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STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE **FIRST REGULAR SESSION JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber Thursday May 2, 2013

Senate called to order by President Justin L. Alfond of Cumberland County.			
Prayer by Pastor Steve Christner, Calvary Baptist Church in Turner.			
PASTOR CHRISTNER: Let us pray. Lord, I want to thank You for our country that You have given to us. I want to thank You for those who have sacrificed to give us the freedoms that we enjoy and have today. I want to thank You for Your blessings throughout the decades and centuries of time. I want to thank You for Your protection and guidance. Please, God, be with and comfort those who are hurting today, that have had tragedy come to them or their families or loved ones. Be near to them. Lift them up. Give them strength and healing; physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Please, God, guide those that are active in seeing justice is carried out. Bless our Senate today. Bless our state. Protect our freedoms. We look to You for help and guidance and wisdom. Bless each Senator and each decision made. Thank You, Lord, for the hope of salvation offered through Jesus. We thank You for what You've done and what You will do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Thank you.			
Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Edward M. Youngblood of Penobscot County.			
Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, May 1, 2013.			
Doctor of the day, Robert Beekman, MD of Ellsworth.			
Off Record Remarks			
Senator LANGLEY of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.			

Senator LANGLEY: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I know it's unusual and irregular to get up and speak on the Doctor of the Day. As a very young couple, my wife and I were expecting our first child. Dr. Beekman was our pediatrician for both my kids, who are now 28 and 26. For me, it is to publically thank him for all the hard work all those years.

One time he picked up that my daughter had an elongated ulna. longer wrist bone than the other. The orthopedic doctor said there is only about one in ten doctors that would ever pick that up. Great debt of gratitude to Dr. Beekman from my family. Thank

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **GOODALL** of Sagadahoc, the following Joint Order: S.P. 558

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (3/20/1)3 matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Girls Combined Ski Team

SLS 109

Tabled - March 20, 2013, by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator HAMPER of Oxford to PASS

(In Senate, March 20, 2013, READ.)

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

Senator HAMPER: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I am pleased to have in the Chamber with us today the 2013 Class A Champion teams for Alpine and Nordic skiing. That's downhill and cross country ski teams. Very pleased to have them here today and present them to the Body. Thank you, Mr. President.

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber the members of the combined Oxford Hills High School ski teams. Would they please rise and accept the full greetings of the Maine State Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 281

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE **COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

April 26, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House 126th Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 806 An Act To Allow the Purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for Domestic Employees from an Insurance Company That Provides Liability Insurance for Homeowners or Tenants L.D. 1048 Resolve, To Study the Effect of Insufficient Automobile Insurance Coverage L.D. 1049 An Act To Establish an Insurance Exchange L.D. 1162 An Act To Ensure the Rights of Patients

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Geoffrey M. Gratwick Senate Chair

S/Rep. Sharon Anglin Treat House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 282

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

April 26, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond. President of the Senate Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House 126th Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

Personal Sports Mobile Dealerships L.D. 1275 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Economic Growth Council Regarding Prosperity An Act Regarding Impairment of Health of a L.D. 1288 Correctional Employee Caused by Infectious Disease An Act To Temporarily Restore Boxing Rules L.D. 1368 (EMERGENCY)

An Act To Modify Franchise Territories for

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John L. Patrick Senate Chair

L.D. 1217

S/Rep. Erin D. Herbig House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON

The Following Communication: S.C. 283

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON MAINE'S WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC FUTURE

April 26, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House 126th Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 577

An Act To Clarify the Role of Career and Technical Education Region Adult Education Programs

We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action.

Sincerely.

S/Sen. Seth A. Goodall Senate Chair

S/Rep. Seth A. Berry House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 285

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

April 26, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House 126th Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 613 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of General Services To Erect a Memorial in Memory of Those Who Died at the Former Augusta Mental Health Institute

L.D. 978 An Act To Enhance Public Participation in Legislative Committee Proceedings through the Internet

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Colleen M. Lachowicz Senate Chair

S/Rep. Anne P. Graham House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 284

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 26, 2013

L.D. 569

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House 126th Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

Resolve, To Study the Impact of Higher Maine

An Act To Require Legislative Approval for the Issuance of Bonds by the Maine Turnpike

2.2.000	Turnpike Tolls on Workers, Businesses and Economic Development (EMERGENCY)
L.D. 588	An Act To Abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority and Transfer Its Functions and Duties to the Department of Transportation
L.D. 621	An Act To Change the Tolling on the Maine Turnpike
L.D. 779	An Act To Require a Public Notification and Hearing Process before Any Toll Increase by the Maine Turnpike Authority and Establish a Formal Grievance Process
L.D. 875	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority To Conduct a Study of Possible Connector Roads in Androscoggin and Franklin Counties
L.D. 917	An Act To Waive Tolls on the Maine Turnpike for Certain Disabled Maine Veterans

L.D. 957

Authority

L.D. 1075 An Act To Allow Motorists To Proceed through an Intersection after Stopping for a Red Light

We have also notified the sponsors and cosponsors of each bill listed of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Edward J. Mazurek Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charles K. Theriault House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Economy and Communities" S.P. 557 L.D. 1492

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston and Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, FLOOD of Kennebec, Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, CASAVANT of Biddeford, HOBBINS of Saco, JORGENSEN of Portland. ROCHELO of Biddeford.

On motion by Senator HILL of York, REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Certain Crimes Committed by a Person in a Position of Authority"

S.P. 556 L.D. 1491

Presented by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and Senators:
DUTREMBLE of York, KATZ of Kennebec, LACHOWICZ of
Kennebec, PLUMMER of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker
EVES of North Berwick, LONG of Sherman, MALABY of
Hancock, SANDERSON of Chelsea.

On motion by Senator **GERZOFSKY** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws" S.P. 555 L.D. 1490

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: WELSH of Rockport. Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **BOYLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Ali Clair, of China, who was crowned Miss Maine USA 2013 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. Ms. Clair graduated cum laude from the University of Maine in 2011. A health fitness enthusiast, she is currently researching a master's degree program in the health and fitness management field. Ms. Clair regularly volunteers for Special Olympics and Tri for a Cure. We congratulate Ms. Clair on her being crowned Miss Maine USA 2013 and send her our best wishes;

SLS 292

Sponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative: COTTA of China.

READ.

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

Senator KATZ: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate. I don't know what you are going to be doing on Father's Day at 9 o'clock at night, but I'll tell you what I'm going to be doing. I'm going to be watching NBC TV. I'm going to watch the Miss USA Pageant because from the great town of China, Maine comes Maine's representative this year. Ali Clair of China was crowned Miss Maine USA recently at the Samoset. She is a 2011 cum laude graduate of the University of Maine; that means she's really smart. She's a really good person too, beyond being bright and talented. She regularly volunteers for the Special Olympics and Tri for a Cure. Those of us who have been around a little while know her dad, Jim Clair, who served here with distinction on the staff as the head of the Legislative Office for many years and also the Fiscal Office. Jim and Ali's mom. Jennifer, is also here. It's a pleasure to be able to recognize Ali and wish her good luck in the Miss USA contest. Thank you, Mr. President.

PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber Ali Clair of China. She is the guest of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz. She's accompanied today by her mom and dad, Jennifer and Jim Clair. Would the Clair's please stand to receive the warm greetings of the Maine State Senate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Reciprocal Disciplinary Actions in Harness Racing and Pulling Events" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 441 L.D. 622

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Change the Grade Standards of the Maine Maple Syrup Industry"

H.P. 450 L.D. 658

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Authority and Responsibility of Forest Rangers"

H.P. 744 L.D. 1051

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act Regarding Next Generation 9-1-1 and Making Changes in Surcharge Remittance for Certain Telecommunications Service Providers"

H.P. 877 L.D. 1243

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act Regarding the Administration and Financial Transparency of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 816 L.D. 1151

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-105).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-105) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-110).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-105) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-110) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY on Bill "An Act To Release a Restriction on Former State Land in Passadumkeag Currently Owned by Dale Ross"

H.P. 221 L.D. 312

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-101).

Signed:

Senators:

JACKSON of Aroostook BOYLE of Cumberland

Representatives:

DILL of Old Town
BLACK of Wilton
CRAY of Palmyra
HICKMAN of Winthrop
JONES of Freedom
MAREAN of Hollis
NOON of Sanford
SAUCIER of Presque Isle
TIMBERLAKE of Turner

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

Signed:

Senator:

SHERMAN of Aroostook

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-101).

Reports **READ**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-101) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality"

H.P. 191 L.D. 230

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76).

Signed:

Senators:

CRAVEN of Androscoggin LACHOWICZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

FARNSWORTH of Portland CASSIDY of Lubec DORNEY of Norridgewock GATTINE of Westbrook STUCKEY of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

MALABY of Hancock McELWEE of Caribou SANDERSON of Chelsea SIROCKI of Scarborough

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76).

Reports READ.

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

On further motion by same Senator, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator **CRAVEN**: Thank you very much Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just wanted to rise briefly to explain what this bill does. I think, as everybody knows, the health care delivery system in Maine is so very expensive and very fragmented. This bill would create a commission that would call in together all of the actors in long-term care, the delivery of medical care, and you name it. They are going to be invited to

the table to see if we could create a system that is less expensive and much more geared towards reducing costs in the community. This was a fairly large bill as it was originally presented to us. It is now amended to a very narrow group of people that would work much more efficiently together. I ask for your support in passing this legislation. Thank you.

On motion by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc, TABLED until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, in concurrence. (Roll Call Ordered)

Senator **CAIN** of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator CAIN: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it's a very exciting day because today is the day that we award, here in the Legislature, the scholarships that are the results of your generosity and hard work and the contributions of those who work in and around this building to support the Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund. A little bit of history for your benefit and for the benefit of the award winners and their families today. The Legislature began raising scholarship funds in 1981 after the death of former at-the-time State Representative Steven Gould, who was from Orono, and also the tragic death of a House Page named David Michaud. From that, the Gould and the Michaud Scholarships were formed. Auctions were held on an annual basis to raise funds for those two scholarships from 1981 until 1994, at which time a larger committee was formed and they decided to take the scholarships statewide. The Gould and Michaud Scholarships still exist today and are designed to support students, one who attends the University of Maine and one attends the University of Maine at Fort Kent, in memory of Representative Gould and Mr. Michaud who were from those two respective communities. In 1994 the Legislature took on the larger task of the Legislative Memorial Scholarship program. We expanded the program to include a scholarship winner from every county in the state of Maine and they would be Maine residents who were attending any college or university, two year or four year, in the state of Maine. We have been awarding scholarships, originally, at \$500 and then we increased the award to where now we annually award \$1,000 to one very deserving student from each county across the state. This scholarship doesn't happen by accident. It happens because of your generosity, your fund, and your contributions to the auctions we hold each year. Really the all-stars of the day are the students. As they come up I want you to realize that each of these students had to apply for this scholarship. They had to submit their transcripts; get letters of recommendation; and write essays that were read by a panel of volunteer readers, some legislators and some staff, just some volunteers who have been involved with this program for a long time. As someone who has had the privilege of reading these stories for several years. I can tell you it is an often occurrence that I find myself in tears or having my breath taken away by the amazing stories of the dedication of these students, and of the amazing support that their families and their communities show them, often times overcoming great obstacles, financial and otherwise. When you look at each one of these students today and congratulate them and celebrate them

and give them the scholarship that they came here to take home with them, I hope we can all realize that every one of these students is special. Every one of these students is deserving. I hope each of them success, and I know we all do as well, as they continue their studies here in the state of Maine and that they make a future here as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to start with the first recipient of the Legislative Memorial Scholarship award. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Androscoggin County scholarship award, Kassidy Stevenson of Greene. Would Kassidy please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Mason. Kassidy is a student at the University of Maine. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Franklin County scholarship award, Hillary Chase of Kingfield. Would Hillary please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Franklin, Senator Saviello. Hillary is attending Kennebec Valley Community College. Hillary is here with her parents, Tami and Andrew Chase. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Hancock County scholarship award, Joseph Malloy of Birch Harbor. Would Joseph please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Hancock, Senator Langley. Joseph is a student at Husson University and is accompanied by his mother, Roxanne Renwick, and his father, James Malloy. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Kennebec County scholarship award, Sara Poirier of Winslow. Would Sara please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lachowicz. Sara is attends St. Joseph College and is here with her mother, Doris Poirier, and friend, Suzanne Brochu. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Knox County scholarship award, Samuel Predham of Camden. Would Samuel please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Knox, Senator Mazurek. Samuel is a student at Bates College and is accompanied by his parents, Maureen and Bernard Predham. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Oxford County scholarship award, Jeanette Ouellette of Canton. Would Jeanette please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Oxford, Senator Patrick. Jeanette is a student at the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions and is here with her husband. Robert Ouellette. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Penobscot County scholarship award, Andrea LaFlamme of Corinth. Would Andrea please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing. Andrea is attending the University of New England and is accompanied by her husband, Jonathan Shaw. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Piscataquis County scholarship award, Ricky Bradeen of Medford, Would Ricky please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Somerset, Senator Thomas. Ricky attends Beal College and is here with his parents, Sam and Kelly Bradeen, and his grandparents, Richard and Ina Banker. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Sagadahoc County scholarship award, Samuel Wesley of Phippsburg, Would Samuel please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Goodall. Samuel is a student at the University of Southern Maine and is accompanied by his mother, Susan Wesley. The Chair is pleased to recognize the recipient of the Waldo County scholarship award, Emma

Bonneville of Belfast. Would Emma please step forward to be escorted to the well of the Chamber by the Senator from Waldo, Senator Thibodeau. Emma is currently a student at the University of Maine and is accompanied by her parents, Brenda and Thierry Bonneville. The Chair would also like to recognize the Legislative Memorial Scholarship winners who unfortunately cannot be here with us today. Bradley Lefay of Crystal, representing Aroostook County. Bradley attends the University of Maine. Julia Maine of Chebeague Island, representing Cumberland County. Julia is a student at Bowdoin College. Tressa Loiko of Jefferson, representing Lincoln County. Tressa is attending the University of New England. Jennifer Hovey of Bingham, representing Somerset County. Jennifer is attending the University of Maine. Michael Riley of Beals, representing Washington County. Michael is a student at the Maine Maritime Academy. Katrina McElhill of Limington, representing York County. Katrina attends the University of Southern Maine. Would all please give a warm cheer to those students that cannot be here today.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Rights of Grandparents under the Grandparents Visitation Act"

H.P. 170 L.D. 209

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

VALENTINO of York BURNS of Washington

Representatives:

PRIEST of Brunswick
BEAULIEU of Auburn
GUERIN of Glenburn
MOONEN of Portland
PEAVEY HASKELL of Milford
VILLA of Harrison

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

Signed:

Senator:

TUTTLE of York

Representatives:

CROCKETT of Bethel
DeCHANT of Bath
MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth
MORIARTY of Cumberland

(Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought To Pass** Report.)

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

Reports READ.

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

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

Senator TUTTLE: Thank you Mr. President. Members of the Senate, I think I owe this Body an explanation of why I'm on the Minority Report. The current statute of Maine Revised Statutes under Title 19-A, known as the Grandparent's Visitation Act, provides for grandparents who may be petitioning the court for reasonable rights of visitation and their access to their grandchildren. The statute provides direction to grandparents as they ask the court for standing to petition for visitation rights as the court is deciding issues concerning the best interest of the child. The death of one or both parents, divorce, or termination of parental rights are examples that may prompt this action. Under the statute, in order for grandparents to receive this standing the petitioner must demonstrate that they have a significant and existing relationship with the child. Under current statute, this term is not defined. The bill attempted to provide the definition needed for grandparents who are seeking contact with their grandchildren under this statute. All 50 states have enacted grandparent visitation statutes that specify circumstances under which grandparents have standing to petition for court ordered visitation. Because these laws affect fundamental parental rights. the courts have subjected them to a strict scrutiny standard and have applied all due process and equal protection requirements under the 14th Amendment. I've had many of my constituents call me on this issue, not just this year but for many years, about the difficulties that many grandparents have had involving their grandchildren. I have a constituent myself that could not see their grandchildren for 15 years. Then when the children finally got to legal age, they were finally able to see their grandparents. That's why I did sign onto the Minority Report. I think this is an important issue that we have addressed over the years and hopefully will continue to address in the years ahead. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator VALENTINO: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, we do have, currently, a grandparent's visitation act and is one of the things that we put a lot of weight on the committee, certainly. I am a grandparent and parent of four children and I certainly understand that there is a relationship there. The law court did reach an interpretation of what sufficient existing relationship was. They did this in order to save the statute from a Constitutional attack. The law court noted that forcing parents to defend against a claim for grandparent visitation may infringe on the fundamental right of parents and such an infringement is subject to strict scrutiny. We did run this through the Maine Family Law Advisory Commission and their conclusion was that the bill purports to broaden the definition of sufficient existing relationship beyond what would likely pass

Constitutional muster under current law and, therefore, such an amendment would not be prudent at this time. Thank you.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Expedite Court Proceedings by Providing Funds for Additional District Court Personnel"

H.P. 371 L.D. 552

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

VALENTINO of York BURNS of Washington

Representatives:

PRIEST of Brunswick
BEAULIEU of Auburn
CROCKETT of Bethel
MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth
MOONEN of Portland
MORIARTY of Cumberland
PEAVEY HASKELL of Milford
VILLA of Harrison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)**.

Signed:

Senator:

TUTTLE of York

Representatives:

DeCHANT of Bath GUERIN of Glenburn

(Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not To Pass** Report.)

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

Reports READ.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Allow Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Certain Holidays"

H.P. 841 L.D. 1197

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

PATRICK of Oxford
CLEVELAND of Androscoggin

Representatives:

HERBIG of Belfast CAMPBELL of Newfield GILBERT of Jay HAMANN of South Portland MASON of Topsham MASTRACCIO of Sanford VOLK of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

DUPREY of Hampden LOCKMAN of Amherst WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro

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

Reports READ.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve Organ Donation Awareness"

H.P. 586 L.D. 835

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-103).

Signed:

Senators:

MAZUREK of Knox VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

THERIAULT of Madawaska GILLWAY of Searsport McLEAN of Gorham PEOPLES of Westbrook POWERS of Naples VEROW of Brewer WERTS of Auburn

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

Signed:

Senator:

COLLINS of York

Representatives:

NUTTING of Oakland PARRY of Arundel TURNER of Burlington

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-103).

Reports READ.

Senator MAZUREK of Knox moved the Senate ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Divided Report

Six members of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Establish MaineCare Eligibility for Young Adults Who Were Formerly in Foster Care

H.P. 337 L.D. 487

Reported in Report "A" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99).

Signed:

Senators:

CRAVEN of Androscoggin LACHOWICZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

FARNSWORTH of Portland CASSIDY of Lubec DORNEY of Norridgewock GATTINE of Westbrook Five members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

MALABY of Hancock McELWEE of Caribou SANDERSON of Chelsea SIROCKI of Scarborough

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-100).

Sianed:

Representative:

STUCKEY of Portland

(Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of the House - supports Report "A", Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99).)

Comes from the House with Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99) READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99).

Reports READ.

Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin moved the Senate ACCEPT Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99), in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **KATZ** of Kennebec, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

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

Senator CRAVEN: Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I just wanted to rise to explain what this amended bill is. By January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act covers children who are brought up in foster care until they are 26 years old. That is very similar to the private sector, where people are allowed to buy coverage for their child until they are 26 years old. This amended bill would, and I'll read the amendment, "Beginning on January 1, 2014, the Department shall enroll in MaineCare each foster child on the child's 18th birthday, providing the individual with a MaineCare card, an explanation of MaineCare coverage, and notice for future requirements. The Department shall also publicize in appropriate venues the availability of MaineCare for foster care children under 26 years old, including by notifying foster parents who have served in that capacity." This does not have a fiscal note. This is merely to inform children who are brought up in foster care that they are eligible for this

benefit. Just to remind the Body, children who have suffered through such enormous trauma really benefit a lot from having medical and mental health services available to them as they are trying to get their feet under themselves for the rest of their lives. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Craven to Report "A", Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-99). A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#64)

YEAS:

Senators: BOYLE, CAIN, CLEVELAND, CRAVEN, DUTREMBLE, FLOOD, GERZOFSKY, GOODALL, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, JOHNSON, LACHOWICZ, MAZUREK, MILLETT, PATRICK, TUTTLE, VALENTINO, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - JUSTIN L. ALFOND

NAYS:

Senators: BURNS, COLLINS, HAMPER, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, PLUMMER, SAVIELLO,

SHERMAN, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, YOUNGBLOOD

ABSENT:

Senators: CUSHING, HASKELL

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent, the motion by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin to ACCEPT Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-99), in concurrence, PREVAILED.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-99) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator TUTTLE for the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Discourage Tenants from Damaging Rental Property"

S.P. 448 L.D. 1305

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

On motion by Senator TUTTLE of York, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator CLEVELAND for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Update the Laws
Governing Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards"
S.P. 64 L.D. 175

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-47).

Report READ and ACCEPTED.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-47) READ and ADOPTED.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

SECOND READERS

The Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading** reported the following:

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Allow a Court To Order a Person Who Violates a Municipal Ordinance To Perform Community Service Work"

H.P. 256 L.D. 381

(C "A" H-97)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature H.P. 109 L.D. 134 (C "A" H-104)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Bill "An Act To Ensure the Proportional Offset against Retirement Benefits of Workers' Compensation Awards"

S.P. 327 L.D. 949

READ A SECOND TIME.

On motion by Senator **PATRICK** of Oxford, Senate Amendment "A" (S-46) **READ**.

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

Senator **PATRICK**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, colleagues and friends, this is a simple grammatical correction. All it does is change a "the" to a "that" at the direction of the Director of Maine Worker's Comp, Director Sighinolfi. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **PATRICK** of Oxford, Senate Amendment "A" (S-46) **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-46).

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Funding to State Postsecondary Institutions of Higher Learning"

S.P. 200 L.D. 510 (C "A" S-43)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Probation and Remove References to the Intensive Supervision Program of the Department of Corrections"

> S.P. 250 L.D. 701 (C "A" S-44)

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED.

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Remove the Limit on the Retention of Live Smelts H.P. 361 L.D. 542

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/1/13) matter:

Emergency

An Act To Clarify the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program Tax Credit

H.P. 778 L.D. 1109 (C "A" H-57)

Tabled - May 1, 2013, by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook

Pending - ENACTMENT, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 25, 2013, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57), in concurrence.)

(In House, April 30, 2013, PASSED TO BE ENACTED.)

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality"

H.P. 191 L.D. 230

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) (7 members)

Minority - Ought Not To Pass (5 members)

Tabled - May 2, 2013, by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc

Pending - motion by Senator **CRAVEN** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

(In House, May 1, 2013, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76).)

(In Senate, May 2, 2013, Reports READ.)

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#65)

YEAS:

Senators: BOYLE, CAIN, CLEVELAND, CRAVEN, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFSKY, GOODALL, GRATWICK, HILL, JACKSON, JOHNSON, LACHOWICZ, MAZUREK, MILLETT, PATRICK, TUTTLE, VALENTINO, WOODBURY, THE PRESIDENT - JUSTIN L. ALFOND

NAYS:

Senators: BURNS, COLLINS, FLOOD, HAMPER, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, PLUMMER, SAVIELLO,

SHERMAN, THIBODEAU, THOMAS, WHITTEMORE, YOUNGBLOOD

ABSENT:

Senators: CUSHING, HASKELL

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being absent, the motion by Senator **CRAVEN** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Labor Laws as They Relate to Payment for Required Medical Examinations"
S.P. 559 L.D. 1498

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, JACKSON of
Aroostook, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: CAMPBELL of
Newfield, GILBERT of Jay, HAMANN of South Portland, MASON
of Topsham, MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator PATRICK of Oxford, REFERRED to the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Changes and Corrections to Statutes Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection"

H.P. 1074 L.D. 1497

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BOYLE** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Employee Health Insurance"

H.P. 1072 L.D. 1495

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Modernize and Simplify the Tax Code" H.P. 1073 L.D. 1496

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funds"

H.P. 1071 L.D. 1494

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator TUTTLE of York, REFERRED to the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS and ordered printed, in concurrence.	
	Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.
Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:	Senator KATZ of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to
PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE	address the Senate off the Record.
Pursuant to Statute Criminal Law Advisory Commission The Criminal Law Advisory Commission, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Revise the Laws Concerning Criminal History Record Information and Intelligence and Investigative Information" H.P. 1070 L.D. 1493 Be REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218. Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218. Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence. On motion by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, REFERRED to the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.	All matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence. On motion by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc, ADJOURNED, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10:00 in the morning.
Senator TUTTLE of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.	
Senator TUTTLE : Thank you Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, the good Senator from Cumberland, Senator Gerzofsky, best wishes to his mother, Molly Pitcher, former Sergeant-At-Arms, who has recent health issues and concerns. May both Stan and Molly be in our prayers at this time for Molly's full recovery.	
Senator FLOOD of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.	
Senator VALENTINO of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.	
Senator KATZ of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to	

address the Senate off the Record.