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Monday, April 4, 2016

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

Prayer by Pastor Kenneth Hinkley, Dixfield Common Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Cony High School Madrigals, Augusta.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Edward Pontius, M.D., Portland.

The Journal of Friday, April 1, 2016 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Ratepayers"
(S.P. 484) (L.D. 1339)

Majority (8) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ and ACCEPTED** in the House on March 31, 2016.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **ADHERED** to its former action whereby the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** was **READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-424)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 507)

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

April 1, 2016

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th 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 1650, "An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Study of the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine."

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to produce an annual report on the Fund for a Healthy Maine (FHM). The bill requires the report to provide "information on the progress the department is making toward health priorities identified by the department as improving the health status of persons in the State using expenditures from the fund."

The Legislature, not DHHS, sets "health priorities" for FHM. In fact, in DHHS's SFY16-17 budget proposal, this Administration recommended that FHM funds currently going to Healthy Maine Partnerships (HMP) for the distribution of posters and pamphlets should instead be spent to increase access to primary care for MaineCare members. With pressure from HMP lobbyists, the Legislature refused that recommendation and protected the status quo.

This Administration also recommended using surplus FHM funds to pay for the recently enacted addiction treatment bill, but the Legislature again refused to touch the FHM sacred cow.

Do not mandate that the Executive Branch produce reports about organizations that you do not have the political will to reform. The Legislature has proven time and again that it is unwilling to let Maine people fully benefit from FHM, and another report will not change that.

Sincerely,
S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE. Sent for concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Study of the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

(H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1650)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lincolnville, Representative Burstein.

Representative **BURSTEIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Fund for Healthy Maine, the HHS Committee met over the fall to review the Fund for Healthy Maine spending. This bill is the result of a unanimous vote of the committee to get detailed information about the Fund for Health Maine spending.

The Fund for Healthy Maine dollars are distributed by HHS to dozens of vendors in order for us to do our jobs and we need to see where the dollars are spent and make certain that it's spent effectively. This bill is about assuring accountability for the spending of state dollars. This bill passed without opposition in both bodies and I hope you will join me overriding this veto. 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. 555V

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy L, Dunphy M, Edgcomb, Espling, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fowle, Fredette, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Rykerson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Seavey, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Crafts, Kinney J, Kinney M, Long, Lyford, McClellan, Ordway, Prescott, Reed, Stetkis, Turner, Wallace, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bates, Devin, Dillingham, Dion, Frey, Herrick, Martin J, Russell, Stuckey.

Yes, 129; No, 13; Absent, 9; Excused, 0.
129 having voted in the affirmative and 13 voted in the negative, with 9 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** with the exception of matters being held.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 506)

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

April 4, 2016
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 Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

L.D. 1486 Resolve, To Reauthorize the Issuance of Certain Bonds for Land Conservation Projects (EMERGENCY)

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 1594 An Act To Direct the Commissioner of Education To Develop a Model Policy Regarding Substance Abuse Education in Maine Schools

Taxation

L.D. 1672 An Act To Improve Priority of Tax Liens and the Collection of Sales Taxes

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 927)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 1, 2016
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, the nomination of Elizabeth F. Fitzgerald of Machiasport for appointment to the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, the nomination of Gregory A. McNeal of Fairfield for appointment to the Gambling Control Board.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1159) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLUME of York, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHENETTE of Saco, COOPER of Yarmouth, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DEVIN of Newcastle, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FOWLE of Vassalboro, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, GRANT of Gardiner, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HERBIG of Belfast, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Saco, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MELARAGNO of Auburn, ORDWAY of Standish, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, RUSSELL of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, SANBORN of Gorham, SAWICKI of Auburn, SCHNECK of Bangor, TEPLER of Topsham, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, VEROW of Brewer, WARREN of Hallowell)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2016
AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum disorder, which means no 2 people with autism are affected the same way, and it is a complex developmental disability that usually appears during the first 3 years of life and results in a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in 68 children is diagnosed with this spectrum disorder and prevalence has increased 30% since the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's study in 2008; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and neither income nor lifestyle nor education affects its occurrence and it is estimated that more than 3,500,000 people live with autism spectrum disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism costs the United States over \$236,000,000,000 in annual health care costs, most of which are in adult services, and these costs are anticipated to increase; and

WHEREAS, while a single specific cause of autism is not known, current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, and outdated theories and myths, such as autism being a mental illness, have been proven to be false; and

WHEREAS, with support, people with autism can live full lives and make meaningful contributions to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in our deliberations to acknowledge that the month of April 2016 is Autism Awareness Month and to pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by autism; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Autism Society of Maine as a token of our respect and support.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Farnsworth.

Representative **FARNSWORTH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today is one of those interesting days when it's like to bring some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the incidence of autism seems to have leveled off and that is kind of exciting given the fact that over the past, oh, about seven or eight years, there has been a phenomenal increase in the incidence of autism being diagnosed. So, that is a good sign.

The bad news, however, is that we're still in a mystery in terms of what the cause is and the little flyer that I sent around this morning shows a puzzle because it is very much a puzzle as to what the cause is. And we probably aren't talking about "a" cause, we're probably talking about multiple causes, just as with so many of our other diseases that we are dealing with in our country.

So, the research is going on, we're beginning to make some headway, and that is a very good thing. However, it's important to understand that given the current methods that we have for providing education and developmental growth, we are able to make significant progress for individuals, especially young children, with autism so that, ultimately, they can become very, very strong contributing citizens to our society. So, I think rather than feeling as though it's all bad, it really is all good because programs like Children Receive through Section 65 and Section 28 are able to help these individuals grow and become productive citizens. So, we're really talking about not so much autism awareness as we are now talking about autism inclusion and making sure that individuals with autism have an opportunity to take that significant role in our society and are not discriminated against as they grow older. So, it's an exciting time. I think there are tremendous possibilities and we just need to open the door and let these individuals play their role in our society. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winthrop, Representative Hickman.

Representative **HICKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, in preparation for today, I reached out to a constituent and good friend and asked her if she were willing to tell me her story; if she were willing to allow me to share her story with you here today to pay tribute to this occasion. I am humbled that she said yes to both. And so I stand before you today to do just that. Henceforth, Mr. Speaker, all but the last four words that I am about to utter belong to my constituent and good friend, and not to me.

"Do I begin at the 'beginning' with describing our fight for life during difficult pregnancy, child birth and the weeks to follow? Do I begin with his diagnosis at age three? A painful period as my husband and I pushed for evaluations when his doctors thought my son's lack of interaction and fixation with TV remote controls were due to repeated ear infections. A period in our lives where we grieved for a diagnosis that would restrict our son's choices the rest of his life. It is when we worked day and night to find the therapists and friends who would walk with us for 17 years. It was the period of my son's life where we found the nuggets of truth that would chart our child's course of learning and living to the place we are right now.

"Do I start with the school years? A time when teachers brought into his life the written word and the love of reading, and tried to teach the abstract concepts of money, time, addition and

subtraction. There were so many teachers we met in this time who made such wonderful contributions to our lives. There were teachers who were passionate about how they needed to teach, but were restricted by administration's need to generalize learning and testing rather than individualize for special needs. It was during this period of time when my son and I traveled an hour and half twice a day to attend a private school where teachers gave us the blueprint for learning until adulthood.

"Do I start this story with our today? I can now describe the handsome 20-year-old that is moving gracefully through life with the goal of living as independently as possible. He challenges himself every day to manage our society's social and psychological demands, holding down a 12-hour-a-week job, and being a team player with his parents as we navigate the maze of services that he will need to have for the rest of his life.

"Do I begin with the future? With the questions that every parent of a child with a disability worries about every single day of their parental life: Will he be okay when I'm gone? Will there be empathy? Will there be people who will support him when we are gone? Will there be someone to hold his hand as he goes through life's challenges of age-related illnesses and eventually his own end of life?

"Where does one begin to tell this epic novel? At what point in the story do I tell about the many heroes of our son's life? This alone would take pages of paper. There was the school bus driver who kept an eye out for bullies. The teachers, family members, karate instructors, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, music teachers, pediatricians, psychologists, and everyone at the Autism Society of Maine—this doesn't even come close to listing all of the heroes in my son's life. Each and every one of these people raised and held my son up. They gave us hope that my son would have a happy, productive life. And the one quality they all shared was a desire for my son to succeed, and a commitment to the experience to build a foundation for his future. They say it takes a village to raise a child. For a child with autism to meet his full potential, it takes a city the size of Boston to make it happen. My family was blessed to have that city for 17 years.

"This is because Autism forcefully inserts itself into every single aspect of a family's world. While moving through the therapies, behavior modification, special diets, keeping up on health insurance and other program regulations, marriages fail, siblings struggle, careers change and the list goes on. I am blessed. My husband stood behind my decision to leave a busy career to be a full-time mom and advocate for our son. My son's brother and sister have entered into successful adult lives and are the best, most loving, advocates for their brother that I could have ever wished for. We all have come to see that autism is more than the symptoms that cause so much havoc in our lives. Autism brings a greater appreciation for smiles, laughter, celebration and a strong sense of pride in every single accomplishment. I am constantly amazed how autism can shine a light on a family's strength and love.

"What else have I learned? I have learned that you are never alone. With one in 68 children diagnosed, there are other families to reach out to, and resources that are provided. The friendships my son and I made in the early days still endure today. We share our resources, our success and worries. We laugh, we cry and we enjoy our children together. You are never alone on this journey unless by choice.

"I have learned that living with Autism is an uphill climb through unimaginable stress. One must dig deep to find strength to make it to the other side of that hill and to keep going to the next hill encountered, and tackle that one, too. I learned to accept that this life of ours was not going to be easy.

"I have learned that autism taught me how to become an advocate. Autism gives a parent the determination to step up to school districts, state agencies, and bullies everywhere. To be an advocate, I must learn from his voice and then be the voice that he needs me to be. I now have organizational and public speaking skills I dreamed I would never need to know, all because of autism.

"I have learned to never compare my child to others. For a child with autism to be successful, a parent must learn and accept the dance between the world of social anxiety and fear and the cultivation of strengths and abilities. This dance is unique to each child with autism and no one else.

"I have learned that I do not worry so much what people think of us in public anymore. If my son is happy dressed in orange from head to toe going through the supermarket, than I am happy. The color makes him feel on top of the world and that is fine with me.

"I have learned that those we think we should trust to understand situations for people with autism, often do not. When my son was seven or eight we took the Downeaster to North Station to see *High School Musical* at the theater. We were walking along the sidewalk to the T when my son spotted a flock of pigeons, panicked and began to run into the busy street, wailing in fear. My sister and I grabbed him only to have one of Boston's finest coming to rescue him—but to rescue him from us. The incident was over in a few minutes, but it took a long time for us to restore my son's faith that the police were the good guys. To this day, he still fears flocks of pigeons. Two years ago, my son and I appealed a decision for DHHS services. As the very nice hearing officer asked my son to raise his right hand and swear after him, my son began using profanity unlike anything I had ever heard. As we were going home, in exasperation I asked him why he did that. 'That man gave me permission to swear,' he replied. 'I thought that is what he wanted me to do.'

"As a parent, I can tell you that the more people who have empathy and compassion for those with special needs, the more safe in this world my son will be without me. With more awareness, it is my hope that more people will embrace doing the right thing and give a helping hand, without prejudice or fear. With more awareness, perhaps I will have a little more peace as I move forward with my life and he with his. To have society be just a little more aware, a little more accepting can make the difference in the daily lives of so many. For those of us living with autism, this awareness is more than a day or a month, it is our daily bread. But if one day, or one month, helps this piece of humanity to blossom, then let it be done for the one in 68 of our children and the many more adults living with autism in Maine." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**.
Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

In Memory of:

William "Chick" Leahey, Jr., of Lewiston, revered Bates College professor, longtime coach and mentor. Mr. Leahey, a graduate of the Bates College Class of 1952, was a baseball coach, assistant football coach and coach of junior varsity basketball. He was a native of Lewiston and a 3-sport star at Lewiston High School, where he captained the football and baseball squads to state championships. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. After the war, Mr. Leahey played professional baseball in the

New York Yankees farm system. He also played 4 seasons as a player-coach for the Auburn Asas, a Maine semi-professional team that won league titles in 1951 and 1952. He earned his economics degree from Bates College and a master's degree in physical education from Columbia University. Mr. Leahey began teaching at Bates College in 1955, retiring in 1990 as professor emeritus of physical education. It was said of Mr. Leahey, a mentor to countless students through the years, that he "personified qualities that collectively describe the best of his generation, in his record of service and loyalty and how he paid forward his own lessons to benefit the lives of his students." He will be greatly missed and long remembered by his loving family, his many friends and those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 1187)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston, Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

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**: Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, the extraordinary lifetime accomplishments of William Leahey, or Chick Leahey, as he was known to the world, have been shared in the sentiment that was just read. I would like to address my brief remarks this morning to the values that guided Chick's life because it was those values that made him a great man and those values that have left such an enduring legacy in the lives that he touched.

For Chick, God, country, and family were of the greatest importance. He believed in living his faith and that involved serving his country and his community. He believed that you made your country strong by making your community and your family strong. He was devoted to his family as a husband who deeply respected and cherished his wife, Ruth, as a father who encouraged his children and was always there for them, and as a grandfather who adored his grandchildren.

Chick was an outstanding athlete, but what made him an extraordinary coach and mentor was the fact that he was an extraordinary human being whose values inspired his players and taught them lessons that they carried for their entire lives.

He was a humble man. He was loyal and generous and kind. Along with legions of others, whose lives he inspired and touched, I am honored to have called Chick Leahey a friend. We will miss him dearly, but we will always carry in our hearts and lives, the lessons this wonderful man shared with us through his example. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following item appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 842) (L.D. 1224) Bill "An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Laws" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-629)**

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.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Task Force on School Leadership

(S.P. 691) (L.D. 1684)
(S. "A" S-450)

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. 134 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.

Acts

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Intergovernmental Pretrial Justice Reform Task Force

(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1639)
(C. "A" S-453)

An Act Regarding Stolen Valor

(S.P. 669) (L.D. 1642)
(C. "A" S-454)

An Act To Reform the Veteran Preference in State Hiring and Retention

(H.P. 1128) (L.D. 1658)
(C. "A" H-622)

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.

Resolves

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Support and Strengthen the Direct Care Workforce across the Long-term Care Continuum

(H.P. 1119) (L.D. 1644)
(C. "A" H-606; S. "A" S-455)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Friday, April 1, 2016, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Joint Order, To Direct the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety To Report Out a Bill To Increase the Tax Assessment for Correctional Services for Oxford County

(S.P. 695)

- In Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

TABLED - April 1, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

PENDING - PASSAGE.

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1678) Bill "An Act To Change the Definition of 'Hard Cider' for Consistency with Federal Law" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1687) Bill "An Act To Assist Small Distilleries" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 944) (L.D. 1394) Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-630)**

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1597) Bill "An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Deappropriations for the Judicial Department for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-631)**

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1677) Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Identify Retirees Whose Retirement Benefit Calculations Were Adversely Affected by Certain Pay Freezes and To Calculate Costs Associated with Authorizing Those Retirees To Include Such Lost Wages in Retirement Benefit Calculations Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-632)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as we all know by now, LD 1652 was Tabled Unassigned 20 days ago, and so I'm rising to ask, are there any members of the Democrat caucus who are ready to break ranks with Representative McCabe and request that this bill be sent to committee for public hearings? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond.

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

On motion of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, the House adjourned at 10:51 a.m., until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in honor and lasting tribute to William "Chick" Leahey, Jr., of Lewiston.