CONCURRENCE

(In House, Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.)
29.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
on Bill "An Act To Support the Professional Development of Principals in Maine Schools"
S.P. 291  L.D. 891

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-237) (10 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - June 12, 2017, by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock

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

30.

Tabled and Later Assigned

JOINT ORDER - Joint Study Order, To Establish the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine
S.P. 592

Tabled - June 13, 2017, by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Pending - PASSAGE
31.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Make a Needed Clarification to the Term 'Heroin' as Used in the Maine Criminal Code"

S.P. 576  L.D. 1623

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (8 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - June 13, 2017, by Senator ROSEN of Hancock

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report

32.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Restore Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illness"

S.P. 253  L.D. 808

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-241) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (6 members)

Tabled - June 13, 2017, by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report
33. Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Conform State Law to Federal Law While Promoting Safe Working Environments for Minors"

S.P. 548  L.D. 1564

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-251) (6 members)

Tabled - June 13, 2017, by Senator VOLK of Cumberland

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

34. Tabled and Later Assigned

An Act To Reduce the License Fee for High-stakes Beano

H.P. 755  L.D. 1077


Pending - ENACTMENT in concurrence

(In House, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)
SPECIAL STUDY TABLE

1.

Emergency
Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County

H.P. 723  L.D. 1021
(C "A" H-67)

Tabled - May 9, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

2.

Emergency
Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services

H.P. 456  L.D. 642
(C "A" H-106)

Tabled - May 25, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE

3.

Emergency
HOUSE REPORT - from the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 170  L.D. 214

Report - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)

Tabled - May 30, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence
4.

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the State's Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth

S.P. 173  L.D. 512
(C "A" S-131)

Tabled - May 31, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence

5.

Resolve, To Study the Student Transfer Process

H.P. 717  L.D. 1015
(C "A" H-198)

Tabled - May 31, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence

6.

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Processing of Evidence from Sexual Assault Test Kits

H.P. 791  L.D. 1128
(C "A" H-253)

Tabled - May 31, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence
7. HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Review the Laws Governing Domestic Violence (EMERGENCY)  

H.P. 367  L.D. 523  
(C "A" H-362)  

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-362) (10 members)  

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)  

Tabled - June 8, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot  

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE, in NON-CONCURRENCE  

(In House, FAILED Final Passage.)

8. Resolve, To Establish the Working Group To Restore Judicial Discretion  

S.P. 97  L.D. 309  

Tabled - June 12, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot  

Pending - FINAL PASSAGE, in concurrence
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