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Tuesday, April 5, 2016

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

Prayer by Honorable Roberta B. Beavers, South Berwick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 931)

**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 1467, "An Act Regarding Maine Spirits."

While I support the modernization of sales practices and data utilization as originally proposed, this bill was amended during the Committee process. As amended, the bill directs the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to provide upfront funding to businesses to mitigate their costs. I do not believe this is necessary.

The original bill was designed to increase business for our business partners, and the State has recently taken significant steps to improve the profitability for liquor resellers along with all agency liquor stores in Maine. We have seen powerful results. The State has invested significantly in our liquor business, and the retail community has reaped the financial benefits. At a time when the State seeks to further assist these businesses by adopting this bill, an additional request for funds from the State is a step too far.

For these reasons I return this bill 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 Regarding Maine Spirits (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 565) (L.D. 1467)
(C. "A" S-394)

In Senate, April 4, 2016, 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 4 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. 556V

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

NAY - Alley, Buckland.

ABSENT - Gillway, Herbig, Herrick, Kornfield.

Yes, 145; No, 2; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

145 having voted in the affirmative and 2 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 508)

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

April 5, 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 Committee has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass:"

State and Local Government

L.D. 1680

RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 939)

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

April 4, 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 Judiciary, the nomination of

Deborah P. Cashman, Esq. of West Bath for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of

Patrick C. Larson, Esq. of Bangor for appointment as a District Court Judge.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of

Harold L. Stewart II, Esq. of Presque Isle for appointment as a Superior Court Justice.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, the nomination of

Honorable E. Paul Eggert of Westbrook for appointment as an Active Retired Judge of the District Court.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Kenny Wright, of Woolwich, on his induction into the Class of 2016 Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame. Mr. Wright began his auto racing career at Unity Raceway in 1981 and he has raced at every Maine speedway, as well as speedways in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut and in 2 provinces in Canada. He has recorded 75 feature victories, has received sportsmanship awards and driver of the year honors and has won 8 championship titles. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his induction into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame;

(HLS 1189)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Dresden.
Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PIERCE of Dresden, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Recognizing:

Michael John Brooks, of Lewiston, who retired after serving 25 years with the Auburn Fire Department, achieving the rank of captain. He became passionate about running and has completed 484 marathons and ultramarathons, including the Badwater Ultramarathon and the Sri Chinmoy 6-day and 10-day

paces. He also became very involved in fund-raising for good causes. Mr. Brooks will be running 7 marathons in 7 states in 7 days to raise money for Camp Sunshine. Over the past 20 years, he has raised more than \$40,000 for Camp Sunshine, a summer camp in Casco for children with life-threatening illnesses. We extend to Mr. Brooks our appreciation for his fund-raising efforts and offer him our best wishes;

(HLS 1190)

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

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

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

READ.

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

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing Robert Charles Carter, of Marshfield

(SLS 1093)

Was **ADOPTED.**

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

The following item was 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 yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Syra Gutow, of Castine

(HLS 1146)

TABLED - March 28, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative CHAPMAN of Brooksville.

PENDING - PASSAGE.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brooksville, Representative Chapman.

Representative **CHAPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Friends and Colleagues of the House, Syra Gutow is the 2016 Maine State Spelling Champion and will represent Maine at the Scripps National Spelling Bee this coming May. Syra is a middle school student at the Adams School, the public pre-k to grade eight school in the Town of Castine. Through no fault, nor credit of my own, I am fortunate to have Syra as one of my constituents and am pleased to honor her achievement here this evening. I wish her well, both in the upcoming challenge of the National Spelling Bee and in all of her future endeavors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 593) (L.D. 1531) Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Human Trafficking" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-457)**

(S.P. 682) (L.D. 1668) Bill "An Act To Facilitate Internal Hiring by Reforming the Use of Registers in the State Civil Service System" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-449)**

(H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1666) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-633)**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Increase Payments to MaineCare Providers That Are Subject to Maine's Service Provider Tax

(H.P. 1115) (L.D. 1638)
(C. "A" H-623)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

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

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 91 voted in favor of the same and 54 against, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on Public-private Partnerships To Support Public Education

(H.P. 1143) (L.D. 1675)
(C. "A" H-628)

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. 139 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Ensure Children in the Care of Caretaker Relatives and Other Surrogates Can Access Health Care

(H.P. 1043) (L.D. 1518)
(C. "A" H-627)

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.

An Act To Improve the Delivery of Services and Benefits to Maine's Veterans and Provide Tuition Assistance to Members of the Maine National Guard

(H.P. 1100) (L.D. 1612)
(H. "C" H-626 to C. "A" H-584)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative GIDEON of Freeport, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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 Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 557

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

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Gillway, Herbig, Herrick.

Yes, 148; No, 0; Absent, 3; Excused, 0.

148 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 3 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) Ought Not to Pass - Minority (6) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-355) - Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Alcohol by a Manufacturer with an On-premises Retail License"

(S.P. 563) (L.D. 1462)

- In Senate, Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

TABLED - March 3, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to ACCEPT the Minority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report.

Subsequently, Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

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 Ellsworth, Representative Luchini.

Representative **LUCHINI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I just wanted to rise to briefly explain what this bill does. I think LD 1462 before us is a great opportunity for us as a Legislature to partner with one of the most exciting, I think, and innovative and fast-growing industries in the State of Maine right now, which is the brewing industry. This is a Maine-grown industry that's really developed a national reputation for excellence and it's made Maine a destination for craft beer enthusiasts to come and it brings thousands of tourists each year to come here and try our beers. And not only is this industry growing quickly and creating jobs, perhaps most importantly to me, this industry has been not only attracting, but keeping our young people in the state.

So, I've distributed a couple of sheets, I think, that are going around just for your information sake on this industry. But I think a couple of quick statistics on its impact on Maine's economy. Right now, we have at least 68 breweries in the state, that they've created over 3,700 jobs and have an economic impact of over \$432 million a year. And the Maine Office of Tourism recently identified beer tourists as a key growth opportunity. And so, I know a lot of people in this chamber I've worked with on various liquor bills and alcohol bills for their constituencies. I think a lot of people are aware that our alcohol regulations were written in the prohibition era and aren't necessarily reflective of the current economy that we're facing now and I think LD 1462 is a bill that removes some of those overly burdensome regulations.

And so, currently, as liquor enforcement has been applying this law, they require our brew pubs to build a wall and to completely separate the area where brew pubs serve food and where they're allowed to sell their packaged beer product to go, beer that's actually made in that building. And just for reference, a brew pub, by definition, they hold both the brewery license as well as a restaurant license. So, this, by Maine's regulations, we require them to have a wall separating where they serve food from where they can sell their own product. And Maine law doesn't even allow them to put a door in the wall for people to walk between. You actually have to leave the building and go into a separate exterior door in order to buy product that's made in that building.

So this bill before us would remove that wall requirement. It would allow brew pubs to sell their product and their product only

in that building without the physical separation. So it would only be their product. I support this for several reasons. First of all, under Maine's brewery laws, if it were just a brewery, they'd be able to sell their six packs and 12 packs to go. However, with Maine's regulations, as soon as a brewery gets a restaurant license, we take away their right to sell their packaged products to go. This bill would seek to fix that. Another problem that we heard in public hearings is that some breweries rent or lease their location and they simply aren't allowed to change the building structure by terms of their lease. As a result, they can't build a brew pub. Lastly, just to finish up, the only opposition to this bill came from the global beer conglomerate, Anheuser-Busch as well as the beer and wine distributors. Those were the only groups that opposed this bill.

I've also distributed a letter from the AG because there is some question on whether or not this law is being enforced correctly now. I've distributed that. I hope you read it. But the AG has said she would welcome this clarification to law because we really aren't sure that it's being enforced correctly with the wall requirement.

So, again, I strongly believe this bill is a great chance for us to reduce red tape on an exciting part of Maine's economy. It's a chance to support Maine-grown businesses that are thriving, creating jobs, and keeping our young people in the state. So I thank you for considering voting for the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Limington, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition of the pending motion and I do not do so because of the 68 brewers in the State of Maine, of which 68 of them belong to the Maine Brewers Guild, and I do not do so because of the University of Maine that has implemented a quality control program to further help with the quality of our brewing throughout the state. I do so rise in opposition because we are a control state, because we have a three-tier system. We allow our brew pubs to sell growlers. We do not allow any other restaurants who do not manufacture their own craft beer to sell growlers. And since we are a control state, I would just like to remind everybody in the chamber that a lot of these brew pubs are restaurants. So when you finally get that bill at your table, what you're going to be able to do if you pass this, you're going to go ahead and you're going to fill our your credit card slip, you're going to put your tip down, and finally, you're going to say, "Oh, by the way, give me two beers to go in a brown bag." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Glenburn, Representative Guerin.

Representative **GUERIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, statistics show that 85 percent of Maine's jobs come from small businesses. As a member of the Maine food service industry, I can attest to the fact that brew pubs are a fast-growing niche employer. I support the pending motion which will not cause the unnecessary expense of constructing a wall and a separate outdoor entrance in these small businesses. Please follow my light.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **MCCABE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I anticipated this possibly going under the hammer today with very little debate. I've had several conversations about this bill with folks back home. I am fortunate enough to represent two breweries here in the State of Maine, both located in Skowhegan, although they are on the border of two towns. In one instance, the border of Canaan that I share with the good Representative from Canaan, Representative

Stetkis, being the Oak Pond Brewery, and then over close to the Norridgewock border, the brewery up on top of the hill known as Bigelow Brewing.

I had an opportunity to talk with the folks several times at Bigelow about their expansion. Pam and Jeff Powers, really doing great things for our community, hosting many events, and just providing an opportunity for folks to gather, see a growing business, an opportunity to experience the brew process and also to see a value-added product. Here is a product, they are actually in the process of growing hops on-site. They are buying Maine-grown grains. They are doing what they can to support the Maine economy and grow their business.

But they referred to this as red tape. This is red tape that affects their business. It's a challenge for them. It also affects the character of their business. When you walk into their business, it's an old horse barn. It's an old horse barn that's been re-done inside very tactfully. There is an area that's designated with the taps with a counter. There's a large TV in that area. There's a gas fireplace. There's a center area that has some gift items—t-shirts, hats—and a large table that if you have an opportunity to go on a Friday, and now actually a Saturday night, that table is typically filled with folks from the community listening to music, eating wood-fire pizza. Wood-fired pizza out of an oven that was locally produced, locally made. And then also, ground work that's been done to the tune of probably tens of thousands of dollars. If you get there on a Friday night and you're fortunate enough to order your pizza by, say 6:30, they're open till about 8 o'clock, usually that's the last pizza you can actually order for the evening because typically they sell out. Their business has grown in popularity because word of mouth and a new model here in Maine known as "know your brewer," similar to "know your farmer."

But here we have an opportunity, we have an opportunity to take a bipartisan vote to help one of the fastest growing industries in the State of Maine. So, today, I didn't really anticipate having to jump up. I had some remarks prepared because I told Jeff that I would. I said, "You know, this bill seems to be moving forward. I think people get it that we are trying to lift burdens on your business." So I hope that when we take the vote today, it's reflected, we take a strong vote, we step up, we recognize that this is a growing industry and that we need to modernize our standards and modernize our laws here in the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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 in favor of the pending motion. This is one of those rare opportunities where we can make sure that we're truly open for business and remove a harmful and unnecessary regulation that has impacted numerous Maine businesses. We heard that there is about 68 breweries in Maine right now. There's about 27 brew pub combinations here. I'm sure all of you have driven through Hallowell and hopefully stopped and had the amazing food and beer at the Liberal Cup.

For these businesses that have a restaurant license, they're put in a separate sub-class, as we heard, where if you go to taste their beer and you were thoroughly impressed by what they had to offer and you want to take a six pack home, you have to separately go to a physically separated space with a wall and a separate door. I've dealt with different owners of brew pubs and even a restaurant dealing with wine sales with a concern of the cost of building that separate entrance. If you're leasing, it's not something you can always do. This is a law that is literally in the way of moving more jobs and more business forward.

I urge you all if you have a split second and a laptop in front of you to go to www.beerservesamerica.org. It's a national project that can actually show each of you in your legislative district what the impact of the brewing industry is on Maine. This is a straightforward bill and I think it's very important for our economy and I urge you all to follow my light in support of the pending motion.

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 also was not prepared to rise today on this issue. However, I believe I may be the only person in the room that was in the room when we negotiated this. I could be wrong, but I think I'm right. So this was part of the original growler bill. There was a bipartisan four-hour work session where we went through detail by detail by detail. We were all growling at the end of the work session to create growlers. One of the concessions was that we create a wall. We were not quite sure, we talked about it extensively at the time, whether this was going to be a good idea or a terrible idea.

It turns out that it has become a significant burden on our businesses. I would hope that we would continue in the spirit that we started, which was to make sure that growlers were available to our brew pubs across the state and that we would actually do it in such a way that it makes sense for our brew pubs so that they can be successful. It's also a little confusing and cumbersome on the consumer side as well. Imagine walking in, liking the beer, and wanting to be able to walk out like most people do, the one-stop shopping. This creates a burden, not just for the business owner, but for the consumer.

It was a very, very small part of the bill that we negotiated, I believe it was back in 2009, and I do think it's the one major modification of the bill that needs to happen. Otherwise, I think that the law has been working, but this would make it work significantly better. So, as a member of the committee that helped negotiate bringing growlers to the first place, I think this is a good step to take us to the next level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **BICKFORD**: If I go to a brew pub and I have wood-fired pizza and three or four beers and an hour and a half later I decide that I'm going to take a couple beers home with me, am I able to do that?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Luchini.

Representative **LUCHINI**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise to answer the question. Under current law, if you are at a brew pub and you eat and drink and you want to buy something to go, you can. You just have to go outside and in the other exterior door and buy it from that section. This would remove that wall requirement. So, you could do it, you just have to go outside to the building. Essentially, the door is on the same hinge and you go in and buy it from that section. It's a total separation thing and as the business has said, it requires that they have extra employees, things of that sort.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition

to this bill. We talk a lot up here about behavioral health. This is just incredible to know that someone can sit and drink and then buy a couple to go and you know, people I know that buy a beer or two to go will crack one in their car on their way home. It's not a good bill. I'm going to vote against it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Burlington, Representative Turner.

Representative **TURNER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, plain and simple this is a carve out. Mr. Speaker, could I have the Clerk read the Committee Report please?

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

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 answer part of the question previously posed. I just want to remind everyone in the House that anyone who's serving or selling alcohol always has the right to deny that customer the service if they feel that the customer is intoxicated.

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose her question.

Representative **BEAVERS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, if you buy a six pack at the grocery store, you can crack that open on your way home, too. I mean, this makes no sense to me.

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

A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 558

YEA - Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Black, Blume, Brooks, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chace, Chapman, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Edgecomb, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Foley, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gerrish, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Hickman, Higgins, Hobart, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Prescott, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Sawicki, Schneck, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Theriault, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, White, Winsor, Wood, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Battle, Bickford, Bryant, Chenette, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Espling, Fredette, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Head, Hilliard, Hobbins, Kinney J, Kinney M, Long, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Pierce J, Reed, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Stearns, Stetkis, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Wadsworth, Wallace.

ABSENT - Gillway, Herbig, Herrick.

Yes, 109; No, 39; Absent, 3; Excused, 0.

109 having voted in the affirmative and 39 voted in the negative, with 3 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-355) was READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Under 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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-355) in NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1606)

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford

KATZ of Kennebec

VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston

FREY of Bangor

GRANT of Gardiner

JORGENSEN of Portland

MARTIN of Eagle Lake

SANBORN of Gorham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-465)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

NUTTING of Oakland

SIROCKI of Scarborough

TIMBERLAKE of Turner

WINSOR of Norway

Came from the Senate 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" (S-464) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-467)** thereto.

READ.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report.**

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

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, just like a family which has to take stock of its expenses mid-month to make sure it's on track, every other year, the State of Maine has to take an honest look at how our budget is measuring up to the reality of the needs facing our state. The supplemental budget is designed to close the gaps. What emergencies didn't we plan for that we have to address now?

This year, Maine has seen both a growth in revenue and new, desperate needs in our communities. We've already made some progress in passing bipartisan bills that will combat the drug crisis, fund our schools, support our businesses, and prevent property tax increases. But there are other serious needs before us that require our immediate attention. This supplemental budget is a true compromise, which responsibly addresses some of the emergency needs in our state, from strengthening Maine's workforce in a time of increased uncertainty to protecting our homeowners and communities from rising costs, to giving those that serve our most vulnerable the tools they need to take care of their own families.

This budget proposal is a reasonable way to fund smart policies that we can all feel proud standing behind. And just as important, this proposal saves \$45.5 million, the vast majority of the expected surplus, in the Rainy Day Fund so that we can plan for our needs in the future. A significant amount of the \$11 million in new spending comes from the fact that two proposals submitted by the Chief Executive, which we've included, because they received strong bipartisan report.

The supplemental budget doesn't include every Democratic priority. It doesn't include every Republican priority. But from having nothing to something, we've been able to broker a compromise that encompasses our common ground and helps us to move forward. To the AFA Committee members who helped forge this compromise, I thank you for your hard work and dedication in spite of the frustration all 13 of us experienced along the way. I also want to thank the staff in the Revisor's Office and in OFPR who gave up their weekend to get this bill to the floor this evening. The staff is always gracious, patient, professional, and helpful no matter how exhausted they are. Finally, I want to thank our principal analyst, Maureen Dawson, who must put in longer hours than anyone else in the State House, and I thank her on behalf of our committee for her tireless work on our behalf.

The amended bill before you this evening addresses needs that should not wait until January to be fixed. Maine's law enforcement officers who face dangerous situations every day deserve fair wages. Direct care providers should be able to find and keep skilled workers, who take care of our seniors and Mainers living with a disability. Riverview employees should be able to go home to their families at the end of their shift instead of working overtime to cover the gaps caused by low wages. Our property taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for jails, who continue to receive less state funding.

Telling my community they will have to wait until January before any help comes to them isn't an option for me and it shouldn't be for you. It's time to address the emergencies before us in a smart way while saving for the future. I urge all of us to come together in passing the supplemental budget proposal. Thank you.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** as **Amended** Report.

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 Norway, Representative Winsor.

Representative WINSOR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I thank the good Representative from Lewiston, and I do agree with her in some points and disagree with her in others. I certainly want to thank our staff for their hard work and I also want to thank my colleagues in the Democratic caucus for their courteous and kind behavior with us.

I disagree that we have an emergency, however, and I think that I have to note that only nine months ago, we passed a 24-month budget that included more than \$300 million worth of additional spending. If we reject this bill, nothing will happen. The sun will rise and set as scheduled and life will continue. Our government will continue to provide services to its constituents, to our constituents. But I have to say that there are many things in this budget that I think that I agree with, as do my colleagues and I would support them if I could vote on them individually. But in total, I think there's just too much new, and perhaps, unemergency spending in this particular proposal.

The major concern in my caucus is taking on additional spending at this time. This a time for us of uncertainty. We are about to face two referendum votes this fall, which may, and I believe will, have significant impact on our state's revenue. We are told that there may be two more mills closing, as well as a large wafer manufacturing facility in South Portland. These together, with changes in labor law and tax law, mean to me that we should be careful about taking on additional spending and programs. I do believe that we could redirect existing funding and that if we could do that, we would be able to accomplish many of the causes that our colleagues would like, that we agree on. For example, everybody agrees that the police officers should have raises and the Chief Executive has provided a plan to do that without additional resources or spending.

The next Legislature will return here in approximately 11 months. We believe at that time, there will be more certainty in the state's revenue situations, as well as a better understanding of the needs of the various departments. It will give us time to truly vet the proposals before us. And so, Men and Women, I urge you to reject the current motion before us so that we may approve so that the Appropriations Committee may continue its work. 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 was sitting here showing the good Representative from Freeport, Representative Gideon, a message I received from a member of the law enforcement community, a member who's not here tonight, probably listening, not here because the type of job that they have would not allow them to be in the hallway and to lobby us on the measure that's before us. The message was in regards to leadership, showing leadership, thanking many of us for providing leadership this session. And I step back for a moment and I think of a meeting I had very early on with my sheriff. Came here to meet with us to ask for assistance for the county jail.

So, I think tonight as we take this debate, it's important to talk and it's important to talk because there's people who are listening. They are wondering. There's no cameras really here today. There might be one or two. This might be picked up by Maine Public Broadcasting. But I think of, probably, the thousands of people that are listening around the state. They're listening because what we have put forward is what they expect us to put forward: a bipartisan compromise that shows our values, sets priorities, and uses resources that we have in the State of Maine in an effective and efficient way.

So a lot has not been talked about in regards to what is actually in this bill. So let's talk for a minute. I look at this bill, it talks a lot, it should talk a lot, it includes things about recruitment and retention. There's pieces in here from LD 1645, a bill sponsored by the Senator from Augusta, Senator Roger Katz, "An Act To Address Employee Recruitment and Retention Issues" here for the State Mental Institution. Unanimous Report. No roll calls. Testimony on this bill, the good Senator from

Augusta, Senator Katz, also had support from a member in our body who testified, Representative Malaby, in support. Also on this bill, language from LD 886, sponsored by the good Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Espling, co-sponsored by yourself, Mr. Speaker, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services." Unanimous Report. No roll calls. Seems like a slam dunk. Testimony from the good Representative from New Gloucester, Representative Espling. Also in this bill, LD 1653, good Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, "An Act Implementing the Pay Increases for Certain Law Enforcement Employees To Aid in Recruitment and Retention." Let's talk about this one for a second. Unanimous Report. No roll calls. Testimony from a number of folks, Senators and Representatives from around the state.

Last night I had an opportunity, I attended an event at my local high school for elementary students. A number of those elementary students got up, they spoke, they want a career in law enforcement. Really powerful experience. I was pretty excited. Young Carly McCabe decided she wants to be an actress. A number of students from Skowhegan want to be diesel mechanics. But there was a number of young men and young women there who wanted to become police officers. I had an opportunity to go out in the hallway while we ate some cake, had some punch, celebrated those students.

I talked with a state trooper, someone I've known for quite some time, probably going on 15 years. I talked to him about how things are going and he said, "You know, to be honest, things aren't really going that well," based on our actions in this body. It's not very good for morale right now. I talked a little bit more. He's done very well. He's had a lot of opportunities, and I can see this person moving up in the ranks. He said, "If I'm going to move up, Jeff, the next promotion would mean that I would probably lose about \$20,000 a year." That's a real problem. He said, "Will we have your support?" I said, "I'm there. I've been on board since the beginning." Mr. Speaker, I believe you and I talked months ago. We said we're going to do what it takes to get this done.

So, moving on, LD 1523. This is a bill sponsored by Senator Davis. Senator Davis understands a little bit about being in law enforcement. He also understands what the challenges are. This is a "Resolve, To Provide Wage Parity for Supervisors of Law Enforcement Personnel." This is a big one. I just spoke about the needs to this one. Unanimous Committee Report. In the House it passed 142-2. Seven people were absent. Strong vote on that one. Testimony on that bill included folks from this body. The good Representative from Winslow, Representative Nadeau, good Senator Davis himself in support. Senator Davis is somebody that's a smart man. He has a lot of institutional knowledge. He's someone we should follow.

Moving on. Let's talk about property tax relief. I think we talk a big game, Mr. Speaker, when it comes to property tax relief. LD 1614. This is a bill right here. This is a no brainer for me, Mr. Speaker. This is just what my sheriff wanted me to pass. This bill is included in this supplemental budget. It's a "Resolve, To Provide Funding to the County Jail Operations Fund." All sorts of Members of this body and the other body supported this, Mr. Speaker.

Also in this bill, let's talk about supporting Maine health care providers. LD 1638, sponsored by somebody from this body, the good Representative, Representative Malaby. It's an increased payments to MaineCare providers that are subject to the Service Provider Tax. It's a great bill, Mr. Speaker. It's very important moving forward.

Let's jump down a little bit to LD 1150, sponsored by the good Representative from Lewiston, Representative Brooks. This is a good one, right here, Mr. Speaker. I have a Main Street business, actually just had an expansion recently. It was a pharmacy. Anything I can do when it comes to local pharmacies, I take that opportunity and I jump. Right here is "An Act Regarding the Maximum Allowable Cost Pricing List Used by Pharmacy Benefit Managers." This is another great bill right here. Had support here. Testimony by folks on the other side of the aisle that testified in favor of this bill. Good bipartisan effort.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, before I move on, I just want to draw everyone attention. We hear a lot about retaining young people in this state, Mr. Speaker. Everyone's worried about young people leaving the state after college. Anything that we can do in this elected body, Democrats and Republicans working together to make sure that young people stay in this state after college, want to make this a great place to live, we should do. I hear a lot, the Chief Executive talks about doing things for students, doing things for college graduates, lowering the debt for those coming out of college, and here's an opportunity, Mr. Speaker, right here. In this bill, it includes LD 1587. This is an Act sponsored by the good representative from Franklin County, Senator Saviello. This is "An Act Regarding the Education Opportunity Tax Credit." Unanimous Committee Report. No roll calls.

So, here we are, Mr. Speaker. The good people of the State of Maine, those folks that protect us, those folks that work at places like Riverview, places like Dorothea Dix, people that do the jobs that many of us would not want to do, are asking for us to step up. They're asking us to step outside of our party labels today. They're asking us to leave those at the door. They're asking us to take a strong stand, send a message that we can work together, we can find compromise, we can find common ground, and we can move important issues forward, Mr. Speaker.

So when we take this vote today, it's a simple one for me. I've stated why I'll support this. I hope that others will join me. I hope that this becomes a bipartisan effort. I hope that we pass this bill, we send it down to the other body, we get this bill back, we take another strong vote, and we move on. We move on, we send a clear message to the State of Maine that we can work together, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 559

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson,

Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Gillway, Herbig, Herrick.

Yes, 82; No, 66; Absent, 3; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 3 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** was **READ** by the Clerk. **Senate Amendment "A" (S-467)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Representative STUCKEY of Portland **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-642)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **STUCKEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Men and Women of the House, I want to be very clear that I really appreciate our leadership and our colleagues on the AFA Committee and their steadfast and bipartisan commitment to doing what's right for the people of the State of Maine in this somewhat unusual supplemental budget.

My amendment is very simple. It proposes doing two things to support and improve the quality of life for two other important groups of Mainers. The first thing this amendment does is increase the monthly allowance of MaineCare residents of nursing and residential care facilities by \$10 and \$20 a month, from \$40 to \$50, and \$70 to \$90 a month, respectively. Mr. Speaker, these are folks who have spent down all but the last \$2,000 of their savings, and maybe that used car in the parking lot that they hope to give to their granddaughter when she graduates from high school.

This personal needs allowance is the only other money they have. People use it to pay for things like long distance telephone service, cable television, haircuts, clothes and shoes, special shampoos and hand creams. Residents who can still get up and get out use this modest allowance to go out to lunch, go to the movies, get ice cream, visit a museum. Residents who cannot get up or get out may authorize a family member or friend to use their personal needs allowance on their behalf, allowing and ensuring that funds meant for her are spent for her. And, Mr. Speaker, unexpended funds are escrowed, and subject to settlement.

Mr. Speaker, this allowance has not been increased since 1985. And the cost of this increase to over 8,000 people is \$1.5 million a year. The second thing this amendment does, Mr. Speaker, is to increase the spending cap for individuals covered by Section 29 MaineCare. As I'm sure you remember, led by the efforts of then Senator Flood and Representative Chace, we expanded in the last Legislature, services allowed under the MaineCare Section 29 waiver to include home supports, assistive technology, and career planning. These services, added to the existing community and work supports, are designed to allow consumers to remain at home in their community. That's what many consumers and their families want to do, and it's less expensive.

However, what we did not do last session, Mr. Speaker, was increase the reimbursement cap for Section 29 recipients. So they now have the menu of choices they need to live and work in their community, but their allowance may not be big enough to pay for the services they need. That's when they have to apply for Section 21.

With bipartisan support in the budget, in the last year, the Department of Health and Human Services has been able to

eliminate the waiting list for Section 29 services, and the Priority 1 waiting list for Section 21 services. That's great news, Mr. Speaker. However, there are still over 1,200 people on the Priority 2 and Priority 3 waiting lists for Section 21. And of that 1,200-plus, over 400 are currently also receiving Section 29 services, just not enough of them.

There are currently about 1,400 people on the Section 29 waiver. Their average annual waiver cost is \$17,700, about 75 percent of the current annual cap. This amendment will double the cap, raising it to \$45,500 a year. The waiver will be more responsive to more people, allowing them to live and work in the community, and delaying, or maybe even eliminating, their need for the significantly more expensive Section 21 services, and thus further reducing that waiting list.

Hopefully, the day is not far off, Mr. Speaker, when we will have a comprehensive and seamless life-long continuum of services available to every person living with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders, and a system that provides the supports they, and their families, need—no more and no less—when they need it.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure you will appreciate my profound disappointment, when I realized that since the bill originated in the other body, I could not use my revenue of choice to cover the \$4.5 million annual fiscal note. I would have proposed an infinitesimally small surtax on the income of the wealthiest one percent of Maine tax payers. Instead, Mr. Speaker, this amendment pays for these additional expenses by reducing the amount of the bill transfers to the rainy day fund. And finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I'm a little bit sad to think that this will be my last amendment to a state budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **House Amendment "B" (H-642)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** as **Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-467)** thereto and later today assigned.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1670) Bill "An Act To Attract Investment to Loring Commerce Centre" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-634)**

(H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1671) Resolve, Compensating Susan Cloutier for Claims against the State Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-638)**

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-636)** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services"

(H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1577)

Signed:
 Senator:
 HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:
 GATTINE of Westbrook
 BURSTEIN of Lincolnville
 HAMANN of South Portland
 HYMANSON of York
 PETERSON of Rumford
 STUCKEY of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-637)** on same Bill.

Signed:
 Senators:
 BRAKEY of Androscoggin
 McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:
 HEAD of Bethel
 MALABY of Hancock
 SANDERSON of Chelsea
 VACHON of Scarborough

READ.

Representative GATTINE of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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 York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, there are two populations of patients at Riverview Psychiatric Hospital that this bill speaks to.

The first is a group of two or three patients a year who are violent and put the Riverview staff and other patients at risk. Who are these two to three violent patients? They are people who have severe and persistent mental health illness who are arrested when they put themselves and others harm's way. They went through the judicial system and were found that they were not criminally responsible for the harm they caused due to their mental illness. They were placed in Riverview Psychiatric Hospital. For these two or three patients a year who put the staff and other patients at Riverview at risk, this bill moves them to a hospital that has resources to treat them and deescalate their violent behavior. The hospital can be in the state, which is preferable, or out of state. When the Chief Executive spoke to the Health and Human Services Committee, he seemed to agree that a hospital level of care was best.

The second group are 15-20 people whose mental health is stable and they could be discharged, but the judicial system does not allow them to be our neighbors. They need a secure, non-hospital residential facility. This bill requires the administration to develop a plan to house this group.

The third part of this bill is a report back regarding staffing at Riverview Psychiatric Hospital. Staffing has been a major problem and we want to follow the progress. Taking care of the two to three violent patients will make the staff and patients at Riverview Psychiatric Hospital safer. Housing the 15-20 people

who no longer need a hospital in a residential non-hospital setting will release the federal government's concern and help recertify Riverview, a long awaited goal. Thank you and I ask you to support this motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. Everything that the good Representative from York, Representative Hymanson, said, just stated, is true. However, we have had proposals brought before this chamber in order to help fix and stabilize Riverview.

We've had a base unit proposed, which was voted down. We also had money proposed in a supplemental budget last year for the very unit that would've housed the forensic patients who no longer need a hospital level of care, but that money was scooped out and spent on something else. So, when you look at this bill right here, allowing a hospital level of care for these patients, right now we don't have a hospital in this state that is able to take care of these very violent people, the forensic patients who are incredibly violent. We would have to send them out of state. Having this in the bill is something we can already do.

What this bill also does is provides onerous reporting on the part of the Department of Health and Human Services, at least every 90 days, to make to about the staffing, about what's going on over there, and that's all information that we can get without having onerous reports on the Department of Health and Human Services. They have their hands full with a lot of the things that we passed through here and also their day-to-day business. They also have their hands full already trying to stabilize Riverview and to make sure that they are catching up with the issues that they've had there and they've made great grounds. They've made good grounds on that as far as the staffing levels.

This bill was initially submitted to allow the transfer of NCR patients down to the IMHU in Warren. That is not part of this bill. While we can send some of these patients to hospitals outside the state, which are JCAHO accredited, and which are able to handle with a corrections level of security, some of the most dangerous patients that we have there, it takes time to do that. It takes a lot of time to contract out, to get them there, and then we're moving these folks away from their family.

I recommend that we vote "no" on this, pass the Minority Report. The IMHU piece would have a quick transfer when staffing and other patients over at Riverview are at risk. It's very hard to stabilize a very volatile patient count when you have somebody over there who is literally terrorizing the rest of the patients there. They're also terrorizing the staff. We've had one staff member, who's deaf in one ear, broke all the bones here. And one gentleman over there in particular, it's not a matter of if he will assault, it's a matter of when, because they found that the patterns of his behavior are so violent, criminogenic, that whenever somebody new comes on to the unit, they immediately become a target. Is that what we really want for the folks over there going there for treatment? People with mental health issues should be able to go to a hospital, receive the hospital level of care that they need, but also know that it's a safe place to be.

That's why I'm opposed to this. This doesn't really help us in the short term and we already can do what this bill is proposing in the long term without out-of-state resources and until we're willing to commit—commit some finances, commit some time—to either building a facility, adding another facility, to house the forensic patients, then I think that's what we're kind of stuck here. This bill doesn't solve anything. Thank you.

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

Representative **BURSTEIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to speak to you about a very important point. The Riverview patients that we're speaking about have been determined to need a hospital level of care, a place that's pursuant to standards, which means hospital accreditation. You will hear JCAHO. That's the hospital accreditation organization.

The Chief Executive, when he visited our committee, agreed that patients needed to go there, to a JCAHO accredited organization, a place that is accredited, sorry. During our hearing on this bill, we were given a lot of testimony regarding the difference between standards in a correctional facility and a hospital facility. Even the psychiatrists from the Warren State Prison, when testifying, emphasized this.

Unfortunately, moving the patients to Warren State Prison does not protect them or the staff from these horrible situations. We heard again from the chief psychiatrist, that sexual assaults happened in Warren. Murder even has happened there.

Correctional facilities are staffed by correctional officers. They are trained as correction officers, which in the past were called prison guards. They're not mental health workers. They are not acuity specialists. And they are not hospital employees. A prison does not have a JCAHO hospital accreditation.

I went to Warren. I went to the mental health unit there. I spoke to many people there. They were all adamant: a correction environment is not a place for people who need hospital level care. It all comes down to this, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, do we, in Maine, treat our mentally ill as prisoners or do we treat them as patients? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 560

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Gillway, Herbig, Herrick, Wadsworth.

Yes, 81; No, 66; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-636)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under 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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-636)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** on Bill "An Act To Assist Working Families with Young Children"

(H.P. 867) (L.D. 1267)

Signed:

Senator:

HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook
BURSTEIN of Lincolnville
HAMANN of South Portland
HYMANSON of York
PETERSON of Rumford
STUCKEY of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin
McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel
MALABY of Hancock
SANDERSON of Chelsea
VACHON of Scarborough

READ.

Representative GATTINE of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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 Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, this bill seeks to increase childcare reimbursement rates that we help subsidize from the 50th percentile of market value up to 60th percentile of market value. I'd like to tell you some numbers here. Currently, in Maine, we have a range of monthly state reimbursement rates from \$810 to \$953. This is based on the market rate from 2013 when we last did our assessment. When you look at the monthly state reimbursement rate, and where the 75th percentile of the market rate comes in, which is \$1,331, we're reimbursing \$974 per month. That's less than \$56. That's \$56 from the 75th percentile.

We heard in committee and I've heard from folks that other states are reimbursing at the 75th percentile, so perhaps that we

should be generous enough to go up to 60 percent. Well, California is certainly at higher than the 75th percentile, they're at the 85th percentile. But guess what? They're at the 2005 rates. We've done our market rate analysis. We're higher in actual cash and what we distribute to them. Theirs hasn't been done since 2006.

California—whereas we are only funding less than \$56 per month at the highest rate, according to the 75th percentile—right now, according to California's 75th percentile, even though they're listed as that 85th, they're underfunding that by \$375. We already put a substantial amount of money into daycare so parents can utilize these services and be able to get a job. Until we actually have better jobs to go to, I would ask you to not support this. We fund this with a lot of money. I believe we are the 11th highest reimbursement state in the nation and I just don't believe we can afford this right now. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in support of the pending motion. This bill focuses on a key issue for low-income working families in Maine: access to decent, affordable childcare.

Maine provides childcare vouchers to families. The provider is paid with funding from the Child Care Development Fund, CCDF, which is largely federally funded. The rates paid to childcare providers are tied to the periodic market rate survey that DHHS conducts regarding the amount paid for childcare around the state. Reimbursement rates are tied to a percentile of the market rate, where the rate is set relative to the rates charged by providers in that region. Rates also vary by the age of the child, with infants generally more expensive than older children.

Maine's current rate is at the 50th percentile of the market rate. The federal government recommends that states pay at the 75th percentile to guarantee that families with vouchers have access to most childcare facilities. The federal government recommends paying the 75th percentile, and in Maine, the CCDF rate was at the 75th percentile until just a few years ago when it was reduced. One result of the rate reduction is that fewer childcare providers accept vouchers, limiting quality childcare options for low-income working families and their children.

At its core, this is an economic development issue. The childcare voucher program allows low-income parents to work, strengthening Maine's economy. And the quality childcare made possible by a strong voucher program will prepare their children to succeed throughout their lives. University of Maine Economist Philip Trostel recently studied the benefits of quality early care and education and concluded in his report, "A Path to a Better Future," that the rate of return on investments like quality childcare is at least 7.5 percent. The state will save on future costs like special education and incarceration, and benefit from taxes on what parents earn now and the higher incomes their children will earn later on. The benefits of the higher rate could not be more clear.

In fact, last year, Maine's Department of Health and Human Services put together a new CCDF State Plan. The Plan contains a number of changes to the CCDF plan, many of them positive. The draft plan was released in late December and it included a rate increase from the 50th percentile to the 60th percentile. The DHHS draft plan proposed doing precisely what the pending motion aims to do. This change recognized the benefits of the higher rate, including greater choice for families and access to more quality programs. Parents and childcare providers were pleased by the change and testified in support of the DHHS plan at public hearings held earlier this year.

But despite overwhelming support, DHHS amended its plan at the last minute and on March 11th filed the State Plan at the 50th percentile. Parents and childcare providers were caught by surprise. Some providers, including Head Start agencies, had built budgets for their businesses that assumed the 60th percentile. Even more disappointing, DHHS currently already has the resources to pay this higher rate. As the fiscal note confirms, there are federal funds available to support the 60th percentile rate.

DHHS got this right the first time. Increasing the childcare reimbursement rate to the 60th percentile will make a positive difference in the lives of working parents, their children, and the larger Maine community. Please join me in supporting the pending motion on 1267 to ensure that Maine children have access to the quality childcare that they deserve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I apologize for rising twice. The good Representative is correct. The Department did put in an initial 60 percent of market value rate and then realized that 50 percent was in statute. When they went to correct that, they realized and did an analysis of just exactly how much we're actually reimbursing. It is two tiers. There's two different payments. For someone who's in a four year old, we would be asking parents to pay out of their own pockets \$143 per month. For a one year old, the ones that are more expensive, we would be asking parents to pay—and these are Cumberland County prices—we would be asking parents to pay \$56 per month. That's really not too much of a stretch. That's not too much of an ask and I believe that's not too much to have a parent contribute to their child care when they vast amount, the majority of the amount, is picked up by the block grants. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 561

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgcomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Vachon, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Gillway, Herbig, Herrick, Wadsworth.
Yes, 82; No, 65; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under 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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** and 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:

SENATE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (9) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) - Minority (4) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-465) - Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1606)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-467)** thereto.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-643) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I want to explain what this amendment does. It removes the Emergency preamble and it delays raises for law enforcement and psychiatric workers until July 1st, 2016. It keeps budget stabilization funds transfer at \$44.5 million. County jail operations funding happens in FY '17 instead of FY '16. It removes funding for the last three months of Fiscal Year 2015-16 for an increase in reimbursement rates to eligible MaineCare providers. And these changes in this amendment accommodate the fact that we do not have two-thirds support in the chamber, which means that these provisions of the bill cannot go into effect immediately. Thank you.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "C" (H-643) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-464)** was **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-643) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-467) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under 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 as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-464) as Amended by House Amendment "C" (H-643) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-467)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and 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:

**ENACTORS
Emergency Measure**

An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Deappropriations for the Judicial Department for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1597)

(C. "A" H-631)

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. 141 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 Change the Definition of "Hard Cider" for Consistency with Federal Law

(H.P. 1148) (L.D. 1678)

An Act To Assist Small Distilleries

(H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1687)

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, 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

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1677)

(C. "A" H-632)

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

Acts

An Act To Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

(S.P. 593) (L.D. 1531)

(C. "A" S-457)

An Act To Facilitate Internal Hiring by Reforming the Use of Registers in the State Civil Service System

(S.P. 682) (L.D. 1668)

(C. "A" S-449)

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.

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

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the House adjourned at 9:46 p.m., until 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016.