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

Prayer by Reverend Jo Anne Hilton, United Baptist Church, Jefferson.

National Anthem by Ellsworth High School Show Choir. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Designate May 1st of Each Year as Cold War Victory Day" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 103) (L.D. 111) Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in the House on May 2, 2007.

Came from the Senate with the Majority (10) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-86) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Representative BARSTOW of Gorham moved that the House **INSIST** and **ASK** for a **COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

Representative TARDY of Newport moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative BARSTOW of Gorham **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 57

YEA - Annis, Austin, Ayotte, Beaulieu, Berube, Boland, Browne W, Campbell, Cebra, Chase, Cotta, Cray, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Edgecomb, Emery, Finley, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Greeley, Hamper, Hotham, Joy, Knight, Lansley, Lewin, Marean, McDonough, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Millett, Muse, Nass, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Rector, Richardson D, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Savage, Saviello, Strang Burgess, Sykes, Tardy, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Vaughan, Walker, Weaver.

NAY - Adams, Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Berry, Blanchard, Blanchette, Bliss, Brautigam, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Clark, Cleary, Connor, Conover, Craven, Crockett, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunn, Eaton, Eberle, Faircloth, Farrington, Finch, Fischer, Fisher, Grose, Hanley S, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Jackson, Kaenrath, Koffman, Lundeen, MacDonald, Makas, Mazurek, Miller, Mills, Miramant, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pingree, Piotti, Pratt, Rand, Rines, Samson, Schatz, Silsby, Simpson, Sirois, Smith N, Sutherland, Theriault, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner, Walcott, Watson, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Cressey, Dill, Duprey, Gerzofsky, Jacobsen, Marley, Moore, Pineau, Priest, Richardson E, Treat.

Yes, 57; No, 82; Absent, 11; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

57 having voted in the affirmative and 82 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 11 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative BARSTOW of Gorham, the House voted to **INSIST** and **ASK** for a **COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**. Sent for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 244) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

May 3, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 473 An Act To Clarify Land Use Regulation in Unorganized and Deorganized Townships
- L.D. 1070 An Act To Create the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council
- L.D. 1668 An Act To Create a Saco River Preservation Fund
- L.D. 1713 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Implement a Pilot Program To Preserve Agricultural Land

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. John M. Nutting

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Wendy Pieh

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 245)

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic

Development has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 752 An Act To Streamline Licensure for Sign Language Interpreters

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

Sincerely, S/Sen. Lynn Bromley Senate Chair

S/Rep. Nancy E. Smith

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 246) STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 1332 An Act Regarding Tobacco Products in Jails
- L.D. 1384 An Act To Rename and Specifically Identify Sex Crimes

L.D. 1589 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Opposite-gender Bathrooms, Changing Rooms and Locker Rooms

L.D. 1612 An Act To Reduce the Incidence of Incarceration for People with Mental Illness

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond Senate Chair

S/Rep. Stanley J. Gerzofsky

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 247) STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

May 2, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate

Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1624

An Act To Hold School Systems to the Same Spending Limits as Municipalities We have also notified the sponsor and cosponsors of the Committee's action. Sincerely, S/Sen. Peter B. Bowman

Senate Chair S/Rep. Jacqueline Norton

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 248) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 282 An Act To Provide Dental Care for Pregnant Women and New Mothers Receiving MaineCare Benefits
- L.D. 574 An Act To Increase Funding for the State's Immunization Program (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 973 An Act To Require the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Publish Abortion Statistics
- L.D. 1184 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Possibility of Implementing the Proposed Healthy Americans Act (EMERGENCY)
- L.D. 1398 An Act To Enable Restaurants To Allow Dogs In Outdoor Portions of Those Establishments
- L.D. 1446 An Act To Protect Children from Mercury and Thimerosal Toxicity in Immunizing Agents
- L.D. 1523 An Act Requiring Heavy Metal-free Immunizing Agents

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

Sincerely, S/Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan Senate Chair S/Rep. Anne C. Perry House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 249) STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

May 7, 2007 Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings: Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has

voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 285 An Act To Designate Additional Wild Trout Waters for Recognition and Protection
 L.D. 822 An Act To Eliminate Fees for Resident Junior Hunters
 L.D. 826 An Act To Protect Inland Waters and Property
- Owners L.D. 982 An Act To Encourage Youth Hunting
- L.D. 1305 Resolve, To Create a New Hunter Safety Course

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bruce Bryant Senate Chair

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Troy D. Jackson House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 250) STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

L.D. 773 An Act To Preserve Dirigo Choice

L.D. 1287 An Act To Assist Maine Pharmacies

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan Senate Chair S/Rep. John R. Brautigam

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 251) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House

123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

L.D. 552 An Act To Provide for Punitive Damages against Sex Offenders

- L.D. 580 An Act To Provide for Punitive Damages against Drunk Drivers
- L.D. 1141 An Act To Ensure Basic Rights of Judicial Employees
- L.D. 1423 An Act To Allocate Punitive Damage Awards in Civil Cases To Include an Amount To Ensure Access to Justice for Maine Citizens

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Barry J. Hobbins

Senate Chair

S/Rep. Deborah Simpson

House Chair

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 252)

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 1087 An Act To Facilitate Debarment of State Contractors with Serious or Repeated Labor Violations
- L.D. 1616 An Act To Allow Temporary State Workers To Contribute to Social Security

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ethan Strimling

Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 253)

STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

May 7, 2007

Honorable Beth Edmonds, President of the Senate Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House 123rd Maine Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Edmonds and Speaker Cummings:

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

- L.D. 917 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 132 Members
- L.D. 1227 An Act To Require Posting of the State's Debt

- L.D. 1238 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide 4-year Terms for Legislators
- L.D. 1456 Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the Operations of State Government
- L.D. 1475 An Act To Assist Maine Property Owners of Land near State-owned Railroads
- L.D. 1530 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 140 Members
- L.D. 1614 An Act To Transfer All Registry of Deeds and Probate Functions to the Secretary of State and Courts

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Élizabeth M. Schneider Senate Chair

S/Rep. Christopher R. Barstow

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 692) STATE OF MAINE 123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE

May 4, 2007 Sen. John M. Nutting Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Aariculture. Conservation and Forestry Rep. Wendy Pieh House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Aariculture. Conservation and Forestry 123rd Legislature Augusta, ME 04333 Dear Senator Nutting and Representative Pieh: Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated the following to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission: Sidney Bradley of Easton for appointment Mary-Anne Martell of Portland for appointment George McHale of Orrington for reappointment Pursuant to Title 8 M.R.S.A. Section 261-A, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and confirmation by the Senate. Sincerely. S/Beth Edmonds President of the Senate S/Glenn Cumminas Speaker of the House Came from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION Committee on AND FORESTRY. READ **REFERRED** to the Committee on and AND CONSERVATION FORESTRY AGRICULTURE, in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 693) STATE OF MAINE 123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE May 4, 2007

Sen. John L. Martin

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources Rep. Theodore S. Koffman

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources 123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Martin and Representative Koffman:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Matthew Scott of Belgrade for reappointment and Susan Lessard of Hampden for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38 M.R.S.A. Section 341-C, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 694) STATE OF MAINE 123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE

May 4, 2007

Sen. Peter B. Bowman Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Rep. Jacqueline R. Norton

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bowman and Representative Norton:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated the following to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees:

Joanna Jones of Waldoboro for reappointment

Valerie Osborne of Old Town for appointment

Joe Hanslip of Sanford for appointment

Pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S.A Section 12705, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely, S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 695) STATE OF MAINE 123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE

May 4, 2007

Sen. Peter B. Bowman Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Rep. Jacqueline R. Norton House Chair. Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Bowman and Representative Norton:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Michael Pearson of Enfield and Robert Foster of Blue Hill for appointment to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S.A Section 8204, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate

S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

READ and **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION** AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 696) STATE OF MAINE **123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

May 4, 2007

Sen. Dennis S. Damon

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Rep. Boyd P. Marley

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Damon and Representative Marley:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated John Clifford of Lewiston for appointment and John Bubier of Yarmouth for reappointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S.A. Section 8112, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

REFERRED READ and the to Committee on TRANSPORTATION in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 697) STATE OF MAINE **123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE** May 4, 2007

Sen. Lisa T. Marraché Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs Rep. John L. Patrick House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Marraché and Representative Patrick:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Michael Friedman of Bangor for reappointment and David Shiah of Bowdoinham for appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 1002, these nominations will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely. S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate S/Glenn Cumminas

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 698) STATE OF MAINE **123RD MAINE LEGISLATURE**

May 4, 2007

Sen. Dennis S. Damon

Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation Rep. Boyd P. Marley

House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

123rd Legislature

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Damon and Representative Marley:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated Richard Valentino of Saco for appointment to the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S.A. Section 1965, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely, S/Beth Edmonds

President of the Senate S/Glenn Cummings

Speaker of the House

Came from the Senate, READ and REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 264) MAINE SENATE 123RD LEGISLATURE **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

May 8, 2007 Honorable Glenn Cummings Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0002 Dear Speaker Cummings: In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the

123rd Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Agriculture. Conservation and Forestry, the nomination of Jeanne Matava Mattson of Hallowell for appointment to the Land For Maine's Future Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, the nomination of George A. Burgoyne of Bangor for appointment to the Maine State Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

S/Joy J. O'Brien Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE Pursuant to Statute Department of Education

Representative NORTON for the **Department of Education** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1333) (L.D. 1900) Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, of Portland, on its many years of providing meals and bag lunches. Now headed by Arthur Ledue, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Portland, and his wife Doris, the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen was Portland's first soup kitchen when it opened in 1974 and is the city's oldest. It serves more than 125 meals and 75 bag lunches five days a week and prepares boxes of food for needy families, relying solely on volunteers and donations. We send our appreciation to the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen on its exemplary service to the community, and our best wishes for its continued success;

(HLS 380) Presented by Representative HARLOW of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth,

Representative MARLEY of Portland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, Representative HASKELL of Portland, Representative HINCK of Portland, Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative RAND of Portland, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative HARLOW of Portland, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **HARLOW**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As anyone who works in a soup kitchen realizes, the workers get more out of it

than the clients. Mr. and Mrs. Ledue and many other workers, work very hard to make St. Vincent de Paul successful, and many people in the past have worked very hard to do the same. In recent years, they have added clothing as part of their repertoire, so it is food and clothes. I am very proud to be a part of that and that is my most exciting part of the week, was when I could work at St. Vincent's. Thank you.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide Patients with Their Medication"

(S.P. 496) (L.D. 1418)

Signed: Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland RAYE of Washington

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais GROSE of Woolwich CONNOR of Kennebunk WALKER of Lincolnville CAMPBELL of Newfield LEWIN of Eliot FINLEY of Skowhegan

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)** on same Bill.

Signed: Representatives: WALCOTT of Lewiston MILLER of Somerville BEAUDOIN of Biddeford

Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Complimentary Moose Permit Drawing for 100% Disabled Veterans"

(S.P. 353) (L.D. 1101)

Signed: Senators: BRYANT of Oxford PERRY of Penobscot GOOLEY of Franklin

Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash RICHARDSON of Carmel SAVIELLO of Wilton FINCH of Fairfield EBERLE of South Portland WHEELER of Kittery LUNDEEN of Mars Hill RICHARDSON of Greenville BRYANT of Windham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative: McLEOD of Lee

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

Representative JACKSON of Allagash moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative MCLEOD of Lee **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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 Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 58

YEA - Adams, Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Berry, Blanchard, Blanchette, Bliss, Boland, Brautigam, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Clark, Connor, Conover, Cotta, Craven, Cray, Crockett, Dill, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunn, Eaton, Eberle, Faircloth, Farrington, Finch, Fischer, Fisher, Greeley, Grose, Hanley S, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Jackson, Kaenrath, Koffman, Lewin, Lundeen, Makas, Marean, Marley, Mazurek, McDonough, McKane, Miller, Miramant, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pingree, Piotti, Pratt, Rand, Richardson D, Rines, Samson, Silsby, Simpson, Sirois, Smith N, Sutherland, Sykes, Tardy, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Wagner, Walcott, Walker, Watson, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Annis, Austin, Ayotte, Beaulieu, Berube, Browne W, Campbell, Cebra, Chase, Cleary, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Edgecomb, Emery, Finley, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Hamper, Harlow, Hotham, Jacobsen, Joy, Knight, Lansley, MacDonald, McFadden, McLeod, Millett, Mills, Muse, Nass, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Rector, Richardson W, Robinson, Rosen, Savage, Saviello, Schatz, Strang Burgess, Theriault, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Vaughan, Weaver.

ABSENT - Cressey, Duprey, Gerzofsky, Moore, Pineau, Priest, Richardson E, Treat.

Yes, 90; No, 52; Absent, 8; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Sales Tax on Business Energy" (S.P. 305) (L.D. 954)

Signed: Senators: PERRY of Penobscot STRIMLING of Cumberland

Representatives:

PIOTTI of Unity RAND of Portland KNIGHT of Livermore Falls CLARK of Millinocket WOODBURY of Yarmouth HOTHAM of Dixfield WATSON of Bath CHASE of Wells PILON of Saco LANSLEY of Sabattus

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-75)** on same Bill.

Signed: Senator:

NASS of York

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ

On motion of Representative PIOTTI of Unity, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow an All-terrain Vehicle To Operate on Snow without Being Registered as a Snowmobile"

(H.P. 91) (L.D. 99)

Signed: Senators: BRYANT of Oxford PERRY of Penobscot GOOLEY of Franklin

Representatives:

JACKSON of Allagash RICHARDSON of Carmel SAVIELLO of Wilton FINCH of Fairfield EBERLE of South Portland WHEELER of Kittery LUNDEEN of Mars Hill RICHARDSON of Greenville BRYANT of Windham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed: Representative: McLEOD of Lee

READ.

On motion of Representative JACKSON of Allagash, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Six Members of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE report in Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended by

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185) on Bill "An Act To Create a 10-chance Moose Hunting Permit Application for Residents"

(H.P. 12) (L.D. 11)

Signed: Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin

Representatives: SAVIELLO of Wilton FINCH of Fairfield McLEOD of Lee JACKSON of Allagash LUNDEEN of Mars Hill

Six Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" Ought Not to Pass on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators: BRYANT of Oxford PERRY of Penobscot

Representatives:

RICHARDSON of Carmel EBERLE of South Portland WHEELER of Kittery BRYANT of Windham

READ.

On motion of Representative JACKSON of Allagash, Report "A" Ought to Pass as Amended was ACCEPTED.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 10, 2007.

CONSENT CALENDAR First Day

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

(H.P. 376) (L.D. 492) Bill "An Act To Clarify Who Receives Money from Fines for Violations of Maine's Soft-shelled Clam Laws" Committee on MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-205)

(H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1567) Resolve, To Demonstrate Cost Savings by Preventing the Onset of Severe Mental Illness in Youth (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-204)**

(H.P. 1234) (L.D. 1768) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 252: Rules Governing Certification of Seed Potatoes in the State of Maine, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY) Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-203)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR Second Day

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

(S.P. 117) (L.D. 373) Bill "An Act To Change the Membership of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission To Add Seats for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the State" (C. "A" S-77)

(S.P. 134) (L.D. 433) Bill "An Act To Amend the Bond Requirements for Estates of Decedents" (C. "A" S-76)

(S.P. 544) (L.D. 1521) Bill "An Act To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease" (C. "A" S-78)

(H.P. 741) (L.D. 981) Bill "An Act Concerning the Supervision of Nursing Support Staff"

(H.P. 1052) (L.D. 1502) Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Property and Casualty Insurance"

(H.P. 199) (L.D. 228) Bill "An Act To Establish a Special Veterans License Plate for Motorcycles" (C. "A" H-189)

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 229) Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Establishment of Tribal Electric Utility Districts" (C. "A" H-184)

(H.P. 293) (L.D. 363) Bill "An Act To Improve Juvenile Justice" (C. "A" H-186)

(H.P. 402) (L.D. 524) Bill "An Act To Exempt Registered Farm Trucks from Commercial Inspection" (C. "A" H-183)

(H.P. 517) (L.D. 686) Bill "An Act To Ensure Truth in Music Advertising" (C. "A" H-198)

(H.P. 620) (L.D. 823) Resolve, To Create an Effective Coyote Control Program (C. "A" H-190)

(H.P. 726) (L.D. 966) Bill "An Act To Make Part 1 of the Maine Criminal Code Gender-neutral" (C. "A" H-187)

(H.P. 806) (L.D. 1088) Bill "An Act To Amend Various Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws" (C. "A" H-199)

(H.P. 957) (L.D. 1365) Bill "An Act To Make Civil Process Fees on Papers Served on Behalf of the State of Maine Consistent with Fees Paid by Other Government Entities" (C. "A" H-192)

(H.P. 961) (L.D. 1369) Resolve, To Promote High-quality Before-school and After-school Programs (C. "A" H-200)

(H.P. 1049) (L.D. 1487) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Automotive Reflective and Tinted Glass" (C. "A" H-193)

(H.P. 1117) (L.D. 1595) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Proper Management of the Sea Urchin Industry" (C. "A" H-191)

(H.P. 1211) (L.D. 1728) Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Authority of Concealed Weapons Permits and Define the Term 'Crossbow' in Maine Law" (C. "A" H-188)

(H.P. 1224) (L.D. 1758) Resolve, To Promote Alternative Schools within Existing School Systems (EMERGENCY) (C. "A" H-194)

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

BILLS IN THE SECOND READING Senate

Bill "An Act To Integrate the Approval of Early Childhood Education Plans for Children 4 Years of Age into Basic School Approval for Elementary Schools"

(S.P. 172) (L.D. 560)

Senate as Amended

Bill "An Act To Fund Youth Conservation Education"

(S.P. 57) (L.D. 175) (S. "A" S-79 to C. "A" S-61)

Bill "An Act To Protect Children's Health on School Grounds"

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(C. "A" S-73)

House as Amended

Bill "An Act to Focus State Agency Efforts in Economic Development on Entrepreneurial Sustainability and Growth"

(H.P. 505) (L.D. 656) (C. "A" H-133)

(S.P. 67) (L.D. 184)

Resolve, To Estimate the Annual Value of Uncollected Bottle Deposits

(H.P. 895) (L.D. 1267)

(C. "A" H-195)

Resolve, To Provide Adequate Funding for Emergency Homeless Shelters (EMERGENCY)

> (H.P. 963) (L.D. 1371) (C. "A" H-201)

Reported by the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**, read the second time, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** or **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended in concurrence and the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** as Amended 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:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, 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.

HOUSE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act To Strengthen Safeguards for Small Businesses"

(H.P. 680) (L.D. 905)

TABLED - May 8, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.

Representative RECTOR of Thomaston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Unanimous **Ought to Pass as Amended** Committee 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 Thomaston, Representative Rector.

Representative **RECTOR**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. This bill requires that a simple assessment of impacts of department rules on small business, and that is any business that is 20 or fewer employees, be made as those rules are being promulgated. An anecdotal gathering of information must be provided, along with the publication of the rule that provides information about the impact of that rule during the public comment period. It does not require a comprehensive economic impact analysis. This information will be extremely useful in assessing the cost and benefits of a given rule. We believe that this simple safeguard will improve our responsiveness to the backbone of Maine's economy, our small businesses.

I want to acknowledge the assistance of the Office of Small Business Advocate from the New England Office of the Small Business Administration, in developing this legislation, and thank the Committee for their efforts in working this bill. I urge your support of the Unanimous Committee Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 59

YEA - Adams, Annis, Austin, Ayotte, Babbidge, Barstow, Beaudette, Beaudoin, Beaulieu, Berry, Berube, Blanchard, Blanchette, Bliss, Boland, Brautigam, Browne W, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Campbell, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Cebra, Chase. Clark, Cleary, Connor, Conover, Cotta, Craven, Cray, Crockett, Crosthwaite, Curtis, Dill, Driscoll, Duchesne, Dunn, Eaton, Eberle, Edgecomb, Emery, Faircloth, Farrington, Finch, Finley, Fisher, Fitts, Fletcher, Flood, Gerzofsky, Gifford, Giles, Gould, Greeley, Grose, Hamper, Hanley S, Harlow, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hogan, Jackson, Jacobsen, Joy, Kaenrath, Knight, Koffman, Lansley, Lewin, Lundeen, MacDonald, Makas, Marean, Marley, Mazurek, McDonough, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Miller, Millett, Mills, Miramant, Muse, Nass, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pingree, Pinkham, Piotti, Plummer, Pratt, Prescott, Rand, Rector, Richardson D, Richardson W. Rines, Robinson, Rosen, Samson, Savage, Smith N, Saviello, Schatz, Silsby, Simpson, Sirois, Strang Burgess, Sutherland, Sykes, Tardy, Theriault, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Vaughan, Wagner, Walcott, Walker, Watson, Weaver, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler, Woodbury, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - NONE

ABSENT - Cressey, Duprey, Fischer, Hotham, Moore, Pineau, Priest, Richardson E, Treat.

Yes, 141; No, 0; Absent, 9; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

141 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 9 being absent, and accordingly the Unanimous **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-202) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 10, 2007.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (11) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-196)** - Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Establish the Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program"

(H.P. 587) (L.D. 769)

TABLED - May 8, 2007 (Till Later Today) by Representative GERZOFSKY of Brunswick.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Blanchette.

Representative **BLANCHETTE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a divided report that came out of Criminal Justice Public Safety, very much divided; it was an 11-2 Report. I was on the Minority Report for any number of reasons and I would just like to briefly run through some of them with members of the House.

We live in a time and an age, when medical science has enabled us to live longer and more productive lives. With that longer and productive life, we have asked people to try to retain their homes and stay in their homes, or go into a group home. Well unfortunately, there is a nasty little disease out there that is called Age Dementia or Alzheimer's, and it catches up with everybody sooner or later, some sooner than later, and this is the sad part of it. We have senior citizens that are perfectly mobile, perfectly mobile probably more so than I am, but they suffer from memory loss—they do not know what their name is, they do not know where they live, and they wander. Now they have caregivers, but caregivers are not super people. They are not Spiderman that can scale a building with webs, they are human beings.

This bill is very, very important to me and to any number in this House who have elderly or infirmed family members. When asked of the Communications Commission that the public's right to access/know, and we have a Representative from the industry in our Committee, asked how many times the Amber Alert had been used, when questioned about it, because someone said they thought it would be overused and ignored. When questioned about how many times the Amber Alert System had been alerted in the State of Maine in the last year, I was really surprised at the number that they had put out: zero. So I do not think that we stand a chance of overusing this Amber Alert.

I just need to remind you that the senior citizens or people that are infirmed and have some disabilities like diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and any number of debilitating diseases, as you get older, your circulation slows down and you are cold-you are very, very cold all of the time. If you have diabetes, you circulation is extremely poor and you do suffer from the cold. An elderly person can die faster from hypothermia than a baby. Babies, by their very nature, generate heat. We have lost young children in the woods and they have been found two or three days later, scratched up and maybe a little bit cold, but not suffering from hypothermia. The same cannot be said about elderly people and the disorientation that comes when they are out there and they are saying, "I do not know how to get home. How did I get here? Who am I?" is very, very troubling. This is one system that we can put into place, does not cost a lot of money, gives people a very, very good sense of peace that if their loved one is missing, you do not have to wait for 24 or 48 hrs, you can put out an Amber Alert, just like a missing child, people go on the ready. It is like the Code Adam that retailers have used, ever so successfully, in this state and around the country, to save and retrieve children who have been separated from their children.

Unfortunately, when we become a senior citizen and suffer from Dementia, we sometimes have the same problems as very young children, we have to be led, and we have to be protected. This is one more way to protect them. It does not cost a lot of money. We have the Public Broadcast System that has to provide so many public service announcements per year, in order to retain their FCC license. So, I urge you to vote with the Minority on this Divided Report and be able to sleep a little better, if you think you have saved one of these very, very precious lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Last year I was invited to meet with the people in York County Triad and they asked me to put this bill in, and I put it in for them. I got it out of the State of Colorado.

This bill, I went to the administration because of tight finances and that I was assured that there was no fiscal note on this, and that the Department of Public Safety was all set up to step right in and do this. So, I urge my colleagues, we have now the largest population of senior citizens in this country per capita, that we need this bill. There is no fiscal note to it, the State Police are ready to step up to the plate and do it, so I urge you to follow my light and vote for this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Sykes.

Representative SYKES: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The good Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell, has presented us with a bill that actually is good in concept. The bill itself was reported out Ought Not to Pass 11-2, but we have moved before us, the Committee Amendment "A." Let's take a look and see what Committee Amendment "A" actually does and I think that you would agree of the concept, as I said, trying to respond appropriately and adequately to reports of missing persons, specifically the elderly and the disabled. Committee Amendment "A" would require when the Department of Public Safety is notified of a missing person, that they immediately notify all law enforcement agencies in the area, they enter the information into the National Crime Information Center computer, they notify the media, and they then report the Missing Person Report with all information to the clearinghouse. All of those things that I mentioned are a mandate.

The bill also creates a clearinghouse, a clearinghouse of missing persons' information. What does the clearinghouse do? The clearinghouse is to collect, to possess, maintain, and disseminate information on missing persons, Missing Persons Report. In effect, it creates another bureau, department, section in the Department of Public Safety. As we have heard in testimony, the elderly do wander away, we do have missing persons; we heard testimony to that effect. What we did not hear is testimony that in any missing person's situation, there was inadequate or inappropriate response to trying to find that person. The State Police are notified. They, many times, when appropriate, enlist the support of the media, the local fire department, the warden service, local law enforcement agencies, all of those people are appropriately used when necessary, to try and find missing persons.

We have heard that there is not a fiscal note to this. That is true; there is not a fiscal note to the state. Let's be aware that there is a fiscal note to the counties, because their sheriff's department, to the local municipality, they are going to pay those firemen to go out and do those types of things, so you have to be cautious of that. What we heard from the State Police was testimony neither for nor against, and their statement was there is a procedure, or process, that is in place that has been used appropriately, adequately, to ensure that there is a good, necessary, and successful response, to reports of missing persons. Because of that, the Committee felt that is was not necessary to have this clearinghouse, this mandate, and this bill. I urge you to vote against Committee Amendment "A" and go on to accept the 11-2 Majority Report, Ought Not to Pass. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell.

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

The SPEAKER: The Representative may pose his question.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have to totally disagree with my colleague, Representative Sykes, because if we do not need this bill, I do not know why we had the Amber Alert for the children? I would like to ask him to answer that question.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Blanchette. Representative **BLANCHETTE**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the good Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell, we need this law as well as the Amber Alert for the children, and for Code Adam, and Adam's Law, and anything we can do to protect our people. Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully request when the vote is taken, we do it by yeas and nays.

Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor **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 Harrison, Representative Sykes.

Representative **SYKES**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In response to the good Representative from Newfield, Representative Campbell's question, the Amber Alert is specifically for children. Children are kidnapped and taken away. This bill is centered on those that wander away, those elderly people that wander away, so I think that there is a huge difference. The Amber Alert, fortunately in this state, has never been used.

Again, I say to you that all the testimony that we heard from the State Police saying that there is an adequate response, an appropriate response, and we heard no instance where there was an inappropriate or inadequate response in any missing persons situation. Thank you.

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

Representative **HASKELL**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to add my voice to the voice of the good Representative who serves on the Committee with me, Representative Sykes.

Indicating the type of testimony that was heard, was very thorough and very adequate, and actually beyond adequate. The number of law enforcement officials that came in front of us and talked about what their process was, not just their process, but the diligence and the caring with which they carried our their search responsibilities, when they had received a notice that somebody had gone missing, was heartwarming to say the least. But it also put my mind at rest that an additional layer of clearinghouse activity at the state level, would not in any way shape or manner, add any significant or even minor credibility or value to the process of searching for these people—that is why I signed on the Ought Not to Pass Report. I believe that the response is very well taken care of and this additional layer is not required. Thank you.

Representative BLISS of South Portland **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 Newfield, Representative Campbell.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. My good friend, Representative Sykes, just said that the difference of the two is that children are kidnapped and the elderly wander off. I would like to remind him that every summer, how many children, and even in the winter, wander off or wander away from a camp? So, if they were young and not elderly, should we let them go too because they were not kidnapped? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Criminal Justice Academy has established, many years ago, a policy that

every police department, sheriff's department, obviously the State Police, wardens, have a policy to deal with missing persons. It has worked very well. Occasionally, and unfortunately, people do wander away, adults and children. There is a huge, a tremendous response from the community, from the fire departments, to locate these people. It is not that we are not doing the job, it is well covered now.

There is one other thing in this Amendment as well, very disturbing to me. We have an incredibly difficult time to find caregivers. It is customarily a low paying job with little or no benefits, and as it is written in this Amendment, it instructs that they must, they shall report immediately, a missing person. Well, what if the are doing the laundry? What if they think that the person they are in care of is taking a nap, but in fact has wandered away? It could be two, three, or four hours before they discover they have gone. Could they be held civil or criminally liable? I asked this in Committee and no one could give me the answer. So, in fact, I believe that they could be. This might actually be counterproductive to push these people away from being caregivers. I would encourage you to vote this Amendment down. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brunswick, Representative Gerzofsky.

Representative **GERZOFSKY**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am on the Minority Ought to Pass Report on this, because I think that yes we do train law enforcement how to look for people, and yes we do have a good system, and if I become lost, if I wander away, I dare say that half the people would say thank goodness. But if it is my mother and she happens to be a little confused, I would certainly like them to elevate that search, because I dearly would miss her if she did not come home. If it was child or my grandchild, I would certainly hope that somebody would elevate that missing person, so that they would elevate it and then go out and spend extra time in trying to find it.

Yes, I would like to see an Amber Alert for senior citizens that might have dementia or another disease of mental illness. Yes, I think it is important that we try to take the best care of our children. But this bill is not made to help find me, even though I am over 60, and this bill starts at 60. It is really a bill to help those over 60 that have a little bit more mental health issues than I do, and I admit that I have some. So I would appreciate this body, this body that was elected by the people to take care of their public safety, this is a public safety issue. Will you please follow our light and pass this bill. The seniors and the children of this state will greatly appreciate your vote. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: 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. 60

YEA - Adams, Ayotte, Barstow, Beaudoin, Berry, Blanchard, Blanchette, Boland, Brautigam, Bryant, Burns, Cain, Campbell, Canavan, Carter, Casavant, Chase, Clark, Cleary, Connor, Conover, Craven, Crockett, Crosthwaite, Dill, Driscoll, Dunn, Eaton, Eberle, Faircloth, Farrington, Finch, Finley, Fischer, Fisher, Flood, Gerzofsky, Giles, Greeley, Grose, Harlow, Hogan, Jackson, Knight, Koffman, Lundeen, Makas, Marley, Mazurek, McDonough, Miller, Mills, Miramant, Muse, Norton, Patrick, Pendleton, Peoples, Percy, Perry, Pieh, Pilon, Pingree, Piotti, Pratt, Rand, Rector, Rines, Robinson, Rosen, Savage, Saviello, Schatz, Silsby, Simpson, Sirois, Strang Burgess, Sutherland, Theriault, Trinward, Tuttle, Valentino, Walcott, Watson, Weaver, Webster, Weddell, Wheeler, Mr. Speaker. NAY - Annis, Austin, Babbidge, Beaudette, Beaulieu, Berube, Bliss, Browne W, Cebra, Cotta, Cray, Curtis, Duchesne, Edgecomb, Emery, Fitts, Fletcher, Gifford, Gould, Hamper, Hanley S, Haskell, Hayes, Hill, Hinck, Hotham, Jacobsen, Joy, Kaenrath, Lansley, Lewin, MacDonald, Marean, McFadden, McKane, McLeod, Millett, Nass, Pinkham, Plummer, Prescott, Richardson D, Richardson W, Samson, Smith N, Sykes, Tardy, Thibodeau, Thomas, Tibbetts, Vaughan, Wagner, Walker, Woodbury.

ABSENT - Cressey, Duprey, Moore, Pineau, Priest, Richardson E, Treat.

Yes, 89; No, 54; Absent, 7; Vacant, 1; Excused, 0.

89 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 1 vacancy with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-196) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 10, 2007.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 699)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall submit a bill to statutorily establish the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council to the Senate.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**. **READ** and **PASSED** in 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. 369) (L.D. 1117) Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Somerset Woods Trustees" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 82) (L.D. 245) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Licensing of Motor Vehicle Dealerships" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-81)**

(S.P. 197) (L.D. 605) Bill "An Act To Eliminate the Super Pack Hunting License" Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-86)

(S.P. 360) (L.D. 1108) Bill "An Act To Change the Impact of the Rate of Growth Ordinance Limit on the Town of York" Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-90)

(S.P. 498) (L.D. 1420) Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Territorial Waters' and Study Maine's Coastal Policies" Committee on MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-85)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

(S.P. 579) (L.D. 1674) Bill "An Act To Amend the Habitual Offender and Felony Operating Under the Influence Laws" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-83)**

On motion of Representative GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was READ.

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Bring Maine into Compliance with Federal Law Regarding Purchases of Firearms by Persons Found To Be a Danger to Themselves or Others"

(H.P. 1336) (L.D. 1902)

Sponsored by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor. Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, HANLEY of Gardiner, PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec.

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

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Education Bill of Rights for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children"

(H.P. 1335) (L.D. 1901)

Sponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FARRINGTON of Gorham, PERCY of Phippsburg, SAVAGE of Falmouth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Resolve

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Representative KOFFMAN for the **Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources** pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 174, section 4 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group Studying Mold in Buildings"

(H.P. 1337) (L.D. 1903) Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Health Card Program"

Signed:

Senators:

BRANNIGAN of Cumberland MARRACHÉ of Kennebec RAYE of Washington

Representatives:

PERRY of Calais GROSE of Woolwich MILLER of Somerville BEAUDOIN of Biddeford CONNOR of Kennebunk WALKER of Lincolnville LEWIN of Eliot FINLEY of Skowhegan

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)** on same Bill.

Signed: Representatives: WALCOTT of Lewiston CAMPBELL of Newfield

Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

READ.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS reporting Ought Not to Pass on Bill "An Act To Ban Payment-per-signature for Initiative and Referenda Petition Circulators" (H.P. 777) (L.D. 1059)

Signed:

Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec PLOWMAN of Penobscot

Representatives: WEDDELL of Frankfort PINKHAM of Lexington Township TRINWARD of Waterville PATRICK of Rumford TUTTLE of Sanford NASS of Acton GOULD of South Berwick BLANCHETTE of Bangor HOLMAN of Fayette

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)** on same Bill.

Signed: Senator: BRYANT of Oxford

Representative: MOORE of Standish

READ.

On motion of Representative PATRICK of Rumford, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS reporting Ought Not to Pass on Bill "An Act To Create an Animal Welfare Lottery Game"

(H.P. 888) (L.D. 1260)

Signed: Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec PLOWMAN of Penobscot BRYANT of Oxford

Representatives: WEDDELL of Frankfort PINKHAM of Lexington Township TRINWARD of Waterville PATRICK of Rumford TUTTLE of Sanford NASS of Acton GOULD of South Berwick BLANCHETTE of Bangor FITTS of Pittsfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-208)** on same Bill.

Signed: Representative: MOORE of Standish

READ.

On motion of Representative PATRICK of Rumford, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on UTILITIES AND ENERGY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-211) on Bill "An Act To Allow Affordable Housing Discretionary Water and Sewer Fee Waivers"

(H.P. 846) (L.D. 1153)

Signed: Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland HOBBINS of York SMITH of Piscataguis

Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town RINES of Wiscasset BLISS of South Portland FLETCHER of Winslow ADAMS of Portland FITTS of Pittsfield BERRY of Bowdoinham HINCK of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not** to **Pass** on same Bill. Signed: Representatives: THIBODEAU of Winterport (S.P. 32) (L.D. 88)

CURTIS of Madison

READ.

On motion of Representative BLISS of South Portland, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-211) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Bill was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 10, 2007.

Majority Report of the Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-84) on Resolve, To Encourage the Use of Safe Chemicals in Public Schools

Signed:

Senators: BOWMAN of York MITCHELL of Kennebec MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:

NORTON of Bangor FINCH of Fairfield MAKAS of Lewiston FARRINGTON of Gorham HARLOW of Portland MUSE of Fryeburg STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representative: EDGECOMB of Caribou

Came from the Senate with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-84). READ.

On motion of Representative NORTON of Bangor, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-84)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Resolve was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 10, 2007.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)** on Resolve, To Remove Barriers to Smoking Cessation Treatment in Maine

(S.P. 499) (L.D. 1421)

Signed:

Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland RAYE of Washington

Representatives: PERRY of Calais WALCOTT of Lewiston GROSE of Woolwich MILLER of Somerville BEAUDOIN of Biddeford CONNOR of Kennebunk WALKER of Lincolnville CAMPBELL of Newfield FINLEY of Skowhegan

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

Signed:

Representative: LEWIN of Eliot

Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-89).

READ.

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**. The Resolve was assigned for **SECOND READING** Thursday, May 10, 2007.

CONSENT CALENDAR First Day

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

(H.P. 546) (L.D. 725) Bill "An Act To Ensure Retail Tobacco License Compliance" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1278) (L.D. 1831) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel Part I and II, Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY) Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass

(H.P. 682) (L.D. 907) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Facilities Dispensing Flammable Liquids" Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)

(H.P. 694) (L.D. 919) Bill "An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Ambulance Services" Committee on TAXATION reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-212)

There being no objections, the above items were ordered to appear on the Consent Calendar tomorrow under the listing of Second Day.

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

On motion of Representative TRINWARD of Waterville, the House adjourned at 5:38 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 10, 2007.