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Thursday, May 1, 2014

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Anne P. Graham, North Yarmouth.

National Anthem by Honorable Deane Rykerson, Kittery; Honorable W. Bruce MacDonald, Boothbay and Honorable Joan W. Welsh, Rockport.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, David Axelman, M.D., Norridgewock.

The Journal of Thursday, April 17, 2014 was read and approved.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport inquired if a Quorum was present.

The Chair ordered a quorum call.

More than half of the members responding, the Chair declared a Quorum present.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

In Memory of:

Paul F. Macri, of Lewiston, beloved husband and father. Mr. Macri was born in Montour Falls, New York. He graduated from Wesleyan University and the University of Maine School of Law. He was admitted to practice in the State in 1976, the Maine Bar in 1976, the United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit in 1986 and the United States Supreme Court in 1993. He was a partner at Berman and Simmons. In 2005, he became only the 3rd Maine lawyer to be inducted into the American Academy of Appellate Attorneys. Mr. Macri was a member of the Androscoggin Chorale and the founding president of the Maine Music Society and sang with the a cappella group, Top Forty. Music was his passion, along with writing, history and literature. Mr. Macri will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Joan, his family, his friends and his colleagues;

(HLS 1010)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin, Representative WERTS of Auburn, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative CAREY of Lewiston, Representative LIBBY of Lewiston, Representative BOLDUC of Auburn, Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn, Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It is an honor to be able to speak today about Paul Macri. When I remember Paul, I think of his brilliant legal mind and the extraordinary work he did

in the Attorney General's Office as well as an appellate attorney – one of the most skilled and distinguished appellate attorneys we have seen in Maine.

It is widely thought to be true within the Maine bar that Paul argued more cases before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court than any other private practitioner in Maine history. The cases he successfully argued before the Maine State Supreme Judicial Court have changed the lives of all of us sitting in this chamber today.

When I think of Paul Macri, I think of principled juris prudence. Paul was passionate about securing justice for all people and we have all benefited from the compassion, skill and creativity of his work.

As his wife, Joan, wrote "For a relatively small guy, Paul had a big presence." Paul had an enormous presence in Maine and he has left the people of Maine an important and enduring legacy. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Peter K. Hanley, of Randolph, on the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Randolph. Mr. Hanley served on the board for many terms between 1967 and 2013. One of his greatest contributions to the Town of Randolph is the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Hanley is also a veteran. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Hanley on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors;

(HLS 1012)

Presented by Representative GRANT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator FLOOD of Kennebec.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GRANT of Gardiner, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to pay tribute to a gentleman from my district, Peter K. Hanley, of Randolph, who retired last fall after serving almost continually on the town's board of selectman for more than four decades. Our local town governments are the purest forms of democracy in our nation. They depend upon the dedication and willingness of our citizens to serve in public office. It is often a thankless job with phone calls at all hours requiring the most finely honed mediation and persuasion skills. Peter Hanley has served in the center of controversy known as local politics and is still held in the highest respect in his community, which is a feat few manage. Along with his wife, Shirley, herself deeply involved in myriads of civic affairs, Peter has always put community before self and stepped up when important work needed doing.

In 2008, Peter and Shirley led the Randolph Veterans Memorial Committee and in a few short months raised \$20,000 to build this monument to local men and women who have served our country in time of war. This monument that graces the lawn of the town hall will always be a place of pride for the town where people can come to remember and honor our veterans. I have held Peter Hanley in the highest respect since the day I met him. I went to school with his children and have seen he and Shirley at virtually every stage of their lives since then. They are salt of the earth, folks, whose giving ways make the Town of Randolph a wonderful place to live. On behalf of the people of our district and the people of our great state, I am honored today to thank Peter for his years of service. I know he will continue to serve

Randolph in whatever ways he can as long as he draws breath and his service will continue to inspire all who follow in his footsteps. These are indeed large footsteps to fill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Connor Gordon, of South Paris, on the occasion of his winning a Gold Medal in the Internetworking category at the 2014 SkillsUSA Maine Championships. The SkillsUSA Maine Championships is a state-level competition for high school and college students enrolled in trade, technical and skilled service instructional programs in which students from across the State demonstrate their talents and dedication to their education. Connor will represent Maine at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Connor on his achievement;

(HLS 990)

Presented by Representative VILLA of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford, Representative HAYES of Buckfield.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

In Memory of:

John Sullivan, a lifelong resident of Eliot. Mr. Sullivan was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and attended Eliot schools, including Eliot High School. He served in the United States Army before returning to Eliot and earning a welding degree at New Hampshire Technical College. Mr. Sullivan worked for Simplex Wire and Cable for 28 years before working at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for 10 years in the transportation and maintenance shop. He worked for more than 18 years at the Eliot Transfer Station. Mr. Sullivan was a founding member of the Eliot Antique Tractor Club and a member of the Eliot Historical Society, the New Hampshire Power of the Past Tractor Club and the Maine Antique Tractor Club. He was a parishioner at Eliot Baptist Church. Mr. Sullivan will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving wife, Helen, his loving family and his friends;

(HLS 1008)

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Berwick, Representative Beavers.

Representative **BEAVERS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is my honor just to tell you just a little about Sully that was not in the memorial just read. Missing this gentle man is an understatement for the community of Eliot. Sully was known as Mr. Eliot. He literally met nearly every citizen in town at the transfer station during his 18-year tenure there. He always drove one of his tractors in the annual Eliot Festival Day Parade. In 2010, during the Eliot Bicentennial Parade, I had the honor of trying to keep up with him as he drove the winning Eliot Historical Society float with another Historical Society member and myself walking alongside the float.

He also drove one of his tractors in the Sanford Fourth of July Parade for many years. Most recently, he was one of the stars in the documentary film by Peter Randall, also of Eliot, entitled "Farming 101," about the old farms along Route 101 in Kittery and Eliot. Sully's part was, of course, to talk about tractors. His wife, his children, his grandchildren, his town and his tractor were everything to him. He is greatly missed by all who knew him, and I am happy, I hope, that his wife, Helen, and daughter, Cindy, could join us today for this memorial. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 429)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 25, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1858, "An Act To Achieve the Savings Required under Part F of the Biennial Budget and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015."

I cannot support a budget that uses gimmicks to keep it balanced. This bill cuts funding to the MaineCare account by \$20 million in General Fund dollars by slowing down payments to providers. Hundreds of thousands of MaineCare-eligible citizens and tens of thousands of health-care providers that serve them all depend on a MaineCare program that has adequate funding to pay the bills for services rendered. This bill is another example of kicking the can down the road so the controversial and tough decisions can be made after the next election.

The inability to make tough decisions will leave the MaineCare baseline underfunded by at least \$6 million in FY 2015. This budget also claims to fund the waitlists for our elderly and disabled, as well as nursing facilities, but all of the so-called funding is not being made available until 2016. This budget fails to provide funding adequate to eliminate the waitlists or in time to keep at-risk nursing facilities open. Keeping our safety net strong for our most vulnerable citizens is critically important to me.

Instead of setting priorities to address the real problems facing Mainers, the Legislature chose to support welfare for cities and towns and preferred to fund earmarks for political posturing. Instead of focusing on job creation, reducing taxes and lowering energy costs—initiatives that would have benefited all Mainers—the Legislature spent its time waging a political battle by trying to expand welfare five times, even though it would benefit those who already have options for virtually free health care.

Instead of reining in rampant waste, fraud and abuse in our taxpayer-funded welfare programs, the Legislature tried to give solar rebates to wealthy Mainers and worked to prevent teenagers from getting a job.

Furthermore, this budget is soft on the drug problem plaguing our State. It fails to provide the resources necessary to combat drug distribution and trafficking, and it fails to address proper treatment for addicts. Shame on the Legislature for ignoring such major issues that often result in deadly consequences for our citizens.

This budget sets priorities based on a partisan political agenda, not on the best interest of Mainers.

For these reasons, I return LD 1858 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Achieve the Savings Required under Part F of the Biennial Budget and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015 (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1349) (L.D. 1858)
(H. "B" H-833)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 749V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jackson, Johnson P, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Bennett, Crafts, Davis, Gifford, Jones, Knight, Lockman, Long, McClellan, Timberlake, Weaver, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 134; No, 12; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

134 having voted in the affirmative and 12 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 455)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 297, "An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained in Order To Allow Them To Carry Firearms."

I fully support arming the forest rangers. The ranger mission has evolved beyond just forest fire protection, and there is good reason for them to carry firearms. However, it is irresponsible—and deceitful—to propose arming the forest rangers, then purposely underfund the costs of their training and job reclassifications.

Forest rangers cannot be armed without the appropriate training, and they cannot be trained without the ability to pay for it. If forest rangers are to be armed, they must be trained properly and paid fairly.

A certain number of rangers have received proper training, but many have not (see attachment). Providing a bare minimum of 64 hours of training as specified in LD 297 in an attempt to save money could result in unintended, but disastrous, consequences. First, a firearms-related incident by a ranger who was not adequately trained would create an enormous liability for the state. Second, reducing the number of training hours would encourage other law enforcement agencies to abandon their more extensive training for the shortened 64-hour program.

Current law exempts forest rangers from the same training standard as other full-time law enforcement officers. If the forest rangers are to be armed, this exemption must be repealed and they must complete the full training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. In fact, several forest rangers sent my office a letter in February 2014 stating that current training standards for part-time officers (the Law Enforcement Pre-Service, or LEPS program, which is a 200-hour course) is not a sufficient final level of training for forest rangers. Funds from the Forest Protection Account in the Bureau of Forestry could be used to pay for this training.

In addition to failing to fund training for the rangers, the proposed legislation also fails to provide money to pay for the reclassification of the rangers. The state now has over \$600,000 in reclassifications to pay for, which is accumulating interest daily. Adding more reclassifications without the ability to pay for them is disingenuous and fiscally irresponsible.

Arming the forest rangers requires the proper training and the proper funding. Anything less is unacceptable. For these reasons, I return LD 297 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained in Order To Allow Them To Carry Firearms

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 297)

(S. "B" S-546 to C. "A" H-608)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winslow, Representative Nadeau.

Representative **NADEAU**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is about making sure that Maine Forest Rangers can go safely home to their families at night. We provide other law enforcement with the tools necessary to protect themselves on the job. Local police, state troopers, sheriffs and game wardens all carry firearms because they are expected to be prepared for danger. Forest Rangers risk danger every day that they go to work. It is not uncommon for them to face violent criminals, felons, arsonists or illegal drug dealers and smugglers. Scattered

around this state the Forest Rangers are normally alone and work in remote locations. While other Forest Ranger officers can get backup within minutes, Forest Rangers can be hours away from help and are usually the first enforcement officers at the scenes.

Times have changed and so have the challenges that our Forest Rangers face every day. They are responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of Maine in more remote locations. The question is training. How much training should a Forest Ranger be given? The current standard level of training for a Forest Ranger is 12 weeks enforcement course taught at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Rangers spend the next six months with a field training officer before being allowed to work on their own.

Most everyone agrees that Forest Rangers should be armed and the experts at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy have determined how much training they should have. LD 297 provides for necessary training and funding. Therefore, I urge you all to follow my light override this veto and give our dedicated law enforcement professionals, also known as the Maine Forest Rangers, the tools they need to safely carry out their mission. Thank you very much.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 750V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Bennett, Black, Chapman, Crafts, Gifford, Harlow, Jackson, Keschl, Marean, McClellan, McGowan, Plante, Timberlake, Weaver, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 131; No, 15; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

131 having voted in the affirmative and 15 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 462)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 30, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1043, "An Act To Improve the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program."

Access to capital is important to Maine businesses. I am supportive of the concept of broadening the criteria for businesses to access this program. The changes outlined in LD 1043 provide access to more businesses by increasing not only the types of businesses eligible, but raising the eligibility criteria on size and sales from 50 to 100 employees and annual sales from \$5 million to \$10 million. This opens up the program to more of Maine's small businesses. The bill also increases the dollar amount on the maximum loan available to the borrower.

An issue I have with this bill is the continued reliance of this program on borrowing money on the backs of the Maine taxpayer. If this program is worthy, let's fund it properly and not pay interest on funds to help Maine businesses.

Also, I am very supportive of providing flexible capital for Maine small business. However, the mechanism by which the funds from this program are disbursed to the small businesses does not yield the highest rate of return on Maine's taxpayer investment.

For these reasons, I return LD 1043 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Improve the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program

(H.P. 734) (L.D. 1043)

(C. "A" H-851)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 751V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat,

Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Black, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Doak, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Guerin, Harvell, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Marean, McElwee, Newendyke, Nutting, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sirocki, Timberlake, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 114; No, 32; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

114 having voted in the affirmative and 32 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 432)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1747, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 180: Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education."

Two years ago, LD 1858, "An Act to Ensure Effective Teachers and School Leaders," became law with the unanimous approval of the Education Committee and both houses of the Legislature.

After many months of work carrying out the process for drafting major and substantive rules, the experts at the Department of Education presented their work to the legislative committee for approval. These rules had the support of the Maine Superintendents Association, the Maine School Boards Association and the Maine Principal's Association, all of whom testified in favor.

Instead of recognizing the hard work and expertise of Commissioner Rier, his staff and the support of those who run Maine schools, the committee, in just one work session, disregarded much of this work and replaced it with a set of amended rules supported by the Maine Education Association.

The amended rules contained in LD 1747 have removed a minimum standard of effectiveness that requires that 20 percent of a teacher's evaluation be based on student achievement. Instead, the altered rules leave the issue of how teachers will be evaluated to a stakeholder group in each district, two-thirds of which must be teachers. This means that teachers will control the process that determines how they should be evaluated, and this process will vary from district to district.

The resistance by the MEA to holding teachers accountable can be summed up in just two sentences, taken directly from the testimony of MEA president Lois Kilby-Chesley: "If my students don't score at a defined level on a standardized test, I may not be called effective. This seems ludicrous."

What is ludicrous is a teacher arguing that a test is not a good way to judge someone.

If a student in a classroom shows no progress on the same test by which all other students at that grade level in Maine are being assessed, then the student has not learned. When this is the case, then at least 20 percent of that failure must be rooted in teaching and that teacher should be held accountable. In fact, I would wager that most Mainers feel that 20 percent is far too low a minimum standard.

When the first vote on this bill in the House of Representatives did not go as the MEA had hoped, their head of Governmental Relations stood just outside the chamber, shouting and verbally assaulting members of the Legislature as they left. This kind of thuggish behavior has no place in the legislative process, but it is revealing in that it demonstrates this organization's attitude toward those who dare disagree with them.

Commissioner Rier and the staff at the Department of Education are the most knowledgeable people in Maine when it comes to these issues, which they work on every day. Dismissing their work and replacing it with rules that diminish the more rigorous standards that our children deserve from those who educate them is wrong and will do nothing to raise the bar in our State or improve educational outcomes for our young people.

For these reasons, I return LD 1747 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 180: Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1254) (L.D. 1747)

(H. "A" H-777 to C. "A" H-757)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 752V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Verow, Volk, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Bennett, Campbell R, Crafts, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Jackson, Kinney, Lockman, Long, McClellan, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Peavey Haskell, Sanderson, Sirocki, Tyler, Wallace, Willette, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

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Yes, 123; No, 23; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

123 having voted in the affirmative and 23 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 456)
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 933, "An Act To Establish a State Board of Dental Hygiene."

This bill would remove dental hygienists from the Board of Dental Examiners, which serves as the licensing board for dentists, registered dental hygienists, independent practice dental hygienists, denturists, expanded function dental assistants, and dental radiographers. The Maine Board of Dental Examiners has existed since 1891, and is responsible for ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of Maine citizens with respect to oral health care.

The creation of a separate affiliated board would serve to increase licensing fees for dental hygienists as well as the other professionals licensed by the Board of Dental Examiners. Despite the initial funding provided to this proposed dental hygiene board, the loss of economies of scale would result in a fee increase by 2016 to each licensed dental hygienist from the current \$140 fee per biennium to \$240-290 per biennium. Such a fee increase is unacceptable.

Additionally, the establishment of dental therapy as a new profession in Maine makes it even more imperative that the entire oral health team stay together under one Board so that all may contribute to the discussion of implementation. For these reasons, I return LD 933 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Establish a State Board of Dental Hygiene

(H.P. 657) (L.D. 933)
(C. "B" H-845)

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 431)

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1719, "An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources and To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Adult Day Services."

With the exception of the increase in hourly reimbursement for adult day services, this bill serves only to direct funding to health outreach programs and pilot projects. The Department of Health and Human Services has made it abundantly clear that such programs and projects could easily be funded through grant requests and that this funding should be used to support our most vulnerable citizens.

There are nursing homes in Maine that are on the verge of imminent shutdown due to the decade-long failure of the Legislature to adequately fund them. They need funding now, not tomorrow and not starting in June of 2015, which is when the Legislature's proposed budget would start increasing their funding. The funding stream attached to this bill should be used to keep the doors open at Maine's nursing homes, as well as to increase adult day services, which help to keep seniors in their homes. It's time we figure out our priorities. A vote to override this veto is a vote to close nursing facilities.

For these reasons, I return LD 1719 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources and To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Adult Day Services

(H.P. 1229) (L.D. 1719)
(C. "A" H-844)

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 450)

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1729, "An Act to Increase the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence."

How many families have to be victimized before we pass legislation whereby the trauma that is suffered by victims and their families is reflected in the punishments that are handed down to the criminals that inflict that trauma?

As it was first proposed, this bill would have simply increased the period for calculating what constitutes a prior conviction from 10 years to 15 years. This would have made penalties a bit harsher for those who choose not to obey the law and put innocent

drivers in jeopardy. However, this would not have gone far enough to punish repeat offenders.

The change in calculation now only affects a smaller portion of those who have been convicted of OUIs. Since this would give the majority of repeat offenders an easier time in the criminal justice system, I cannot go along it.

I have spoken to too many families who have lost loved ones to drunk drivers to support the continued existence of a sunset for OUI convictions. When repeat offenders choose to drink and drive, they put innocent lives at risk. This bill does not reflect that risk and sends the wrong message to society.

OUI convictions should be forever considered when calculating prior OUI convictions. If drunk drivers risk permanently injuring or even killing innocent victims, it is wrong that their prior OUI convictions are not permanently used to calculate whether they are repeat offenders.

For these reasons I return LD 1729 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Increase the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence

(H.P. 1237) (L.D. 1729)
(C. "A" H-729)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 753V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Gifford, Harlow, Jackson, Jones, Knight, Libby A, Long, Weaver.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 137; No, 9; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

137 having voted in the affirmative and 9 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 449)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1600, "An Act to Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability."

This bill imposes a new coverage mandate on private health insurance companies. During this initial period of Affordable Care Act implementation, the cost of a brand-new mandate must be defrayed by the State and therefore the taxpayers. The cost of this mandate to the State is estimated at \$48,000 annually. We do not yet know how the federal government will assess this amount, only that they require the State to defray the cost. However, there is no appropriation to pay for it. This will be yet another unfunded cost that will end up in a supplemental budget.

When the ACA implementation phase comes to a close, these costs will then be imposed onto the private health insurance ratepayer. Again, I cannot support making health insurance less affordable, now or down the road. I understand the very difficult circumstances that create a desire for bills like these. But I firmly believe there are more ways to help our neighbors in times of need than developing new insurance mandates, especially unfunded ones.

For these reasons, I return LD 1600 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability

(H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1600)
(C. "A" H-755)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Norridgewock, Representative Dorney.

Representative **DORNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just want to be sure that people knew that the Red Cross did not pay for this testing. I guess there was some misunderstanding earlier in the day suggesting that they did. I hope that you will vote to override this veto. Thank you.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 754V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Maker, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.
Yes, 98; No, 48; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

98 having voted in the affirmative and 48 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 458)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1367, "Resolve, To Improve Early Diagnosis, Treatment and Outcomes for Youth and Young Adults with, or at Risk for, Serious Mental Health Conditions."

This resolve, which was amended at the eleventh hour to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a grant application to the federal government, is an excellent example of what goes wrong with last-minute legislating. This resolve was originally a bill regarding insurance coverage and was referred to the Insurance and Financial Services Committee over a year ago. Despite the time and effort that legislative committee and the Bureau of Insurance put into consideration of the bill, in the waning hours of session the bill was changed to a resolve to require certain actions of DHHS, which is typically outside of IFS's jurisdiction.

The Health and Human Services Committee, the committee of oversight of DHHS, never considered this resolve. When DHHS was informally consulted regarding the new language they communicated that the Department is already in process of applying for this grant and that Legislative authority is not necessary for that application. In other words, this resolve is completely unnecessary and a waste of time.

For these reasons, I return LD 1367 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Improve Early Diagnosis, Treatment and Outcomes for Youth and Young Adults with, or at Risk for, Serious Mental Health Conditions (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 975) (L.D. 1367)
(S. "A" S-553 to C. "A" H-717)

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 755V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.
Yes, 94; No, 52; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

94 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 430)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 38, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission."

The 125th Legislature made significant progress in overhauling our regulatory environment, moving Maine forward and developing a more competitive market for telecommunications. Unnecessary regulations increase costs, and we previously removed burdens on businesses so they can focus on expanding service in Maine.

Unfortunately, this progress has not continued. One remaining mandate, the Provider of Last Resort (POLR) service, maintains an increasingly outdated and costly requirement of requiring landline phone service throughout the State. Instead of focusing on expanding broadband and access to wireless coverage, this Legislature is protecting the status quo, which requires an expensive service for an increasingly small population.

We must overhaul this mandate. However, the Legislature not only failed to address the potentially increasing costs of this service, but has also clarified financial penalties for POLR providers. At the beginning of the 126th Legislature, the Public Utilities Commission proposed this rule along with concepts for reforms for the underlying POLR service. The Legislature should have moved forward with both clarifying standards for service along with a modernization of the POLR mandate.

We must acknowledge reality and modernize the POLR model to reflect current technology. LD 38 simply clarifies the penalties without overhauling the mandate and preserves what is potentially a very expensive status quo.

For these reasons, I return LD 38 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 38)
(C. "A" H-727)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 756V

YEA - Beck, Berry, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stuckey, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Bennett, Black, Boland, Campbell R, Chapman, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray,

Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harlow, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 82; No, 64; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 433)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1761, "An Act To Ensure That Large Public Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State."

This proposed legislation would introduce a new standard by which the PUC would be required to evaluate any future reorganization of only one of the State's regulated utilities. Effective regulation provides consistency and clarity and should be applied to all regulated utilities. This bill would introduce an inconsistency by holding one telephone utility, Fairpoint Communications, to a higher standard than all other regulated utilities in the event of reorganization.

The bill also reduces clarity in the process by introducing additional criteria by which the PUC must evaluate such reorganization. These criteria are not well defined and would lead to a subjective review by the PUC. Introducing uncertainty and reducing clarity in regulations sends the wrong signal. We want to encourage companies to make investments in Maine, and this bill, as written, would create an unnecessary obstacle for additional investments.

For these reasons, I return LD 1761 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Ensure That Large Public Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State

(H.P. 1263) (L.D. 1761)
(C. "A" H-772)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 757V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beck, Berry, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Beavers, Bennett, Black, Boland, Campbell R, Chapman, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Moriarty, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 83; No, 62; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 434)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1806, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations Contained in the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System."

A section in this bill will charge the Executive Director of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System with establishing a task force to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System on environmental, social and governance policy. I believe that this task force's recommendations will include yet another unnecessary attempt to divest assets invested in fossil fuel companies.

Many Maine citizens rely on jobs in the energy business. If fossil fuel companies were unnecessarily targeted and the State began to divest assets invested in fossil fuel companies, many Mainers could lose their jobs. Fossil fuel companies are also constantly investing in new ways to provide cleaner energy that helps consumers and the environment. Let's not get in the way of this progress.

For these reasons, I return LD 1806 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Implement the Recommendations Contained in the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

(H.P. 1297) (L.D. 1806)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 758V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Dunphy, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Doak, Duprey, Espling, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Jackson, Johnson P, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Wallace, Weaver, Willette.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 113; No, 33; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

113 having voted in the affirmative and 33 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 435)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1816, "An Act to Address Recommendations from the Report by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Regarding the Public Utilities Commission."

The legislation would establish a statutory position within the Office of Public Advocate (OPA) to provide advice to the public in proceedings at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The legislation does not alter funding for the OPA, but does require a report to the Legislature regarding the "performance, duties, and funding" of the new position by February 1, 2015.

I support the intent of the legislation. The PUC engages in complex proceedings that have significant implications on households and the Maine economy. Providing technical assistance for individuals to engage in this process will not only provide potentially constructive input, but will also allow more efficient proceedings at the PUC.

At the same time, I believe it is premature to include a statutory position without assessing the long-term financial implications on the office. While I recognize that the bill envisions that the position would be repealed on June 30, 2015, it is difficult to eliminate a position once it has already been established in law.

Instead, I am working with the OPA on issuing a financial order that would establish a temporary position with the same duty as outlined in the legislation. I commit to the Legislature that we will establish this position as envisioned by the legislation. I also commit the Governor's Energy Office to working with the Legislature and the Office of Public Advocate to ensure that the information as requested in the report will be provided to the Legislature.

We must assess the financial implications of a new position prior to establishing it in law. I trust that the Legislature will recognize that these actions accomplish the objectives of the underlying bill and that this provides the next Legislature with the ability to fully consider the long-term financial implications as well as the benefits of a new statutory position. We should move forward with providing the public with more access to PUC proceedings, and we should fully account for the financial implications of this additional service for the OPA prior to creating a new statutory position.

For these reasons, I return LD 1816 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Address Recommendations from the Report by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Regarding the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1303) (L.D. 1816)
(C. "A" H-784)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 759V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty,

Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 96; No, 50; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

96 having voted in the affirmative and 50 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 437)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 22, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1809, "An Act Concerning Meetings of Boards of Trustees and Governing Bodies of Quasi-municipal Corporations and Districts That Provide Water, Sewer and Sanitary Services."

This legislation purports to allow certain quasi-municipal entities to use audio and video technology to conduct meetings. Unfortunately, this legislation is unnecessary and may actually have the impact of reducing the use of technology by governmental entities.

I support increased use of technology to conduct government business. In a rural state like Maine, technology has the potential to create significant efficiencies in the way we govern. It reduces costs and allows entities to recruit better qualified (but often busier) individuals who want to serve, but travel, work and the demands of life may limit the number of meetings these individuals may attend in person. In Maine's island communities, the use of video and teleconferencing to conduct business is not just a convenience, but an absolute necessity.

Many public entities use modern means to conduct a portion of their business. Entities doing this must meet the requirements of Maine statute governing public proceedings. Meetings must be noticed, conducted in public, and records must be kept. A meeting is legal based on whether or not these requirements are met, not on the use of technology.

It is currently legal to conduct a remote meeting as long as it complies with the other requirements of law. Island communities and others do so regularly. This law would call that practice into question. By specifically prescribing and authorizing the use of technology for this very limited sub-set of entities, it implies that other entities can no longer do so. At best, this ambiguous situation creates uncertainty and could have the effect of discouraging the use of common-sense means to conduct government business.

For these reasons, I return LD 1809 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act Concerning Meetings of Boards of Trustees and Governing Bodies of Quasi-municipal Corporations and Districts That Provide Water, Sewer and Sanitary Services

(H.P. 1300) (L.D. 1809)
(H. "A" H-812 to C. "A" H-798)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 760V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kumiega, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 93; No, 53; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

93 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 438)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 22, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1821, "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee."

I am committed to a transparent government that allows the citizens of Maine to easily access information pertinent to their

lives. Indeed, my Administration has taken significant steps to increase the average citizen's access to information. We launched a new financial transparency website to provide Maine citizens with access to basic, easy-to-understand information regarding state finances and government spending. We have responded to thousands of Freedom to Access Act (FOAA) requests, producing millions of documents. I pushed state government to be more customer friendly – ensuring that everyday requests for information from citizens are responded to daily without the formality of a FOAA request.

This bill would make minor changes to the FOAA recommended by the Right to Know Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to "serve as a resource for ensuring compliance ... and upholding the integrity of the purposes underlying [this law] as it applies to all public entities in the conduct of the public's business." Unfortunately, these recommendations just nibble around the edges of the law without addressing real flaws in it. The recommendations do not address the use of FOAA by special interest groups to harass the Executive Branch. They do not address practical concerns that make compliance virtually impossible for many Executive Branch agencies. They do not address real inequities in the application of the law to different branches of government as contained in the Advisory Committee's mandate to advise on applying the law to "all" public entities.

The FOAA law, meant to allow access to government, is instead being used as a weapon to hinder effective and efficient state government. My office has received many overly broad requests from special interests groups. They request years of all communications between my office and certain commissioners, my personal grocery bills and other fishing expeditions that are not about a transparent government. Instead, they are about trying to cripple the operations of my office with thousands of hours of staff time and creating a distraction from conducting the people's business.

The Maine State Police testified that they cannot comply with portions of the law dealing with timing of when a document is received for purposes of the law. If the law enforcement agency in the State cannot comply with the law, that is a serious problem that must be addressed. Yet the Advisory Committee and the Judiciary Committee both declined to make a reasonable fix to the law.

Most troubling, the FOAA law is inequitable. The Legislature has given itself a "working papers" exception, yet refuses to extend the same courtesy to the Executive Branch. We should either give the Executive Branch a similar exception or strip the Legislature of theirs. Either way, this inequity should not stand. Until it is righted, the Legislature cannot claim its own operations are transparent.

Until these major problems with the law are fixed, I cannot support this legislation.

For these reasons, I return LD 1821 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee (H.P. 1311) (L.D. 1821) (C. "A" H-811)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Crockett.

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Distinguished Members of the House. I didn't really want to take much time on this one. This bill is the recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee. It comes back to the Judiciary, went through, we scaled it down, the veto message suggests that we didn't go far enough, which is not necessarily a viable excuse in my humble opinion. I would request that we override the veto on this particular measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 761V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gifford, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Crafts, Dunphy, Fitzpatrick, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Turner, Wallace.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Stuckey, Villa.

Yes, 137; No, 8; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

137 having voted in the affirmative and 8 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 440)
**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 23, 2014
The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1479, "An Act To Clarify Telecommunications Regulation Reform."

The bill raises fundamental concerns regarding the authority for taxation as well as state-mandates on business. The bill is straightforward. It attempts to delay a tax increase on phone service. First, I cannot accept – at any point – an increase of taxes on all phone services in the State. Delaying the inevitable is not really a delay. It will only increase the costs when we actually address the underlying problem. If it requires hard work to overhaul public policy that is what the Legislature is elected to accomplish. This is one of the clearest examples of simply punting a hard issue until after an election.

Second, the bill would clarify that tax increases would occur in just over a year depending on the appropriate level determined by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) under existing law. While I trust the expertise of the PUC in developing just and reasonable rates, I do not believe that they should be delegated what is a Legislative function, the increase of a tax on all phone service, to the Commission. Under the Maine Constitution, Article IX, Section 9, "The Legislature shall never, in any manner, suspend or surrender the power of taxation." This should be a legislative decision. At the beginning of the 126th Legislature the Commission requested direction on the use of Maine Universal Service Funds for use in maintaining provider of last resort service. Instead of direction, this legislative response simply abrogates responsibility to an unelected Commission and a potential action by a future Legislature.

Finally, current law requires that incumbent local exchange carriers "shall provide provider of last resort service." This is an increasingly antiquated model of delivering quality and cost-effective phone service. I support modernizing this requirement and reducing the costs. However, this bill does not modify the underlying policy. Either we need to fund this policy or it needs to be eliminated. Simply retaining the mandate without a method of paying for it is bad public policy.

For these reasons, I return LD 1479 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Clarify Telecommunications Regulation Reform

(H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1479)
(C. "A" H-740)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 762V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell,

Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumięga, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Cotta, Doak, Dunphy, Fitzpatrick, Gifford, Long, McClellan, Newendyke, Peavey Haskell, Short, Wallace.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 134; No, 12; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

134 having voted in the affirmative and 12 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 441)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014
The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 906, "An Act To Permit a School Administrative Unit Discretion Concerning Participation of Students from Charter Schools in School Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities."
This is one of many bills that sought to place restrictions or outright moratoriums on charter schools and their students. Each of the previous efforts has failed in the Legislature, and this one should as well.

This bill would allow superintendents to deny charter school students from their districts the opportunity to participate in extracurricular or interscholastic activity "if the noncharter public school does not have the capacity to provide (it)."

Since the idea of "capacity" is sufficiently vague, it could be used as an excuse to issue denials without proper justification. Many superintendents have used this same approach in the past to deny student transfer requests by stating simply that it is "against our policy" without regard for whether it is the right thing for the student.

Since the bill does not define what is meant by "capacity" or place any constraints on how this should be considered, it leaves the door wide open for wholesale denials. This is unfair to the students who deserve a more clear and well-defined process.

For these reasons, I return LD 906 unsigned and vetoed on behalf of Maine's public charter school students. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Permit a School Administrative Unit Discretion Concerning Participation of Students from Charter Schools in School Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities (MANDATE)

(H.P. 630) (L.D. 906)

(C. "B" H-838)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 763V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Black, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumięga, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Boland, Campbell R, Casavant, Duprey, Fredette, Gifford, Harlow, Jackson, Knight, Long, Malaby, McElwee, Nadeau A, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 124; No, 22; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

124 having voted in the affirmative and 22 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 442)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014
The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1120, "An Act to Improve Maine's Tax Laws."
This bill would require Maine businesses with operations in certain foreign countries to pay tax on income earned in those

countries. Maine would be one of only three states with this onerous tax. LD 1120 illustrates the desire of Democrats in the Legislature to drive Maine into an economic wilderness and kill existing and future jobs to try to score a few political points. Shame on them.

Job-killing Democrats pushing this bill asked if we would rather have jobs in Lewiston or Luxemburg. That is the wrong question. Job-creators know the real question: would you rather have jobs in Lewiston or Louisville? When large employers are looking for locations, they avoid states with strange, unconstitutional and unworkable tax structures. Job creators know that capital goes where it is welcome and stays where it is appreciated. LD 1120 tells companies you are not welcome in Maine. This is no way to create jobs.

In addition to stunting job growth, LD 1120 is rife with other problems. It is unconstitutional due to its conflicts with the Foreign Commerce Clause and the Foreign Affairs Doctrine. Additionally, this bill departs from that well-established "water's edge" method of corporate taxation in favor of a "tax haven" extension. The proposed extension lacks a clear method of how taxable income is to be determined and a clear basis for the determination of countries to place on the "tax haven" list. Lacking this clarity, the bill, if enacted, would add complexity and uncertainty to Maine's corporate income tax laws.

For these reasons, I return LD 1120 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws
(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1120)
(C. "A" H-749)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 764V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Casavant, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Kaenrath, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Devin, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 88; No, 58; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 443)
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1185, "An Act To Enhance Efforts To Use Locally Produced Food in Schools."

This bill requires local school lunch programs to record and report the percentage of the food they serve that comes from local sources. For two major reasons, this is a flawed idea.

First, requirements such as this add to the administrative burden placed on our schools by the Legislature, while serving no purpose that is explained in the bill. Once schools collect this data, then what? Why should schools go to the trouble of collecting this data when it will not be used in any way?

Secondly, what the bill requires is simply not possible. The National School Lunch Program requires that school food purchases are competitively bid. While a school district can give half of the weight in this bidding process to a geographic preference, they must still buy food from the larger providers who invariably win these bids.

Even the larger, more sophisticated, companies that supply food to local schools districts do not keep detailed records of the geographic origin of every pound of food or ounce of dairy product that they deliver to each school. Even if they did, they have no obligation to collect and share that information with local school food programs. Since schools have no way to collect the data as required by the bill, signing it would put them in violation of a law with which they are unable to comply.

For these reasons, I return LD 1185 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Enhance Efforts To Use Locally Produced Food in Schools (MANDATE)

(H.P. 829) (L.D. 1185)
(C. "B" H-839)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 765V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode,

Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 96; No, 51; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

96 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 444)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1194, "Resolve, Directing a Study of Social Media Privacy in School and in the Workplace."

This resolve would direct the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary to study the issue of social media privacy as it relates to school and the workplace. The purpose of the study is to derive proposed legislation that will regulate social media privacy. The current members of the Judiciary Committee will then present that proposed legislation to the members of the Judiciary Committee as it will be constituted in the 127th Legislature.

Studies of this nature are nothing more than pass-the-buck efforts with little or no lasting results. This kind of sleight-of-hand attempt to look like they are doing the people's business when they aren't is a waste of time and energy. If the present members of the Committee want privacy legislation passed in the next Legislature, then they should run for reelection and propose it if they are reelected.

For these reasons I return LD 1194 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, Directing a Study of Social Media Privacy in School and in the Workplace (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 838) (L.D. 1194)
(S. "A" S-447 to C. "A" H-640)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 766V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gifford, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Long, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Chase, Fredette, Jackson, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Malaby, McElwee, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sirocki, Wallace, Weaver, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 133; No, 14; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

133 having voted in the affirmative and 14 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 445)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1247, "An Act to Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services."

This bill extends Medicaid coverage for a single service—family planning—to persons with incomes up to 200 percent of federal poverty level. Many individuals to whom this coverage would extend are already required to purchase health insurance on the exchange, and can receive subsidized coverage.

All of these plans already cover family planning as part of the essential health benefits mandate, including reliable contraceptives, annual gynecological exams, Pap tests and even voluntary sterilization.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 1, 2014

There is no reason to provide a taxpayer-funded Medicaid benefit to individuals ineligible for Medicaid when they already have private health insurance coverage for family planning benefits. For those individuals who intend to make less than 100 percent of federal poverty level and therefore do not qualify for subsidized private insurance, family planning and health clinics across the state often already charge on a sliding scale, which they indicate is affordable for their clients.

For these reasons, I return LD 1247 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services

(H.P. 881) (L.D. 1247)
(C. "A" H-655)

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 446)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1345, "Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for Universal Health Care Plan in the State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

With single-payer healthcare, we know ahead of time that if you like your private health insurance plan, you can say goodbye to it. Instead, you'll get the healthcare your government feels is right for you—designed by the government, implemented by the government and paid for by you (provided you're a taxpayer). Hard-working Mainers could expect to pay unsustainably higher taxes in exchange for even fewer insurance choices and more government bureaucracy, an idea only a Democrat could love.

Additionally, the funding source listed in the fiscal note, the State Innovation Model grant funds, is completely inappropriate. We received funding from the federal government based on a specific approved plan (one that had nothing to do with universal healthcare). The Legislature does not have the authority to appropriate those funds for other uses unless it wants to risk our state losing the entire \$33 million grant. The Legislature may be used to seeking out accounts dedicated to funding existing obligations in order to fund new pet projects, but I cannot consent to such fiscal irresponsibility.

For these reasons, I return LD 1345 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for a Universal Health Care Plan in the

State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1345)
(C. "A" H-771)

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham moved that the Resolve be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending **RECONSIDERATION**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative FREDETTE: My understanding is we were going to move through these today in fairly quick order and now that we are Tabling these, I guess I will have to ask for a roll call so that we can get back on track.

The SPEAKER: The motion to Table is not debatable. That is the motion before the House.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Table. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 767

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Kaenrath, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Carey, Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 87; No, 59; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Resolve was **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 447)
and accompanying veto, item (2-46)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 1, 2014

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 1463, "Resolve, To Develop a Process for Tax Expenditure Review."

This Resolve directs the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to develop a proposal for implementation of a process for ongoing review of tax expenditures by the Legislature. The office is required to submit the proposal by March 1, 2015 to the Government Oversight Committee and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Last summer, instead of producing a balanced budget, the Legislature convened a task force to study tax expenditures and to raise taxes by \$40 million to help pay for more welfare. The task force was a complete and utter failure. The Legislature now offers this Resolve as political cover for that shortcoming.

Under current law, significant resources go into providing the Legislature with a detailed report on tax expenditures every two years. The availability of this information at the beginning of each Legislature provides ample time and data for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to study Maine's tax expenditures and make any recommended changes they deem necessary. To add another study on how to study tax expenditures is duplicative and unnecessary. Moreover, annual reviews of important economic development incentives will set up an unstable and inconsistent tax environment for businesses looking to locate in Maine. Once again, Democrats in the Legislature are persistently trying to kill jobs in Maine by creating an anti-business environment.

For these reasons, I return LD 1463 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Develop a Process for Tax Expenditure Review

(H.P. 1048) (L.D. 1463)
(C. "A" H-800)

On motion of Representative FREDETTE of Newport, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 448)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014
The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1593, "Resolve, To Eliminate Financial Inequality in MaineCare Reimbursement for Community-based Behavioral Health Services."

Like many resolves, this one started out as a bill to change the law it now purports to study. The bill started out with a concept that was a decent one to debate—it mandated equal reimbursement for substance abuse treatment providers, whether hospital-based or community-based. However, it ended up as a resolve to study an issue that has been studied multiple times before and required a report due back that will go unread by a

new Legislature, only to sit and collect dust like the other reports on the same subject. What an unfortunate waste of departmental and legislative time and effort.

Instead of making a decision on an interesting policy question, the Legislature left the issue to the Department of Health and Human Services to study and to another Legislature to decide upon. This issue has been studied before; we're not studying it again.

For these reasons, I return LD 1593 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Eliminate Financial Inequality in MaineCare Reimbursement for Community-based Behavioral Health Services

(H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1593)
(C. "A" H-829)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 768V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 93; No, 54; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

93 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 451)

**STATE OF MAINE
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1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014
The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 1, 2014

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1757, "Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability."

This resolve establishes a commission that would duplicate work performed by the federally mandated Statewide Independent Living Council ("SILC"). According to its mission statement, the Maine SILC "advances independent living by engaging in or supporting research, publication, employment, community organizing, advocacy, and systems reform." The Maine SILC is also responsible for developing successive three-year plans, which include goals and funding priorities for independent living, something the proposed blue ribbon commission also would do.

The Maine SILC is also responsible for communicating to the Maine State Rehabilitation Council about addressing needs of specific disabled populations. The State Rehabilitation Council, in turn, is responsible for communicating to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation how well the latter's programs are assisting individuals with disabilities in Maine.

In sum, we have many existing councils whose role it is to contribute to the development and implementation of statewide goals for independent living, transportation for the disabled, employment of the disabled, etc. I fail to see how establishment of another group will help accomplish these goals.

For these reasons, I return LD 1757 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1261) (L.D. 1757)
(C. "A" H-705)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 769V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crafts, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Campbell R, Cotta, Cray, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Jackson, Johnson P, Kinney, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Marean, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Pease,

Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Turner, Tyler, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 110; No, 37; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

110 having voted in the affirmative and 37 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 452)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1772, "Resolve, Regarding Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining."

Two years ago, the will of the People of Maine was expressed by their elected officials in the passage of LD 1853, a law that has become known as the "Metallic Mineral Mining Act." This law created the framework within which metallic mineral mining could be conducted in Maine and required the Executive branch to promulgate rules to carry out this law.

Over the last two years, the Department of Environmental Protection conducted the legally prescribed rulemaking process and developed rules that comply with the law as enacted.

This resolve seeks to reject those legally and appropriately developed rules, not because they do not comport with the Metallic Mineral Mining Act, which they do, but because opponents of mining want to use the rulemaking process to effectively repeal a duly enacted law.

For those who oppose mining in Maine, or would have the State implement rules that differ significantly from those brought forth by the DEP, the proper legal path provided by the State Constitution is to amend or repeal the Mining Act itself. Yet, no legislative committee voted out a single bill to do so.

Attempting to thwart a duly enacted State law by rejecting the rules that comply with it is clearly an attempt to bypass the Constitution that I am sworn to uphold, and so is every member of the Legislature for that matter.

In addition to my constitutional concerns, I must continue to fight to preserve the tremendous potential economic opportunities that mining could bring to our State and in particular Aroostook County. Allowing the Mining Act to be thwarted would squelch the potential to bring hundreds of great jobs to the region, something I simply cannot allow to happen unnecessarily.

For these reasons, I return LD 1772 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, Regarding Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining

(H.P. 1270) (L.D. 1772)
(H. "A" H-776 to C. "A" H-769)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 770V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Dunphy, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stuckey, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Duprey, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Saucier, Sirocki, Stanley, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 94; No, 53; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

94 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 453)

**STATE OF MAINE
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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1794, "An Act To Cancel the No-bid Alexander Group Contract To Produce Savings in Fiscal Year 2013-14."

This bill is nothing more than partisan politics. Democrats find it inappropriate for a Republican administration to work with a consultant simply because that consultant might have ideas the Democrats do not like. I frankly do not care whether the Legislature agrees with how the Alexander Group advises this administration. Maybe next the Legislature will hire or fire my staff in the Governor's Office—should I be required to retain only Democrats to advise me?

I also find it surprising that Democrats are complaining about sole source contracts. My administration has implemented reforms that have resulted in significant increases in the percentage of State contracts put out to RFP. Many of these contracts had previously been awarded to the same entity for upwards of 25 years with no bidding. On the other hand, in some instances, sole source contracts are appropriate when the entity receiving the contract has unique experience in a particular field. Mr. Alexander is the only individual in the country, in his role as a commissioner in Rhode Island, to have received a Medicaid global waiver, a unique expertise which we value. For these reasons, I return LD 1794 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Cancel the No-bid Alexander Group Contract To Produce Savings in Fiscal Year 2013-14

(H.P. 1286) (L.D. 1794)
(C. "A" H-684; H. "A" H-760)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 771V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Briggs, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Hayes, Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Kaenrath, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa, Werts.

Yes, 83; No, 63; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 439)
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 22, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1829, "An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Report Annually on Investigations and Prosecutions of False Claims Made under the MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Food Supplement Programs."

Program integrity is an essential part of any welfare program, including MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. My administration strongly supports efforts to ensure taxpayer dollars, whether state or federal, are used appropriately and go to those most in need.

The requested report would require extensive coordination between programs and technology systems, requiring additional resources. The Department clearly explained to the Committee that approximately \$45,000 in state funding (and additional federal matching funds) would be needed for IT upgrades and that a limited period position for one year would be needed to coordinate and establish the report. This cannot be done "within existing resources," as the bill outlines.

If the Democrats were serious about program integrity, they would have funded this work. Instead, they stripped the funding mechanism off this bill so no money could be appropriated for performing these tasks.

For these reasons, I return LD 1829 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Report Annually on Investigations and Prosecutions of False Claims Made under the MaineCare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Food Supplement Programs

(H.P. 1317) (L.D. 1829)
(C. "A" H-786; H. "A" H-818)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 772V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan,

McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 94; No, 53; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

94 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 436)
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1820, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Report with Data on Out-of-State Access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits."

This resolve does nothing to prevent taxpayer-funded benefits from being spent inappropriately in other states or from being used by individuals now residing in other states. The resolve is unlimited in its request for data—there is no indication which years of data are sought by the Legislature. Most likely, this is because the TANF data on amount, date, time and address of each automatic teller machine withdrawal is already publicly available and has been provided to the media for years 2011-2013. Apparently, the Legislature chose not to review that online information.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services already works collaboratively with the Office of the Attorney General regarding criminal prosecution of welfare fraud. Many intentional program violations in TANF do not rise to criminal prosecution, but instead are investigated and handled within the Department. The Department has investigated and shut off welfare benefits for former residents who have relocated. Actions speak louder than words. Any genuine attempt to prevent taxpayer-funded benefits from being spent inappropriately would include measures that strengthen program integrity at the front end. This resolve fails to address the problem and kicks the can down the road until after the next election.

For these reasons, I return LD 1820 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Report with Data on Out-of-state Access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Benefits

(H.P. 1309) (L.D. 1820)
(C. "A" H-792)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 773V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stanley, Stuckey, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Hayes, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Rochelo, Villa.

Yes, 87; No, 59; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 454)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 222, "An Act Regarding the Issuance of a Permit To Carry a Concealed Handgun."

The Maine Constitution is very clear on a person's right to bear arms. It states, "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned." This right is one that I have constantly fought to protect from legislation that would seek to impose illogical, often hurtful regulations on Maine citizens. This bill is the latest in a long line of such proposed regulations. If proposed legislation would regulate law abiding citizens' rights

in respect to firearms, then in order to gain my support, it must be put to referendum.

Eventually, I believe we will see legislation that will allow people to carry concealed weapons without going through the bureaucratic maze of applying for a permit. Studies are now confirming that where there are more concealed handguns, there is less violent crime. Therefore, I believe that in Maine, where we already have a culture of responsible gun ownership, we should not be making it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. Not only does this legislation not move us toward that worthy goal, it actually makes the existing legal framework much worse. It does this by increasing the fees that are associated with applying for a permit. It also takes away the authority of local officials to issue permits and it restricts the authority of the State Police to issue permits. This bill would move us further away from gaining reciprocity with other states. Like most of the proposed bills that have come from this Legislature, this one seeks to make a bad law even worse. For these reasons I return LD 222 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act Regarding the Issuance of a Permit To Carry a Concealed Handgun

(H.P. 183) (L.D. 222)
(H. "A" H-739 and S. "B" S-547 to C. "A" H-730)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 774V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Welsh, Werts.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Dill, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Hickman, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Verow, Villa, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, 87; No, 58; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 457)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1154, "An Act to Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program."

LD 1154 would establish a new statewide pension-type program for certain municipal public safety volunteers. Volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians are critically important to all of Maine's municipalities and citizens. These brave men and women fulfill their civic responsibility in an especially meaningful manner. Their public service is laudable and should be encouraged.

Unfortunately, this bill, while well-intentioned, is fundamentally flawed. It removes local control, disrupts employer/employee relationships and expands state government at a time when the taxpayers of Maine can least afford it. A new state-run pension program for individuals who are not state employees is a bad idea.

In this instance, employers (municipalities) would be free to negotiate any compensation package to which the parties could reach agreement. The state would be bifurcated from those negotiations, acting as only a third party with no direct involvement in compensation or supervision of employees. This paradigm of using a state-managed retirement benefit to relieve the burden of recruitment and retention issues for local public safety volunteers of some localities is fundamentally unfair. This model has also been proven to be actuarially unsound.

Our state is already carrying an enormous burden for pension costs from the days when school employee pensions were shifted from the local level. We continue to struggle to fund those past obligations, which are significantly greater than the present value of assets in the current retirement plan. Opening ourselves to the possibility of pension obligations for liabilities controlled at the local level is unwise. Prudence and common-sense dictate I not put at risk millions of dollars of hard-working Mainer's money by letting the state stroll down a paved-with-good-intentions road once again.

For these reasons, I return LD 1154 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program

(H.P. 819) (L.D. 1154)

(S. "A" S-545 to C. "B" H-644)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Calais, Representative Maker.

Representative **MAKER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in support of LD 1154 and would like to address the veto letter of the Chief Executive dated April 29, 2014.

In the second paragraph of the letter it stated that LD 1154 establishes a new statewide pension-type program. It does not establish a new statewide pension-type system. Because of the way the laws have been to be written, we were unable to use a "reward program" but had to use pension, which it is not. In the third paragraph, it states that "it is a new state-run pension program who are not state employees is a bad idea." If you read the summary on the original bill, it states the following" "Under this bill, the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees contracts with private sector firms to provide administration and investment services for this program." In clarification, there is a board of trustees as mentioned in this bill. They are appointed by the Chief Executive. As you can see, it gives jurisdiction to the State of Maine, specifically the Chief Executive for appointing trustees, but does not and is not a pension plan. The state has no more involvement in this than they do most commissions by appointing people.

It also mentions that "It removes local control." This is not a truism because it is strictly voluntary as also it states in the bill. This does not prevent local control because this is not a mandate. They can choose to participate or not. As the bill says, "Participation in this program funding is optional for any prospective contributor, and the amount contributed may vary from year to year... "

It also doesn't expand state government because this is not funded, nor run, by the state government but, as mentioned before, it is a setup like we do commissions and will give credibility to be overseen by appointees of the Chief Executive. We already have towns that participate in this program and as far as the statement regarding actuarially unsound, you would have to ask those towns that are already involved. However, we have to realize that some towns do not have the funds nor the ability to set something like this up and this may actually help them attract more participation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 775V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Dunphy, Duprey, Gifford, Guerin, Jackson, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Winchenbach.

ABSENT - Clark, Fredette, Johnson D, Noon, Verow, Villa, Willette.

Yes, 128; No, 16; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

128 having voted in the affirmative and 16 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 459)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1578, "An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People."

This bill models Medicaid expansion after what was proposed in New Hampshire, which modeled their expansion after Arkansas. These states and this bill intend to expand Medicaid by using federal funds to purchase private health insurance. However, the state cannot dictate the cost of the private health insurance.

As a result, Arkansas-style expansion is just like a conventional Medicaid expansion, only more expensive. Arkansas is already seeing cost overruns for its expansion far and above what the state had predicted, and state taxpayers are on the hook for those costs—not the federal government.

Unlike many other states being lured into expansion by the promise of federal deficit Medicaid dollars, Maine has been down this road before. We know how the story ends: broken budgets and the disabled on waitlists for services. We know the arguments—they're the same as the last time—and we know the ruinous results of expansion. For the sake of the truly needy and Maine taxpayers, we cannot go down this path again.

It does not matter which state we model ourselves after: Medicaid expansion is still a bad idea. This wolf in sheep's clothing is no better than the other three Medicaid expansion bills I have vetoed during the 126th Legislature.

For these reasons, I return LD 1578 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People

(H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1578)
(H. "A" H-849 to C. "A" H-704)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the

Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 776V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Wilson, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 94; No, 53; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

94 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 460)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1850, "Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula."

If ever there was an example of why legislative resolves are a waste of the Legislature's time and the taxpayer's money, this is it. This resolve—stop me if you've heard this before—"establishes a commission." Setting aside the fact that most of these commissions accomplish very little, producing reports that future legislatures pay attention to even less, let's examine this one in particular.

As stated in the resolve, a panel of fourteen members is required to meet in July, October, November and December of this year and discuss the weighty and complicated issue of school funding. As the sponsor of both the resolve and the amendment are fully aware, this is simply not possible.

The Commissioner of Education has made it clear to those legislators that his department cannot, until at least mid-October, provide the information that this commission needs to have before it in order to carry out its mandated work. So much for the July meeting.

This means that the group must tackle the difficult and complicated issue of Maine's school funding formula in less than seven weeks so as to meet the reporting deadline of December 9, 2014. During this brief time the commission "shall hold no more than six meetings" before producing the required result—"A plan to strengthen the adequacy and equity of the following cost components of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act."

This must include public preschool, special education allocations, debt service for school construction, cost adjustments for teacher's salaries, State contributions to fund the cost of the unfunded actuarial liability for retired teachers and much more. All in six meetings over seven weeks, by a large group of fourteen people.

The proper and most efficient way to handle this challenging issue is to simply ask that the Commissioner and staff of the Department of Education devote the appropriate level of attention to it and make a report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education in January 2015, when the next legislature is seated.

At that time, the staff and the members of the committee can consider the information that the department has assembled and make decisions on how to move forward. In fact, I have already asked the Commissioner to do just that.

None of this requires the time and expense of legislative action and certainly not a fourteen member commission who could not possibly consume all of the necessary information, understand it, and then make proper recommendations on how to act upon it in just six meetings over less than two months.

For these reasons, I return LD 1850 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to save us all from wasting a great deal of time and energy by sustaining it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1335) (L.D. 1850)
(S. "B" S-504; S. "C" S-530)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 777V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crafts, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jackson, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kurniega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest,

Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Cray, Espling, Gifford, Libby A, Long, Peavey Haskell, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Cotta, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 139; No, 7; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

139 having voted in the affirmative and 7 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 463)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 30, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1744, "An Act to Protect Maine Lakes."

This bill has a number of major flaws, not the least of which is that it creates a new 25-foot setback that prevents use of fertilizers along the shorelines of Maine's Great Ponds. In addition to adding yet another restriction on Maine people, the bill would create a massive enforcement burden on the Department of Environmental Protection—monitoring and enforcement of all of the land within 25 feet of the shoreline of every major lake in Maine—without providing a single dollar to carry out that work.

This is particularly troubling since the sponsor is among the most vocal critics of the DEP, frequently arguing that it does not do enough to carry out its mission. Yet, here is that same critic adding an enormous new work requirement to the department while denying it the tools to carry it out. Should this bill become law, we would no doubt hear from him next year, complaining that this new work was not completed. Perhaps he feels that DEP staff should volunteer their free time on evenings and weekends in order to carry out his whims?

Regulations that have impacts on property rights must adhere to principles of sound science and undergo a rigorous public process. Had the fertilizer application prohibition discussion undergone a rigorous scientific review, the property rights of Mainers would not be unreasonably restricted. Two New England states have no comparable fertilizer application restriction at all, and the remaining five that do have some restrictions for fertilizer application within 20 or 25 feet allow for closer application through the use of a drop spreader, rotary with a deflector or a liquid targeted spray. None of these reasonable practices would be allowed under LD 1744. The draconian 25-foot restriction of fertilizer application in LD 1744 is far outside the bounds of reason.

In addition, the new setback may do more environmental harm than good. Much of the soil in these areas is bare and low in nutrients so that grasses and other plants whose roots prevent erosion of soils do not grow well. Properly applying fertilizers can

help create root systems that help slow or stop the erosion of soil into the lakes. Thus, restricting the application of fertilizers will cause harm to these lakes.

For these reasons, I return LD 1744 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Protect Maine Lakes
(H.P. 1250) (L.D. 1744)
(S. "A" S-534 and S. "B" S-552 to C. "A" H-781)

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 778V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Campbell R, Chase, Crafts, Cray, Gifford, Harvell, Jackson, Keschl, Knight, Long, McElwee, Nadeau A, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Sanderson, Sirocki, Weaver, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Cotta, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.
Yes, 125; No, 21; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

125 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 461)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

May 1, 2014
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On April 22, 2014

Honorable John R. Atwood of Newcastle
Honorable Francis C. Marsano of Belfast and
Honorable Paul L. Rudman of Orono for appointment as an alternate Commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission. Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA, §108-B, these appointments are contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee of Energy, Utilities and Technology.
Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services
(H.P. 881) (L.D. 1247)
(C. "A" H-655)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham pending **RECONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 779V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Malaby, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Berry, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Marean, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.
Yes, 95; No, 52; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

95 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

Subsequently, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The same Representative moved that the Bill be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending his motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** until later in today's session pending the motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire to the Chair as to whether or not this being a question of a veto and the vote having been taken, the yeas and the nays, of whether or not you can actually do a redo? I don't think we can do a redo on a vote to sustain a veto.

The **SPEAKER**: In accordance to Section 458 of the *Mason's Manual*, "Consideration of measures returned by Executive Veto, when an Executive returns a bill to a legislative body with objections, a veto, the further consideration of the measure is not itself a reconsideration in the parliamentary sense. A vote taken on further reconsideration of the measure, whether in the affirmative or negative can be reconsidered."

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterboro, Representative Libby.

Representative **LIBBY**: Mr. Speaker, we go by our Joint Rules. I am curious if our Joint Rules concur with the Mason's Rules.

The **SPEAKER**: The Joint Rules do not address reconsideration of vetoes in the parliamentary sense.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Speaker, I am confused in regards to the direction from the Chair earlier this morning. My understanding was that we were going to move through these bills and try to take care of them in short order and I just sort of am confused that now we are actually Tabling after taking a vote, that we are actually Tabling a bill. I find it disingenuous in the process and I find it unfortunate. I would like to be able to finish if I can.

The **SPEAKER**: The Representative will defer. Both Representatives will defer. The Chair would remind all members that the motion to Table is not debatable. Is the House ready for the question? A roll call is in order.

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, and would remind him that a Tabling motion is not debatable.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we suspend the rules so that we may actually debate the motion.

Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion.

The **SPEAKER**: A suspension of the rules requires a two-thirds vote of those members present. The Chair will order a division.

Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to **TABLE**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to Table. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

A two-thirds vote being necessary, a vote of the House was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 780

YEA - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Monaghan-Derrig, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa.

Yes, 58; No, 89; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

58 having voted in the affirmative and 89 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to **TABLE FAILED**.

Representative **CROCKETT** of Bethel moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to **TABLE FAILED**.

Representative **McCABE** of Skowhegan **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to **TABLE FAILED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Reconsider whereby the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to Table Failed. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 781

YEA - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winchenbach, Wood.

NAY - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cray, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-

Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Malaby, Noon, Villa, Winsor.
Yes, 54; No, 91; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

54 having voted in the affirmative and 91 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing members to debate the motion to **TABLE FAILED, FAILED.**

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call having been previously ordered, the pending question before the House is to Table until later in today's session pending Representative Berry of Bowdoinham's motion to Reconsider whereby the Veto was Sustained. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 782

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peavey Haskell, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Villa, Winsor.
Yes, 88; No, 58; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Veto was **SUSTAINED** and later today assigned.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 464)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 30, 2014
Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint Jessica Laliberte of Waterville to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this appointment.

Sincerely,
S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Correct an Error in the Laws To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1359) (L.D. 1863)

Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **FIRST READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a committee.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence. **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Specific Purposes of Recently Enacted Legislation Authorizing the Issuance of a General Fund Bond"

(H.P. 1360) (L.D. 1865)

Sponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **FIRST READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to a committee.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading.**

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Mr. Speaker, on LD 222, I wasn't paying attention and I voted yes. Could I change my vote to no?

The **SPEAKER**: The Roll Call cannot change, but the Legislative Record will reflect your intent to have voted no.

The House recessed until 2:00 p.m.

(H.P. 962) (L.D. 1345)
(C. "A" H-771)

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources and To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Adult Day Services

(H.P. 1229) (L.D. 1719)
(C. "A" H-844)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham pending **RECONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 783V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Verow, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Marean, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Tyler, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Villa.
Yes, 105; No, 41; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

105 having voted in the affirmative and 41 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for a Universal Health Care Plan in the State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham pending **RECONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 784V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Hickman, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Villa.

Yes, 91; No, 54; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

91 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Resolve, To Develop a Process for Tax Expenditure Review
(H.P. 1048) (L.D. 1463)
(C. "A" H-800)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative FREDETTE of Newport pending **RECONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 785V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman,

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NAY - Ayotte, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Kinney, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Malaby, McClellan, Nadeau A, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stanley, Timberlake, Turner, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Villa.
Yes, 104; No, 42; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

104 having voted in the affirmative and 42 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Establish a State Board of Dental Hygiene
(H.P. 657) (L.D. 933)
(C. "B" H-845)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham pending **RECONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The **SPEAKER**: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 786V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Black, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Cray, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby A, Libby N, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McClellan, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Tyler, Verow, Wallace, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Fredette, Gifford, Jackson, Long, Volk, Weaver, Willette.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Villa.
Yes, 138; No, 8; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

138 having voted in the affirmative and 8 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED**. Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 936)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1827, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine Small Business and Job Creation"

While the title of this bill sounds good, we can serve our small business community better.

Maine taxpayers are spending over \$70 million in debt service annually until 2015. This number will increase starting in 2016 due to the voter approval of \$100 million of bonds in November, 2013. We must get off the routine of borrowing for everything.

Access to capital is also important to Maine businesses. I support providing flexible capital for Maine small business. However, I believe that borrowing money on the backs of all Maine taxpayers is not the right way to go. Furthermore, the mechanism by which the \$8 million portion of this bill is disbursed to the small businesses does not yield the highest return on Maine taxpayer's investment. I do support the portion of this bill that provides \$4 million to insure portions of loans to small businesses made by financial institutions.

Maine small businesses are the backbone of our economy. It is imperative that they have an environment that allows them to grow and expand their businesses. My Administration has worked tirelessly over the past three-and-a-half years to make Maine more competitive by reducing taxes, streamlining regulations, reducing the cost of doing business and changing the attitude of state government.

For these reasons, I return LD 1827 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine Small Business and Job Creation (**BOND ISSUE**)

(S.P. 732) (L.D. 1827)
(C. "A" S-555)

In Senate, May 1, 2014, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

31 voted in favor and 4 against, and 31 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 787V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harvell, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Johnson P, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Parry, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Tyler, Verow, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Gifford, Jackson, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, McClellan, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Pease, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Villa.

Yes, 118; No, 28; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

118 having voted in the affirmative and 28 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 937)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 18, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1431, "An Act To Support School Nutrition and Expand the Local Foods Economy."

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue grants as high as \$30,000 to support the creation of local "food hubs" in an effort to influence local school districts to buy locally grown and processed food.

Doing so would divert money away from the Agricultural

Marketing Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans to agriculture and uses the interest to finance the Agricultural Development Fund. That fund provides grants to well-established Maine agricultural businesses. Both are programs to which "food hubs" may already apply for competitive funding under current law.

Proponents of this bill argue that Maine's environmentalists, farmers and schools all agree that more locally grown food should be in our school lunch rooms. If this were true, then this would already be happening and there would be no need for this bill. The fact that they believe that a new law is necessary to make "local food hubs" viable only exposes the fact that school districts have better food options and thus no interest in supporting them.

Under the National School Lunch Program, local school districts are required by federal law to purchase food for their lunch programs through competitive bidding. If food hubs can provide their products to school districts within that requirement, they may sell to schools under current law without this bill.

If local food providers cannot convince local school districts that their products are superior and more economical to that of other providers, then state taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize these providers in order to overcome the natural forces of a free market.

For these reasons, I return LD 1431 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Support School Nutrition and Expand the Local Foods Economy (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1431)

(S. "A" S-495 to C. "A" S-466)

In Senate, May 1, 2014, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

30 voted in favor and 5 against, and 30 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 788V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kinney, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo,

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Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Welsh, Werts, Winchenbach, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Villa.
Yes, 96; No, 50; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

96 having voted in the affirmative and 50 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 939)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 28, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 347, "An Act to Amend Insurance Coverage for Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders."

This bill raises premiums for private health insurance ratepayers (including those obtaining coverage through the exchange) and imposes a cost to taxpayers for funding the State Employee Health Plan. Addressing the first issue, it is perplexing that any legislator would promote individuals seeking inexpensive coverage through the exchanges while simultaneously voting for a bill like this, which makes that coverage less affordable.

With respect to the taxpayer-funded State Employee Health Plan, every bell and whistle we put on that plan adds to its "richness." In just a few years, the ACA's Cadillac tax on rich health insurance benefits will take effect—if we simply keep adding benefits on to the State Employee Health Plan, the estimated Cadillac tax to be paid from the State is \$18 million for the first year. I ask you to consider if this bill will help or hurt us in the long run.

For these reasons, I return LD 347 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Amend Insurance Coverage for Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders

(S.P. 127) (L.D. 347)
(C. "A" S-412)

In Senate, May 1, 2014, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

30 voted in favor and 5 against, and 30 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 789V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Doak, Dorney, Duprey, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Tyler, Verow, Villa, Volk, Weaver, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Black, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Davis, Dunphy, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Malaby, McClellan, McElwee, Newendyke, Nutting, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Wallace, Winsor.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell.

Yes, 115; No, 32; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

115 having voted in the affirmative and 32 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 938)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 29, 2014

The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 1824, "An Act to Provide Additional Authority to the State Board of Corrections."

We in Maine are outliers because elected officials thought it would be wise to pass a law to regulate jails by creating a State Board of Corrections that shares authority with county officials. The Board of Corrections system of governing jails should be a case study in how wrong Democrat experiments can go. The victims of this failed system are the Maine taxpayers.

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The Board of Corrections system is a holdover from the Baldacci Administration. Since its conception in 2008, it has cost the Maine taxpayers millions of dollars. In 2008 it cost Maine taxpayers around \$62 million to house prisoners in jail. That spending is now close to \$80 million.

It is very hard to understand how lawmakers can come to the defense of a framework that is so obviously doomed to failure. It is also very difficult for me to understand how they believe that such minor proposed changes will fix it. Of course, the answer is that this system created vested stakeholders. Those stakeholders benefited from this increased spending, and this legislation came up in an election year.

The hard-working people of Maine count on their elected officials to make wise, efficient policy. This bill masquerades as a fix to the Board of Corrections system, but it is nothing more than a bill of goods that was passed by those without the fortitude to fix one of the most troubling problems in the State budget. I believe that if there is a problem, it should be fixed.

For this reason and the others stated above, I return LD 1824 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Provide Additional Authority to the State Board of Corrections (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 730) (L.D. 1824)

(S. "A" S-533 to C. "A" S-511)

In Senate, May 1, 2014, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

27 voted in favor and 8 against, and 27 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The **SPEAKER:** The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 790V

YEA - Ayotte, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Campbell R, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crafts, Crockett, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Goode, Graham, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jackson, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald S, MacDonald W, Maker, Marean, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McElwee, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Reed, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Stuckey, Theriault, Timberlake, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Tyler,

Verow, Villa, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Black, Cray, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Gifford, Harvell, Johnson P, Kusiak, Libby A, Lockman, Long, Malaby, McClellan, Sanderson, Short, Sirocki, Stanley, Turner, Wallace, Weaver.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell.

Yes, 126; No, 21; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

126 having voted in the affirmative and 21 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 941)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

April 29, 2014
The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th 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 440, "An Act to Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas."

I am not opposed to providing young professionals with incentives to make their homes in Maine. In fact, I believe we should do more to encourage our well-trained young people to relocate or return to Maine to live and work.

The reason I veto this bill is because it takes dedicated revenue from a completely unrelated program—the Medical Marijuana Program—and appropriates it to fund this tax break. The Medical Marijuana Program is statutorily required to be self-funding: it receives nothing from the General Fund and should not be used as a slush fund when the Legislature does not want to appropriate sufficient funding for a new project.

Licenses in Maine have a reasonable expectation that the fees they pay—whether it is medical marijuana caregivers and dispensaries to the Medical Marijuana Program, or professionals such as social workers, plumbers and barbers to their State oversight boards—will fund the programs that license them. If these fees are taken to support unrelated programs, they amount to an unfair tax on the individuals who paid them.

For these reasons, I return LD 440 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas

(S.P. 172) (L.D. 440)

(C. "B" S-548)

In Senate, May 1, 2014, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

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30 voted in favor and 5 against, and 30 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 791V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Beavers, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chase, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Cotta, Crockett, Daughtry, Davis, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Doak, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fitzpatrick, Fowle, Fredette, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Keschl, Knight, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Maker, Malaby, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau A, Nadeau C, Nelson, Nutting, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Pouliot, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Turner, Verow, Villa, Volk, Welsh, Werts, Willette, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Black, Campbell R, Crafts, Cray, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Kinney, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Newendyke, Parry, Pease, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Tyler, Wallace, Weaver, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Dion, Johnson D, Noon, Peavey Haskell.

Yes, 111; No, 35; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

111 having voted in the affirmative and 35 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 962)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 750, Legislative Document 1851, "An Act To Delay Implementation of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Related Statutory Provisions," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

20 voted in favor and 15 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 963)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 736, Legislative Document 1833, "Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Further Study Improving Protections for Injured Workers Whose Employers Have Wrongfully Not Secured Workers' Compensation Insurance," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

21 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

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Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 542, Legislative Document 1468, "Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Study the Potential Benefits and Barriers Involved in Making Renewable Thermal Technologies Eligible for Qualification in Maine's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

20 voted in favor and 15 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

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Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 631, Legislative Document 1640, "An Act To Expand MaineCare for Veterans and Low-income Residents," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" 21 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

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Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 632, Legislative Document 1641, "An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" 19 voted in favor and 16 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

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Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
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Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 740, Legislative Document 1837, "An Act To Provide Former Employees of the Maine Military Authority the

Ability To Sue for Severance Pay," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

22 voted in favor and 13 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

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Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 692, Legislative Document 1750, "An Act To Establish Submission Requirements for Wind Energy through Rulemaking," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

20 voted in favor and 15 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

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Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Expand Coverage of Family Planning Services

(H.P. 881) (L.D. 1247)

(C. "A" H-655)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham pending his motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Pouliot.

Representative **POULIOT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's been pretty quiet in these chambers today which is good. I just have to fix my mic. I voted in favor of this bill the first time because I thought it was a good bill for the people of Maine. But, we lost fair and square, okay. I think that playing games like this to try to win something is the wrong thing to do. I'm not okay with being part of that gamesmanship. I think it's time to move on. This vote has been had. I cannot support this any longer because of what's been going on in here. I can't support that. The gamesmanship is wrong. It's not what the people of Maine want. I'm sorry, but I won't be able to vote for this moving forward if we're going to handle it in this fashion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Pringle.

Representative **PRINGLE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, I too felt very uncomfortable this morning. I was the sponsor of this bill, and when I watched what was happening I almost cried because I'm not a politician. I came here to do good and I thought we all came here to do good. But I understand politics is here and some of us aren't very good at doing it.

I hope that we could look at this bill for what it does and not for the politics. Family planning is a buzzword that creates a lot of frustration in people and it creates preconceived ideas. This bill does not pay for abortion. If anything it reduces the need for abortion. This bill has been carried out in 26 other states. So, it's been tested and proven to save money. It reduces unplanned pregnancies which lead to huge state costs in our MaineCare system. I believe all of us want to reduce the cost of MaineCare. We didn't even implement expansion of MaineCare because we all think it's too expensive and that we're going to leave a lot of people uninsured. So, I guess, I would ask that you vote on the right thing. Maybe it will be defeated. A lot of the things that I believe in have been defeated and I have to suck it up. So, my request to you is do the right thing. Don't vote based on what happened this morning please. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waldoboro, Representative Winchenbach.

Representative **WINCHENBACH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in opposition to this bill at this time. I voted for it. I voted for LD 1247 the first time and I'm not proud of myself for changing my vote, but I just don't think that the process was ethical. The veto was sustained and so I will be voting no this time. Thank you. I agree with Representative Pringle.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Volk.

Representative **VOLK**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I've supported this bill all along. I respect the intentions of the Representative from Windham and I understand that fewer pregnancies, particularly with young people, would hopefully result in fewer abortions. I've made it no secret that I'm pro-life. So, this was a difficult vote for me. This was a difficult decision. I've been supporting it all along, but I don't support this process.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's about time some people got along with it and started having some respect for a woman's rights. We talk about the Arabs, the way they treat their women. Sometimes we're not any better than they are. They talk about getting government off people's back and making government smaller, yet they're in every woman's bedroom, they're in every woman's drugstore and they're in every woman's doctor's office. It's time to change.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, much of the work that we do down here, and I think we are all aware that the people of the State of Maine watch the work that we do, and the bills that we vote on, and, quite frankly, the vetoes that we sustain and the vetoes that we don't sustain, but I think that at the end of the day, the substance of the work that gets done is equally as important as how we get this work done. Quite frankly, I think that the motion to Table a veto once it has been sustained is inappropriate. I think it's wrong, I think it's unfair and

I, quite frankly, think that on a constitutional basis, I think once you take a vote on a veto, that vote is the vote and that's it. I think the fact that we are going to vote on this again now, I think also the people of the State of Maine are going to be watching because I do believe that people believe that this is about a fair process. When there's a perception that the process isn't being done in a fair way, then I think that reflects poorly upon the work that we do in this body. And I would ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the sustaining of this veto. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Russell.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I wasn't planning to speak on this issue, but I'm a very big fan of making sure that we have a clear and transparent process. It's something that I have championed for a long time. We all have to take votes sometimes that are process votes. But, this isn't about the process. This is about women and families across the state, and making sure that we're empowering women to make their own healthcare decisions. That they have access to services that they may not have, particularly in rural Maine.

In my district, I have ample access to services, healthcare services. That's not necessarily the case throughout the state. So, we can make this about the process but really it's about women, it's about families, and people do pay attention to what we do here. They watch us on television, they pay attention to our votes through social media, through the media, and this happens to be an issue that thousands and thousands of women across the state and thousands of men are paying close attention to. And they do expect better from us. I think that we should have a straight up and down vote on this. If we fail, we fail, but it should be a straight vote, not about the process. I disagree with the process, but not about that. It should be about women, it should be about families and it should be about family planning services period, because, at the end of the day, it's the vote that matters. Thanks.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Treat.

Representative **TREAT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, 22 years ago, I decided, actually it was 24 years ago, I decided to run for office for the first time. This may be my last vote after that 22 year run during that time, or one of my last votes. I'm just going to tell you why it means a lot to me. I had been around the State House for about four years. I worked for the Natural Resources Council of Maine lobbying on environmental issues. One of the reasons I decided to take the step to run for office is that I wanted to speak up on issues that affected women. And, you know, when you're around the State House, there are things going on and you are lobbying on some issue, I was just really wanting to say how I felt about things, but I couldn't because I was speaking for an environmental group which didn't take positions on the issues necessarily affecting women. And it's one of the reasons that I ran.

Over the years, I have seen, I guess you could call it gamesmanship, and you know, a lot of stuff that goes on in the Legislature. I would just say that over my 22 years in the Legislature that, this session, there's been less of that than most other years. I don't think today is an example of gamesmanship. You know, reconsideration is something that is allowed in our rules. There is nothing in our rules that says that you can't reconsider a vote that was cast that related to a veto. We reconsider bills in our committees and I have voted to reconsider bills that I did not agree with because people in my committee cared about those bills. They wanted a chance to vote on a different version. They wanted a chance to vote again. It is part

of the legislative process.

I can understand people who felt that, well, I voted once and that was tough to do. I don't want to have to do it twice. But we have many votes here that are hard votes. To me, you know, it has never steered me wrong to vote the way I wanted to vote in my heart regardless of the politics going on. That has always gone well for me. I would just encourage those who, for whatever reason, feel now less comfortable with the vote that they cast before, that they think about what's in their heart and what's right. This is an important bill for women. We know that many, many women get their primary health care by going to seek family planning services.

I wasn't preparing to speak on this, I don't have statistics around this, but I know that there are quite significant statistics out there about the number of women whose lives have been saved because cervical cancer was detected as a result of going to seek family planning services. Many, many women fell into that category who otherwise would not have sought a physical to find out. So, I just hope that we can set aside these kinds of things and especially as members of our own caucuses, as members of this Legislature, not members of leadership who are standing up making these motions, but just representing ourselves and representing our districts, that we cast our vote now in favor of this legislation and in favor of overturning the veto. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Morrill, Representative Pease.

Representative PEASE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise because I agree with the Representative from Portland that we should have an up and down vote. We did. Then we acted like sixth graders and took the ball and ran home. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative McCABE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, I rise today, not as a member of leadership, but as a husband, as a father. I rise in support of this very important measure for statewide efforts, statewide efforts for women's health. I hope that we will focus on what this bill is really about, and that our votes today will be cast. We will do what's right. We'll do what's right and we will vote to support necessary services around women's health and we will not focus on the process, and we will choose women's health over process. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative McGowan.

Representative MCGOWAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise as a man who lost his wife to cancer 11 years ago. As a man who, in our cancer commission, learned that the primary place for early screening and detection and cancer is Planned Parenthood for poor, rural women. So, when you vote today, whether you don't like the process, whether you don't like the reconsideration, understand you are voting on the lives of families that don't have the luxury of the kind of healthcare that you have and you have an opportunity to change that in Maine. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Daughtry.

Representative DAUGHTRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to speak slightly reluctantly this afternoon. First, I do want to acknowledge the politics. You know, we've heard that we took a vote and it didn't win and we should move on. Well, politics is a game. I hate to say it, but it's something that's part of the system. It's something I do find disgusting and I completely understand the frustration of a

reconsideration vote. But, we are where we are right now and we have one more chance to vote on this bill. So, let's show that we are bigger than politics. Let's not have this turn into a bitter campaign battle where we'll see opposition mailers on either side of the aisle saying so-and-so didn't have courage when we all know how we truly believe. Let's not say this is about women and people who voted this way are out to get women's health. That's not true. What I'm asking, right now, is that we have a fresh start. It doesn't happen often in politics, but we can show that we are better than stooping to the level of games. Let's start fresh. Let's think about how we honestly feel on the issue. I know it's a lot to ask, but it's a very, very important bill.

I was speaking to a couple of friends who are nurses at Parkview in my town of Brunswick, as well as Mid-Coast Hospital. They said they've seen firsthand the kind of change that this bill can bring. It's an important lifesaver. It's an amazing measure that not only saves money, but it decreases the rate of abortions. So, I know it's a lot to ask. It's our last day. But, let's put aside the gamesmanship. Let's forget. Let's have a reset on our brains and just vote on how we feel about this issue, regardless of what happened in the past. I urge you to follow my light and please follow your heart as well.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buckfield, Representative Hayes.

Representative HAYES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Women and Men of the House, to quote a famous man, "I have a dream." I have a dream that at some point in the future, every single one of you who was elected to sit in this room will be able to vote your conscience on every bill and stand by that all the way through to the end, regardless of what the person to your left or your right thinks you should do. That it's you. You've earned that right.

In my opinion, every one of us earned that right. Every time that there's something on that black board and I push that button, I'm only accountable to me. I've seen a number of things, just in today, that cause me concern. That my dream has not been realized yet. That we all don't get to necessarily vote where our conscience is, where our constituents, where we want to defend. We don't necessarily have that yet and I dream of a future when all of you will have that and you won't be pressured by those who sit on one side or the other of you. You can walk in here knowing what you're going to do, listen thoughtfully because you may get more information, and you may change your mind, but once we're no longer debating in this room and we're lighting up the boards, I wish a future for you where you can press red or green and be comfortable with that choice without being pressured by those that sit on either side of you. I'm not sure that that has come. Frankly, what I've witnessed today suggests it has not, which is unfortunate.

From my perspective, I'm done. I'll be gone like the good Representative from Hallowell, you know, this may be my swansong floor speech. But I do have this dream that in the future, when you're back here, you'll be able to vote your conscience, red or green, on every item that comes before you because you've earned that seat and no one else has the right to tell you what button to push. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative BERRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise not to speak to the merits of the bill because this is really an issue that I don't feel entirely competent to judge. I have women in my life who I listen to whose health care is impacted by this bill, and to me, there are others in this chamber who are much more qualified to speak to the merits of the issue than I am.

But I want to speak to the concern about process, because I

think that that deserves an answer. It's a question that's been raised and I do want to explain my reason for requesting a reconsideration earlier on today. I've been on both sides of reconsiderations before. I remember being extraordinarily frustrated when multiple reconsiderations happened on bills that I cared about when I sat on the other side of the aisle. So, I feel I owe that explanation. The reason, Mr. Speaker, that I moved reconsideration today was simply this. There was a member who was on her way to the chamber who cared very deeply about this bill and who wanted to be able to vote on it. I wanted to be able to give her that opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Dickerson.

Representative **DICKERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As most of you know, I am a teacher. When I finished my coursework to become a teacher, I was an educational technician. I taught at Medomak Valley High School in Waldoboro, Maine. I was in charge of something called a learning laboratory which basically meant that I was in charge of a bunch of kids that didn't really want to be there. I had a little knot of teenaged girls gathered around me and my computer and all of these girls, every single one of them, I think there were five or six of them, were all considering dropping out of high school. Most of them were homeless and a couple of them are now pregnant, or have little kids, or more on the way, and I was doing everything I could possibly do to hang on to those girls, make sure that they graduated from high school, while I, myself, nearing whatever age it was at that point after 20 years of struggle, was finishing my own college education so that I could finally gain employment, all right? These are the girls we're talking about here who need these services so that they can have a future. Now, I am not going to stand in front of these girls at some point and say, "Well, because there was some sort of a legislative process, you can't have the health care services that you need to ensure that you may have a future at some point in this world where you can actually provide for your family." I'm not going to stand there and tell those girls that because of some sort of a legislative process, it is what it is. I'm asking you call it what it is and do what's right for these girls and for everybody who needs these services. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Norridgewock, Representative Dorney.

Representative **DORNEY**: Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I just wanted to remind people that when you're pregnant in the State of Maine, you actually get your pregnancy covered if you're up to 200 percent of poverty. This is what we're asking for for birth control coverage. It makes a big difference in people's lives if they can actually have children when they're ready to have children. It would make a big difference in my patients' lives if they could plan their pregnancies, they could get reliable birth control and not just have coverage when they're pregnant. Thank you so much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for getting up a second time, but in 1958, my wife blessed me with a little girl and, in 1960, a little boy. Two years later she wasn't feeling well and she come to me and told me she had cancer. And I'm not looking at you right now, I'm looking at the people that have a problem voting for this. Well, I spent a month, five days a week, every week for a month, taking her and have to mark her and do radiation on her. It didn't work. Now, I watched them isolate her and put pellets inside of her and that didn't work. This went on for a year and they finally cut her open and took all her insides out. Well, the 29th of this June, I've still

got her and I'll be married to her for 58 years. So, I'll think about that when I cross that aisle.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Freedom, Representative Jones.

Representative **JONES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Men and Women of the House, I'd like to address the issue of policy and process briefly, if I may, Mr. Speaker. The good Representative from Skowhegan and also from Brunswick mentioned that the process regarding this bill on the floor has been frustrating for some, confusing for others, manipulative in the perception of some. But I would argue that this bill was properly before the public hearing in committee, it was properly vetted by the committee, it came to both chambers properly, it was passed by this chamber, it was passed by the other chamber and then it went to the second floor for consideration. I would argue, Mr. Speaker, that the only consideration of this bill before us, even though the current process on the floor may have been perceived to be un-seemly or un-gamely, or maybe, I would never say this but some of us may perceive it as being manipulative, even though the process here was imperfect, the item before us is a consideration of policy. Mr. Speaker, the item before us, the policy, has not changed since we took the last vote. So, I would encourage the good Representatives from Augusta, and Scarborough, and Waldoboro who have intimated to the body that the process which somehow influenced their votes, I would urge them not to consider the process which is, it's not faulty, but it's inconvenient. It's not efficient, it's cumbersome. But the process here is designed to make sure that we do have proper procedures such that every member can speak, every idea is considered and everyone gets to reconsider their actions earlier. In this case, was it as clear and fair as it could have been? I don't know. Is it perceived to have been so? Perhaps not by some. But I would urge all of us to look at the original policy. Look at your original vote. Look at the new information that the Executive Director gives us in his veto letter and consider your vote on that basis only. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Yarmouth, Representative Cooper.

Representative **COOPER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to clarify one point about LD 1247. I believe that sometimes what motivates a vote on a particular matter may be something that is not actually in the bill, but something that is perceived to be in the bill incorrectly. The other day I received an impassioned email from a constituent who urged me in the strongest terms to oppose this bill and urged me to sustain the veto because he and his family were so adamantly opposed to abortion. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I'm sure most of you know, but maybe not all of you, that since the 1970s, Medicaid, or MaineCare funds have been banned from being used for abortion. This has nothing to do with abortion. The fact that some of your constituents may believe it does should not sway you in any way. It's your responsibility to make that clear. This is about family planning that does not include abortion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Volk.

Representative **VOLK**: Thank you. I just want to address something that was just stated, and I think that there needs to be some recognition that for some of us this is not a black and white issue. This was not an easy decision to make and some of us may have still been a little bit on the fence or voting for it, in favor of this bill, because it was maybe a 51 percent, 49 percent, and the way this process has unfolded, it has flipped that so that now we're looking at it in a different way. To me, this has never been a clear vote. This has never been an easy vote. When

something like this happens, yes, I do think that it's not so much that I've changed my mind about the bill, because I've always been on the fence about the bill. But, I was keeping a promise to somebody that, at this point, in time, I don't feel I need to keep any longer because of the process and the way that it has unfolded, the fact that I have repeatedly voted on the record in favor of this bill. I just heard also about how funding is not going to go towards abortion. I know that. I understand that, but we also all know that Family Planning is going to be out campaigning for certain people and not campaigning for other people. That their funds get used for political purposes, that funds that they don't have to, if the State of Maine is paying for birth control, that frees up money that can go towards abortions. This isn't all a black and white issue. There's a lot of gray here. I just hope that some members would recognize that. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Villa.

Representative VILLA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to not vote for this bill under the guise of procedure shows a lack of courage and is a disgrace.

The SPEAKER: Will the Representative defer? Please do not impugn the motives of other House members.

The Chair reminded Representative VILLA of Harrison that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative VILLA: Politics be darned. Just do the right thing for the people of the State of Maine. This bill will affect a lot of young women, a lot of women and it's just the right thing to do. To change your vote at this time under the guise of procedure, it's embarrassing as an elected official to have had bipartisan support of a really good bill that works for the people of Maine only to have people change their minds or votes for the wrong reasons. Politics should not play a role in the laws that we pass. What we need to do is work for the best interests of the people of the State of Maine. Not for party, but for the people. I ask that you support this bill, and, Mr. Speaker, I would like to request a roll call. Thank you.

The same Representative REQUESTED a roll call on the motion to RECONSIDER whereby the Veto was SUSTAINED.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Daughtry.

Representative DAUGHTRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I apologize for rising a second time, but I actually want to echo the comments made by the good Representative from Scarborough, and I want to thank her for saying that it's not black and white. It is a gray matter and there have been a few hurtful things said this afternoon, so I wanted to rise and thank everyone who's been working on this issue and recognize that it isn't easy. I want to thank you for taking the time to consider it openly. It's a hard process and I hope that at the end of the day we can look at this with an open mind. But, I just wanted to make sure someone stood today and thanked everyone for having an open heart and an open mind about this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Reconsider whereby the Veto was Sustained. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 792

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant,

Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Villa, Welsh, Werts, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Evangelos, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Wilson, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Malaby, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Theriault.

Yes, 90; No, 55; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

Subsequently, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 793V

YEA - Beaudoin, Beavers, Beck, Berry, Boland, Bolduc, Briggs, Brooks, Campbell J, Carey, Casavant, Cassidy, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Devin, Dickerson, Dill, Dion, Dorney, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Goode, Graham, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Hayes, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Jones, Jorgensen, Kaenrath, Kent, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Kusiak, Lajoie, Libby N, Longstaff, Luchini, MacDonald W, Marks, Mason, Mastraccio, McCabe, McGowan, McLean, Monaghan-Derrig, Moonen, Moriarty, Morrison, Nadeau C, Nelson, Peoples, Peterson, Plante, Powers, Priest, Pringle, Rankin, Rochelo, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Saxton, Schneck, Shaw, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tipping-Spitz, Treat, Verow, Villa, Welsh, Werts, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Ayotte, Beaulieu, Bennett, Black, Campbell R, Chase, Cotta, Crafts, Cray, Crockett, Davis, Doak, Dunphy, Duprey, Espling, Fitzpatrick, Fredette, Gifford, Gillway, Guerin, Harvell, Jackson, Johnson P, Keschl, Kinney, Knight, Libby A, Lockman, Long, MacDonald S, Maker, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau A, Newendyke, Nutting, Parry, Pease, Pouliot, Reed, Sanderson, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Tyler, Volk, Wallace, Weaver, Willette, Winchenbach, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Clark, Johnson D, Malaby, Noon, Peavey Haskell, Theriault.

Yes, 92; No, 53; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

92 having voted in the affirmative and 53 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Correct an Error in the Laws To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

(H.P. 1359) (L.D. 1863)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 131 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Support Nursing Facilities and Home Care for Seniors and Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 758) (L.D. 1864)

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

ENACTORS
Acts

An Act To Clarify the Specific Purposes of Recently Enacted Legislation Authorizing the Issuance of a General Fund Bond

(H.P. 1360) (L.D. 1865)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 969)

MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 1, 2014

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 126th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Elizabeth E. Pingree of East Machias for appointment to the Maine Maritime Academy, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Steven H. Levesque of Farmingdale for appointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Miles R. Williams of Caribou for reappointment to the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Rita M. Armstrong of Freeport for reappointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Carl W. Flora of Presque Isle for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Christine M. Phillips of Calais for appointment to the Washington County Development Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Gwendolyn E. Viles of Athens for appointment to the State Board of Education.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Paul M. Nelson of Biddeford for appointment to the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of Honorable Paul L. Rudman of Orono for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of Honorable Francis C. Marsano of Belfast for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of Honorable John R. Atwood of Newcastle for appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of John C. Norman of Portland for appointment to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Amie M. Parker of Lewiston for appointment to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of Kevin P. Joseph of Oakland for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of John J. Bouchard of Brunswick for appointment to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, the nomination of Patricia A. Rice of Veazie for appointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

ORDERS

On motion of Representative PETERSON of Rumford, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1361)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Commission on Independent Living and Disability, referred to in this order as "the commission," is established.

1. Membership. The commission consists of the following members, a majority of whom must be individuals with disabilities:

A. The President of the Senate shall appoint:

- (1) Two members of the Senate;
- (2) Two members of the public with experience or expertise in the challenges of independent living for individuals with disabilities in the State; and
- (3) One representative of a program serving individuals with disabilities who are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State;

B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

- (1) Two members of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One member of the public with experience or expertise in the challenges of independent living for individuals with disabilities in the State;
- (3) One representative of a business that is a model workplace for individuals with disabilities;
- (4) One representative of a statewide association of providers of services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism; and
- (5) One representative of a statewide association of adults with developmental disabilities and autism; and

C. The commission shall invite the participation of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or a designee; the executive director of the Disability Rights Center, or a designee; the executive director of Alpha One, or a designee; the chair of the Maine Statewide Independent Living Council, or a designee; and the Attorney General, or a designee.

2. Chairs. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

3. Appointments; convening of commission. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the passage of this order a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

4. Duties. The commission shall evaluate the needs of Maine citizens with disabilities, review existing available resources and services and recommend priorities for cost-effective changes designed to promote independent living and community inclusion. Specifically, the commission shall examine the State's laws governing access to housing, transportation, public accommodation, education and employment. In developing its recommendations on measures to improve the lives of, and increase overall community participation by, Maine citizens with disabilities, the commission shall consider the expansion of access to:

- A. Assistive technology;
- B. Appropriate and accessible housing and community-based living opportunities;
- C. Appropriate education and training opportunities to promote employment of individuals with disabilities; and
- D. Cost-effective transportation.

5. Staff assistance. The Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.

6. Report. No later than November 5, 2014, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and

recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

READ and PASSED.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

The House recessed until 7:00 p.m.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 970)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 1261, Legislative Document 1757, "Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Resolve become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

20 voted in favor and 15 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Resolve not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 971)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 1250, Legislative Document 1744, "An Act To Protect Maine Lakes," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question:

"Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

21 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 972)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 819, Legislative Document 1154, "An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

22 voted in favor and 13 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 973)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 1311, Legislative Document 1821, "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

21 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 974)

MAINE SENATE

**126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 206, Legislative Document 297, "An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained in Order To Allow Them To Carry Firearms," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

21 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Darek M. Grant
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1357) (L.D. 1862) Bill "An Act To Enhance the Availability of Special Restricted Licenses in Cases of Medical Need" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-852)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education

(S.P. 667) (L.D. 1702)

Reporting **Ought to Pass.**

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and the Resolve and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

READ.

The Resolve and accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

Ought to Pass as Amended

Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion"

(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1703)

Reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-489).

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

READ.

The Bill and accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative **BEAVERS** of South Berwick, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1358) (Cosponsored by Representatives: **AYOTTE** of Caswell, **BEAR** of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, **BEAUDOIN** of Biddeford, **BEAULIEU** of Auburn, **BECK** of Waterville, **BENNETT** of Kennebunk, **BERRY** of Bowdoinham, **BLACK** of Wilton, **BOLAND** of Sanford, **BOLDUC** of Auburn, **BRIGGS** of Mexico, **BROOKS** of Winterport, **CAMPBELL** of Newfield, **CAMPBELL** of Orrington, **CAREY** of Lewiston, **CASAVANT** of Biddeford, **CASSIDY** of Lubec, **CHAPMAN** of Brooksville, **CHASE** of Wells, **CHENETTE** of Saco, **CHIPMAN** of Portland, **CLARK** of Easton, **COOPER** of Yarmouth, **COTTA** of China, **CRAFTS** of Lisbon, **CRAY** of Palmyra, **CROCKETT** of Bethel, **DAUGHTRY** of Brunswick, **DAVIS** of Sangerville, **DeCHANT** of Bath, **DEVIN** of Newcastle, **DICKERSON** of Rockland, **DILL** of Old Town, **DION** of Portland, **DOAK** of Columbia Falls, **DORNEY** of Norridgewock, **DUNPHY** of Emden, **DUPREY** of Hampden, **ESPLING** of New Gloucester, **EVANGELOS** of Friendship, Speaker **EVES** of North Berwick, **FARNSWORTH** of Portland, **FITZPATRICK** of Houlton, **FOWLE** of Vassalboro, **FREDETTE** of Newport, **FREY** of Bangor, **GATTINE** of Westbrook, **GIDEON** of Freeport, **GIFFORD** of Lincoln, **GILBERT** of Jay, **GILLWAY** of Searsport, **GOODE** of Bangor, **GRAHAM** of North Yarmouth, **GRANT** of Gardiner, **GUERIN** of Glenburn, **HAMANN** of South Portland, **HARLOW** of Portland, **HARVELL** of Farmington, **HAYES** of Buckfield, **HERBIG** of Belfast, **HICKMAN** of Winthrop, **HOBBINS** of Saco, **HUBBELL** of Bar Harbor, **JACKSON** of Oxford, **JOHNSON** of Eddington, **JOHNSON** of Greenville, **JONES** of Freedom, **JORGENSEN** of Portland, **KAENRATH** of South Portland, **KENT** of Woolwich, **KESCHL** of Belgrade, **KINNEY** of Limington, **KNIGHT** of Livermore Falls, **KORNFELD** of Bangor, **KRUGER** of Thomaston, **KUMIEGA** of Deer Isle, **KUSIAK** of Fairfield, **LAJOIE** of Lewiston, **LIBBY** of Waterboro, **LIBBY** of Lewiston, **LOCKMAN** of Amherst, **LONG** of Sherman, **LONGSTAFF** of Waterville, **LUCHINI** of Ellsworth, **MacDONALD** of Old Orchard Beach, **MacDONALD** of Boothbay, **MAKER** of Calais, **MALABY** of Hancock, **MAREAN** of Hollis, **MARKS** of Pittston, **MASON** of Topsham, **MASTRACCIO** of Sanford, **McCABE** of Skowhegan, **McCLELLAN** of Raymond, **McELWEE** of Caribou, **McGOWAN** of York, **McLEAN** of Gorham, **MITCHELL** of the Penobscot Nation, **MONAGHAN-DERRIG** of Cape Elizabeth, **MOONEN** of Portland, **MORIARTY** of Cumberland, **MORRISON** of South Portland, **NADEAU** of Fort Kent, **NADEAU** of Winslow, **NELSON** of Falmouth, **NEWENDYKE** of Litchfield, **NOON** of Sanford, **NUTTING** of Oakland, **PARRY** of Arundel, **PEASE** of Morrill, **PEAVEY HASKELL** of Milford, **PEOPLES** of Westbrook, **PETERSON** of Rumford, **PLANTE** of Berwick, **POULIOT** of Augusta, **POWERS** of Naples, **PRIEST** of Brunswick, **PRINGLE** of Windham, **RANKIN** of Hiram, **REED** of Carmel, **ROCHELO** of Biddeford, **ROTUNDO** of Lewiston, **RUSSELL** of Portland, **RYKERSON** of Kittery, **SANBORN** of Gorham, **SANDERSON** of

Chelsea, **SAUCIER** of Presque Isle, **SAXTON** of Harpswell, **SCHNECK** of Bangor, **SHAW** of Standish, **SHORT** of Pittsfield, **SIROCKI** of Scarborough, **SOCTOMAH** of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, **STANLEY** of Medway, **STUCKEY** of Portland, **THERIAULT** of Madawaska, **TIMBERLAKE** of Turner, **TIPPING-SPITZ** of Orono, **TREAT** of Hallowell, **TURNER** of Burlington, **TYLER** of Windham, **VEROW** of Brewer, **VILLA** of Harrison, **VOLK** of Scarborough, **WALLACE** of Dexter, **WEAVER** of York, **WELSH** of Rockport, **WERTS** of Auburn, **WILLETTE** of Mapleton, **WILSON** of Augusta, **WINCHENBACH** of Waldoboro, **WINSOR** of Norway, **WOOD** of Sabattus, Senators: President **ALFOND** of Cumberland, **BOYLE** of Cumberland, **BURNS** of Washington, **CAIN** of Penobscot, **CLEVELAND** of Androscoggin, **COLLINS** of York, **CRAVEN** of Androscoggin, **CUSHING** of Penobscot, **DUTREMBLE** of York, **FLOOD** of Kennebec, **GERZOFISKY** of Cumberland, **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **HAMPER** of Oxford, **HASKELL** of Cumberland, **HILL** of York, **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **JOHNSON** of Lincoln, **KATZ** of Kennebec, **LACHOWICZ** of Kennebec, **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **MASON** of Androscoggin, **MAZUREK** of Knox, **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **PATRICK** of Oxford, **PLUMMER** of Cumberland, **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **SHERMAN** of Aroostook, **THIBODEAU** of Waldo, **THOMAS** of Somerset, **TUTTLE** of York, **VALENTINO** of York, **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset, **WOODBURY** of Cumberland, **YOUNGBLOOD** of Penobscot)

JOINT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY AS FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month originated in 1988 when the National Foster Parent Association persuaded the United States Congress to introduce a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month and to recognize and show appreciation for the tremendous contributions of foster parents across the nation; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a Foster Care Month in Maine provides an opportunity for people to focus their attention on the year-round needs of children and youth in foster care and to raise awareness about foster care and encourages citizens to get involved in the lives of these children; and

WHEREAS, Maine is strongly committed to the important task of ensuring that our children grow up healthy and safe, and boys and girls in foster care too often go without the love, protection and stability of a permanent family; and

WHEREAS, during Foster Care Month, we recognize the foster parents and professionals who work every day to lift up the children in their care toward a bright, productive future; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100,000 children in Maine who are looking for permanency with caring parents and meaningful, long-term relationships that will help them transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in order to give foster youth the support they need, people in every Maine community are stepping up to serve as mentors, teachers, faith leaders, caseworkers, advocates and kinship caregivers to make a difference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to recognize May as Foster Care Month and we urge people in Maine to be supportive adults for children in need and we send our appreciation to the countless people who are answering that call to action.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 1, 2014

On motion of Representative RANKIN of Hiram, the following House Order: (H.O. 46)

ORDERED, that Representative Ann E. Dorney of Norridgewock be excused April 9 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Thomas M. Tyler of Windham be excused April 16 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing Connor Gordon, of South Paris.

(HLS 990)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham pending **PASSAGE**.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 975)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 700, Legislative Document 1765, "An Act To Establish the Criminal Law Revision Commission," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

21 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 976)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 453, Legislative Document 1310, "An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care through Empowering the Denturist Subcommittee of the Board of Dental Examiners,"

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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" 9 voted in favor and 26 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 977)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 657, Legislative Document 933, "An Act To Establish a State Board of Dental Hygiene," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

20 voted in favor and 15 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

At this point, the Speaker recognized all members who have served as Speaker Pro Tem during the 126th Legislature.

The **SPEAKER**: It is now my great pleasure to recognize members of the House who have served this chamber as Speakers Pro Tem. I thank them on behalf of all the members of the House for their service to this chamber. I want to present them with a ceremonial gavel and a photo. As I call your name, would you please approach the rostrum on my right?

The Representative from Jay, Representative Gilbert, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on May 14, 2013. The Representative from Wells, Representative Chase, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on February 20, 2014. The Representative from Mexico, Representative Briggs, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on February 25, 2014. The Representative from China, Representative Cotta, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on February 27, 2014. The Representative from Boothbay, Representative MacDonald, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on March 4, 2014. The Representative from Madawaska, Representative Theriault, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on March 19, 2014. The Representative from Hallowell, Representative Treat, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on March 20, 2014. The Representative from Livermore Falls, Representative Knight, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on

March 24, 2014. The Representative from Biddeford, Representative Beaudoin, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on March 31, 2014. The Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on April 17, 2014. The Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 21, 2014. And last, but certainly not least, the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry, who served as Speaker Pro Tem on January 24, 2013, May 21, 2013 and April 14, 2014.

At this point, the House performed the Ceremony of Lights.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the House will proceed with the traditional Ceremony of Lights. The Clerk will call the names of the members who will not be returning. As your name is called, please vote green.

The CLERK: The Representative from Columbia Falls, Representative Peter Doak, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Nathan L. Libby, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Cumberland, Representative Stephen W. Moriarty, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Morrill, Representative Jethro D. Pease, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Augusta, Representative Corey S. Wilson, 2 years of legislative service; the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Paul Edward Bennett, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Old Town, Representative James F. Dill, 4 years of legislative service; the Representative from Houlton, Representative Joyce A. Fitzpatrick, 4 years of service; the Representative from Eddington, Representative David D. Johnson, 4 years of service; the Representative from Waterboro, Representative Aaron F. Libby, 4 years of service; the Representative from Litchfield, Representative Melvin Newendyke, 4 years of service; the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Megan M. Rochelo, 4 years of service; the Representative from Windham, Representative Thomas M. Tyler, 4 years of service; the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Amy F. Volk, 4 years of service; the Representative from Mapleton, Representative Alexander Reginald Willette, 4 years of service; the Representative from Bethel, Representative Jarrod S. Crockett, 6 years of service; the Representative from Sangerville, Representative Paul T. Davis, Sr., 6 years of service; the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Mary Pennell Nelson, 6 years of service; the Representative from Milford, Representative Anita Peavey Haskell, 6 years of service; the Representative from Mexico, Representative Sheryl J. Briggs, 7 years of service; the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Michael E. Carey, 7 years of service; the Representative from Greenville, Representative Peter B. Johnson, 7 years of service; the Representative from Caswell, Representative Bernard L. A. Ayotte, 8 years of service; the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Paulette G. Beaudoin, 8 years of service; the Representative from Auburn, Representative Michael G. Beaulieu, 8 years of service; the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Seth A. Berry, 8 years of service; the Representative from Sanford, Representative Andrea M. Boland, 8 years of service; the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Alan M. Casavant, 8 years of service; the Representative from Wells, Representative Kathleen D. Chase, 8 years of service; the Representative from China, Representative H. David Cotta, 8 years of service; the Representative from

Palmyra, Representative Dean A. Cray, 8 years of service; the Representative from Lincoln, Representative Jeffery Allen Gifford, 8 years of service; the Representative from Buckfield, Representative Terry M. Hayes, 8 years of service; the Representative from South Portland, Representative Bryan T. Kaenrath, 8 years of service; the Representative from Livermore Falls, Representative L. Gary Knight, 8 years of service; the Representative from Boothbay, Representative W. Bruce MacDonald, 8 years of service; the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Ann E. Peoples, 8 years of service; the Representative from Madawaska, Representative Charles Kenneth Theriault, 8 years of service; the Representative from York, Representative Windol C. Weaver, 8 years of service; the Representative from Auburn, Representative Brian D. Bolduc, 10 years of service; the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Charles R. Priest, 14 years of service; and the Representative from Hallowell, Representative Sharon Anglin Treat, 14 years of service.

The SPEAKER: Please join me in thanking all these members for their service to the Maine House of Representatives.

ENACTORS Emergency Measure

An Act To Enhance the Availability of Special Restricted Licenses in Cases of Medical Need

(H.P. 1357) (L.D. 1862)
(C. "A" H-852)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 110 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 759)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Commission To Improve Protections for Injured Workers Whose Employers Have Wrongfully Not Secured Workers' Compensation Insurance, referred to in this order as "the commission," is established.

1. Membership. The commission consists of the following members.

A. The President of the Senate shall appoint:

- (1) Two members of the Senate;
- (2) One representative of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations;
- (3) One representative of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce;
- (4) One representative of the National Federation of Independent Business; and
- (5) One attorney who primarily represents injured workers.

B. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

- (1) Three members of the House of Representatives;
- (2) Two representatives of workers' compensation insurance carriers;
- (3) One representative of the Workers' Compensation Coordinating Council of Maine; and
- (4) One representative of the construction industry.

C. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall invite the participation of the executive director of the Workers' Compensation Board, or a designee.

Legislative members of the commission must be from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

2. Chairs. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

3. Appointments; convening of commission. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the passage of this order a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

4. Duties. The commission shall study the issue of improving protections for injured workers whose employers have wrongfully not secured workers' compensation payments, including the prevalence of the problem, and identify potential funding sources to address the problem.

5. Staff assistance. The Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.

6. Report. No later than November 5, 2014, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 468)

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

May 1, 2014

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

L.D. 1864 An Act To Support Nursing Facilities and Home Care for Seniors and Create a Tax Credit for Primary Care Professionals Practicing in Underserved Areas (EMERGENCY)

The sponsors and cosponsors have been notified of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of House

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

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

After Midnight

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 979)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 1, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Senate Paper 1229, Legislative Document 1719, "An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources and To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Adult Day Services," 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 Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

20 voted in favor and 14 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 469)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY**

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alford, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

31 Total Number of Bills and Papers

14 Unanimous Reports

5 Ought Not To Pass

1 Ought To Pass

5 Ought To Pass As Amended

3 Referred to Another Committee

13 Divided Reports

4 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Eloise A. Vitelli

Senate Chair

S/James F. Dill

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 470)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

May 2, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alford, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

109 Total Number of Bills and Papers

99 Unanimous Reports

76 Ought Not To Pass

4 Ought To Pass

17 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Referred

1 Referred to Another Committee

6 Divided Reports

1 Gubernatorial Nomination

1 Pursuant to Chaptered Law

2 Pursuant to Joint Order

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Dawn Hill

Senate Chair

S/Margaret Rotundo

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 471)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alford, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

24 Total Number of Bills and Papers

9 Unanimous Reports

2 Ought Not To Pass

1 Ought To Pass

6 Ought To Pass As Amended

13 Divided Reports

2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Stanley J. Gerzofsky

Senate Chair

S/Mark N. Dion

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 472)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

62 Total Number of Bills and Papers

- 39 Unanimous Reports
 - 8 Ought Not To Pass
 - 2 Ought To Pass
 - 18 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 11 Referred to Another Committee
- 6 Divided Reports
 - 1 Leave to Withdraw
- 14 Gubernatorial Nominations
 - 1 Pursuant to Chaptered Law
 - 1 Pursuant to Joint Order

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Rebecca J. Millett
Senate Chair
S/W. Bruce MacDonald
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 473)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

43 Total Number of Bills and Papers

- 27 Unanimous Reports
 - 12 Ought Not To Pass
 - 14 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee
- 13 Divided Reports
 - 3 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/John J. Cleveland
Senate Chair
S/Barry J. Hobbins
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 474)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

22 Total Number of Bills and Papers

- 10 Unanimous Reports
 - 5 Ought Not To Pass
 - 1 Ought To Pass
 - 2 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 2 Referred to Another Committee
- 8 Divided Reports
 - 3 Gubernatorial Nominations
 - 1 Pursuant to Chaptered Law

Respectfully Submitted,

S/James A. Boyle
Senate Chair
S/Joan W. Welsh
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 475)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

67 Total Number of Bills and Papers

- 41 Unanimous Reports
 - 10 Ought Not To Pass
 - 4 Ought To Pass
 - 13 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 14 Referred to Another Committee
- 24 Divided Reports
 - 1 Leave to Withdraw
 - 1 Pursuant to Joint Resolution

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Margaret M. Craven
Senate Chair
S/Richard R. Farnsworth
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 476)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

7 Total Number of Bills and Papers

4 Unanimous Reports

2 Ought Not To Pass

2 Ought To Pass As Amended

2 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

Respectfully Submitted,

S/David E. Dutremble

Senate Chair

S/Michael A. Shaw

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 477)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

16 Total Number of Bills and Papers

9 Unanimous Reports

3 Ought Not To Pass

2 Ought To Pass

4 Ought To Pass As Amended

7 Divided Reports

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Geoffrey M. Gratwick

Senate Chair

S/Sharon Anglin Treat

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 478)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

41 Total Number of Bills and Papers

20 Unanimous Reports

1 Ought Not To Pass

14 Ought To Pass As Amended

5 Referred to Another Committee

4 Divided Reports

17 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Linda M. Valentino

Senate Chair

S/Charles R. Priest

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 479)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

64 Total Number of Bills and Papers

33 Unanimous Reports

11 Ought Not To Pass

5 Ought To Pass

13 Ought To Pass As Amended

4 Referred to Another Committee

13 Divided Reports

1 Leave to Withdraw

17 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/John L. Patrick

Senate Chair

S/Erin D. Herbig

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 480)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

126th Maine Legislature

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 2, 2014

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 15 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 10 Unanimous Reports
 - 2 Ought Not To Pass
 - 1 Ought To Pass
 - 5 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 2 Referred to Another Committee
 - 4 Divided Reports
 - 1 Gubernatorial Nomination

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Christopher K. Johnson
Senate Chair
S/Walter A. Kumiega
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 481)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 15 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 9 Unanimous Reports
 - 2 Ought Not To Pass
 - 1 Ought To Pass
 - 5 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee
 - 4 Divided Reports
 - 2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Colleen M. Lachowicz
Senate Chair
S/Anne P. Graham
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 482)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed

before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 48 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 39 Unanimous Reports
 - 12 Ought Not To Pass
 - 2 Ought To Pass
 - 16 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 9 Referred to Another Committee
 - 8 Divided Reports
 - 1 Gubernatorial Nomination

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Anne M. Haskell
Senate Chair
S/Adam A. Goode
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 483)

STATE OF MAINE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

May 2, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

- 22 Total Number of Bills and Papers
 - 20 Unanimous Reports
 - 5 Ought Not To Pass
 - 3 Ought To Pass
 - 11 Ought To Pass As Amended
 - 1 Referred to Another Committee
 - 2 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
S/Edward J. Mazurek
Senate Chair
S/Charles K. Theriault
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD - HOUSE, May 2, 2014

The Following Communication: (H.C. 484)

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

April 16, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

38 Total Number of Bills and Papers

20 Unanimous Reports

6 Ought Not To Pass

2 Ought To Pass

9 Ought To Pass As Amended

3 Referred to Another Committee

14 Divided Reports

4 Gubernatorial Nominations

Respectfully Submitted,

S/John L. Tuttle

Senate Chair

S/Louis J. Luchini

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 485)

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON MAINE'S WORKFORCE
AND ECONOMIC FUTURE**

April 11, 2014

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

We are pleased to report that all business which was placed before the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature has been completed. The breakdown of bills and papers before our committee follows:

4 Total Number of Bills and Papers

3 Unanimous Reports

1 Ought Not To Pass

2 Ought To Pass As Amended

1 Divided Report

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Linda M. Valentino

Senate Chair

S/Seth A. Berry

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House to wait upon his Excellency, Governor PAUL R. LePAGE, and inform him that the House was ready to adjourn without day:

Representative TREAT of Hallowell

Representative PRIEST of Brunswick

Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska

Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls

Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln

Representative CRAY of Palmyra

Representative CHASE of Wells

Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged.

Subsequently, Representative BERRY reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Senator HASKELL, of Cumberland of that Body, informing the House that the Senate was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion of Representative RANKIN of Hiram, the House adjourned without day at 12:34 a.m., on Friday, May 2, 2014 in honor and lasting tribute to the memory of Rowan Elizabeth Eves of York.

The Speaker appointed Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn without day.

