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In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

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

Prayer by Pastor Justin Frank, Penney Memorial United Baptist Church in Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Roger J. Katz of Kennebec County.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, June 23, 2017.

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Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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(1-1) HOUSE REPORTS - from 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

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-486) (8 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

In Senate, June 22, 2017, on motion by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Bill and accompanying papers COMMITTED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY 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-486).

(1-2) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act To Provide an Exemption from Road Association Payments for Landowners Whose Primary Access Is Not over the Road"

H.P. 381  L.D. 537

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-531) (6 members)

In Senate, June 22, 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-531) 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

(1-3) SENATE REPORTS - from 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

Report "A" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-265) (7 members)

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

Report "C" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-266) (2 members)

In Senate, June 21, 2017, on motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland, Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-265), READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-265).

Comes from the House, Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-265), READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-265) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-542) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-4) 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)

In Senate, June 20, 2017, on motion by Senator KEIM of Oxford, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED 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

(1-5) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Protect the Health and Safety of First Responders"
H.P. 1036  L.D. 1512

Report "A" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-511) (8 members)

Report "B" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-512) (3 members)

Report "C" - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

In Senate, June 21, 2017, Report "B", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-512), READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-512) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, Report "B", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-512), READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-512) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-547) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-6) HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES on Bill "An Act To Promote Workforce Participation" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 344  L.D. 481

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-326) (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-327) (6 members)

In Senate, June 9, 2017, on motion by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-327 Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-327) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-326) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-548) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.
Non-Concurrent Matter

(1-7) 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)**

In Senate, June 22, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-171) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-171) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-291).**

Comes from the House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-171) Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-171), SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-291) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-545) in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

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House Paper

(1-8) Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Loring Development Authority of Maine for Implementation Grants" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1134  L.D. 1643

Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, without reference to a Committee.
Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(1-9) the DaPonte String Quartet, of Damariscotta, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Not long after forming in Philadelphia, the quartet relocated to mid-coast Maine and has since put down roots in the State, performing in all 16 counties, as well as throughout the United States and the world. We extend to the DaPonte String Quartet our congratulations and best wishes; 

HLS 357

(1-10) the late Frederic Browne, of Richmond, who has posthumously received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service;

HLS 598

(1-11) the Kennebunk High School Girls Lacrosse Team, of Kennebunk, which won the 2017 Class B State Championship, successfully defending their conference and state titles. We extend to all the members of the team our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 599

(1-12) Michael J. Poulin, of Winslow, on his retirement after 37 years of service with the State's Department of Audit. Mr. Poulin started as a staff auditor and rose to the position of Director of Audit and Administration. He was instrumental in transitioning the department from conducting agency audits to performing the single audit for the State. He has been a mentor and advisor to many individuals who started at the department and went on to responsible positions throughout the State. We extend to Mr. Poulin our appreciation for his long service to the State and people of Maine and offer him our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 600

Come from the House, READ and PASSED.
Joint Resolutions

Joint Resolutions in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-13) Grant A. Jones, of Norway. Mr. Jones started working in the family business at C.N. Brown and later worked as manager at Ripley & Fletcher Company. Mr. Jones will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 36 years, Lisa, and by his family and friends;  

HLS 601

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(1-14) Vaughn Pierce, of Weeks Mills, a veteran of the United States Navy. After graduating from Erskine Academy in 1940, Mr. Pierce joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and built roads and fought forest fires in New Hampshire and Vermont. During the Second World War, he served in the Navy as a 3rd Class Gunners Mate and as a Military Policeman. After his service, he worked at Bath Iron Works as a welder before working for the State as a mechanic. He helped his father maintain the Weeks Mills Water District, helped start the Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department and the Weeks Mills Little League team, which he coached, and worked to preserve the Weeks Mills School House. He was a charter member of the American Legion Post #179 as well as the Dirigo Masonic Lodge #104. Mr. Pierce will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends;  

HLS 602

Come from the House **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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COMMUNICATIONS

(2-1) The Following Communication:

H.C. 279

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

June 23, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Priest:

House Paper 996, Legislative Document 1441, "An Act To Create Veteran-friendly Workplaces," 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?"

77 voted in favor and 69 against, 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
23 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 731, “An Act to Require Mortgage Servicers to Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners.”

This bill is unnecessary and duplicative. Mortgage servicers will already be subject to increased accountability and oversight as the result of PL 2017, c. 106, a bill titled “An Act to Improve the Foreclosure Process by Regulating Mortgage Loan Servicers” that I signed into law on May 30, 2017.

Under that new law, companies will have to demonstrate appropriate financial responsibility, character and fitness in order to obtain a state license to service Maine mortgage loans.

LD 731, in contrast, is anti-business. It establishes a vague standard of “good faith and fair dealings,” then creates new legal causes of action that will lead to more lawsuits against mortgage servicers and the possibility of awards of both actual damages and statutory damages of $15,000 or more.

These lawsuits—and threats of lawsuits—will further delay the foreclosure process, which already takes far too long to complete.

We should wait and see whether the new licensing provisions found in PL c. 106 will be sufficient to improve accountability of mortgage servicers before adding onerous statutory penalties and further delaying foreclosures.

For these reasons, I return LD 731 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

(2-3) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners"

S.P. 243  L.D. 731
(2-4) The Following Communication:  

S.C. 549

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

23 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 1047, “An Act to Protect Homeowners from Improper Foreclosure Fees.”

This bill concerns a problem that arose many years ago. The lending crisis that had plagued our economy, coupled with a disruptive decision by the Law Court, sent our foreclosure system into disarray. Executives at mortgage companies often believed they validly held mortgages only to find out, after pursuing litigation, they could not prove that they held the mortgage. In 2011, the Legislature passed a law that allowed courts to award attorney fees to those against whom mortgage companies brought foreclosure actions and lost. The law provided the court with discretion to award attorney fees if the mortgage holder (mortgagor) was either unsuccessful in the foreclosure action or if the action was brought in bad faith.

It is claimed this bill is submitted in response to a “loophole” in the 2011 amendment to the law. The claim is that foreclosure plaintiffs who are found to have not held the relevant mortgage, but who acted in good faith, were intended to be subject to attorney fee penalty. This is plainly not the case. The argument advanced by the proponents of this bill ignores the fact that the law as it currently exists reflects that plaintiffs can bring foreclosure action and lose for reasons other than failure to prove that they hold the relevant mortgages. The intent of the law is that those lenders should be subject to a potential attorney fee penalty.

Since the 2011 amendment took effect, mortgage holders have changed their foreclosure practice in a way that is consistent with the intent of the 2011 amendment. It is now a relative rarity that foreclosure actions are unsuccessfully brought and rarer still for courts to disallow attorney fees when mortgagors request them after successfully defending a foreclosure action. For these reasons, this bill is unnecessary and adds needless cost to what should be a speedy procedure.

For these reasons, I return LD 1047 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage  
Governor

(2-5) The accompanying Bill "An Act To Protect Homeowners from Improper Foreclosure Fees"  

S.P. 350  L.D. 1047
23 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 1361, “An Act Regarding State Hiring and Retention for Persons with Disabilities.”

Unlike many in the legislature who only talk about helping Mainers with disabilities achieve self-sufficiency, my administration has actually taken steps to help them. Thanks to nearly $100 million in targeted DHHS spending since the start of my administration, disabled Mainers have more opportunity to succeed than ever before. I am proud of my record of prioritizing resources and assistance to our most vulnerable citizens. We want all Mainers to know the dignity of meaningful employment and the independence that comes with a regular paycheck.

When I came to office, I promised the Maine people that in this state, we pay our bills. This is something the legislature continues to ignore. Implementing LD 1361 will burden the state with over $177,000 for system modifications to our online application process and require an additional full-time human resources position. However, this bill neither provides the funding nor a position to implement the law.

In short, this bill amounts to yet another unfunded mandate. Therefore, I return LD 1361 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor
The Following Communication: S.C. 551

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA, MAINE

23 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 1404, “An Act To Ensure the Integrity of For-Profit Colleges.”

Among its many problems, this bill seeks to dramatically expand the authority and increase the workload of the Maine State Board of Education. I understand the State Board was not consulted during the consideration of this bill, nor does the bill provide the State Board with resources to carry out these new responsibilities.

This bill proposes that certain universities be treated differently for the purposes of authorizing or de-authorizing the granting of degrees. I believe the state should have one standard that is applied consistently to higher education institutions that operate in Maine.

As presented in this bill, I question whether existing not-for-profit, post-secondary institutions in Maine could meet the 50 percent threshold imposed in the bill. It is hard to determine, especially since the bill does not provide definitions that would allow this bill to be implemented fairly and consistently.

I find it interesting this bill seeks to equate the percentage of dollars spent on instruction with “adequate educational standards” at for-profit schools. Throughout this session, members of the legislature have rejected my argument for increasing the percentage of education dollars in the classroom for public K-12 education, yet they are happy to impose new restrictions on a subset of higher education institutions. While I am not surprised legislators engage in this kind of hypocrisy, I will not be a party to it.

I object to this unfunded mandate that creates inconsistent, undefined standards for rescinding degree-granting abilities at certain universities in Maine. Therefore, I return LD 1404 unsigned and vetoed. I urge the legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

The accompanying Bill "An Act To Ensure the Integrity of For-profit Colleges"
S.P. 482  L.D. 1404
ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

(4-1) Barbara Redmond, of Vassalboro, who is retiring as Chief Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Secretary of State after 11 years in her current position and 36 years of state service overall. Ms. Redmond began her service with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in 1981 and after 18 years moved to the central office, serving there under Secretary Dan Gwadosky, Secretary Charlie Summers and Secretary Matthew Dunlap. In 2004 she became Deputy Secretary of State, and in 2006 she became Chief Deputy Secretary of State. She has been active in the National Association of Secretaries of State and the Maine State Employees Combined Charitable Appeal. We extend to Ms. Redmond our appreciation for her long service to the State and offer her our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 520

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

(4-2) Robert Couture, of Bowdoin, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Couture on his receiving this award;

SLS 521

Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Joint Resolution

Joint Resolution in Memoriam:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death of:

(4-3) Crystal Ann Hewitt, of Turner. Mrs. Hewitt taught kindergarten and 2nd grade at Calvary Christian Academy and was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church. With her children's involvement in many sports, she was well known by the local sports community. Mrs. Hewitt will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues;

SLS 519

Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MASON of Lisbon, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Reports of Committees

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

(5-1) The Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Process for a Single Municipality To Withdraw from a Regional School Unit"

H.P. 930  L.D. 1336

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-443).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and the Bill COMMITTED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.
Divided Report

(5-2) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Increase the Penalty for Aggravated Sex Trafficking"

H.P. 183  L.D. 250

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-220).

Signed:

Senators:
ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:
COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
HERRICK of Paris
MAREAN of Hollis
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
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
NADEAU of Winslow
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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-220) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-552) thereto.
Divided Report

(5-3) The Majority of the Committee on JUDICIARY on Bill "An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving-related Violations"

H.P. 827  L.D. 1190

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-532)**.

Signed:

Senators:
  KEIM of Oxford  
  HILL of York  
  WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:
  MOONEN of Portland  
  BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
  BAILEY of Saco  
  BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
  CARDONE of Bangor  
  McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
  RECKITT of South Portland  
  SHERMAN of Hodgdon

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

Signed:

Representatives:
  GUERIN of Glenburn  
  JOHANSEN of Monticello

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-532) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-550)** thereto.

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Divided Report

(5-4) The Majority of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Clarify Licensing Provisions for the Manufacture and Sale of Liquor" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1133  L.D. 1642

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:
    MASON of Androscoggin
    CARPENTER of Aroostook
    COLLINS of York

Representatives:
    LUCHINI of Ellsworth
    CASÁS of Rockport
    FARRIN of Norridgewock
    HANINGTON of Lincoln
    HICKMAN of Winthrop
    LONGSTAFF of Waterville
    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-546).

Signed:

Representative:
    DILLINGHAM of Oxford

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

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Divided Report

(5-5) Eight members of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers"

H.P. 207  L.D. 274

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"** (H-533).

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
DENNO of Cumberland
HAMANN of South Portland
MADIGAN of Waterville
PARKER of South Berwick
PERRY of Calais

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-534).

Signed:

Representatives:

CHACE of Durham
HEAD of Bethel
MALABY of Hancock

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 "C"** (H-535).

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representative:

SANDERSON of Chelsea

Comes from the House with Report "A" **OUT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-533) **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-533) **AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-540) thereto.
Divided Report

(5-6) The Majority of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY on Bill "An Act To Ensure Maine Is in Compliance with Certain Federal Drug Laws" S.P. 588 L.D. 1637

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

Signed:

Senator:
    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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-310)**.

Signed:

Senators:
    ROSEN of Hancock
    CYRWAY of Kennebec

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

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

**Constitutional Amendment**

(7-1) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Authorizing the Legislature, or Electors through Direct Initiative, To Enact Legislation To Determine the Winner of Elections for the Offices of State Senator, State Representative and Governor

S.P. 577  L.D. 1624
(C "A" S-300)

Comes From the House, **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE.**

**Emergency Measure**

(7-2) An Act To Conform State Law to Federal Law While Promoting Safe Working Environments for Minors

S.P. 548  L.D. 1564
(C "A" S-251; S "A" S-279)

**Emergency Measure**

(7-3) An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act Regarding Retail Marijuana Testing Facilities

H.P. 1132  L.D. 1641

**Acts**

(7-4) An Act To Improve Care Provided to Forensic Patients

H.P. 120  L.D. 162
(C "A" H-482)

(7-5) An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools

H.P. 793  L.D. 1130
(H "A" H-537 to C "A" H-469)
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

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment"

H.P. 52  L.D. 65

Majority - Ought Not to Pass (7 members)

Minority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-466) (6 members)

Tabled - June 16, 2017, by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot

Pending - motion by Senator VOLK of Cumberland to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report in NON-CONCURRENCE (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED.)
2.

Tabled and Later Assigned

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

Tabled - June 21, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In Senate, June 14, 2017, on motion by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-269).)

(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" (S-269) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-520) thereto in NON-CONCURRENCE.)

3.

Tabled and Later Assigned

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law"

S.P. 578  L.D. 1625

Report "A" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-302) (6 members)

Report "B" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-303) (6 members)

Report "C" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-304) (1 member)

Tabled - June 21, 2017, by Senator MASON of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to ACCEPT Report "A" OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-302)
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

9.

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

Tabled - June 21, 2017, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

**SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**

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