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In Senate Chamber Thursday May 10, 2007

Senate called to order by President Beth Edmonds of Cumberland County.

Prayer by Father Ralph Boisvert of the Catholic Community in Augusta, Gardiner and Whitefield.

FATHER BOISVERT: I think there are times when we gather like this for a meeting or an assembly that we usually start with a prayer, but often times I think it's just lip service. We just do it to get it out of the way so we can get on with the real business of life. This morning I'd like you to just take a few moments in silence and just think of the gifts that God has given you, that God has brought you here because you have a purpose in His plan, and working together as God's people you will bring about what we are supposed to be doing, sharing the gift of love and reaching out to those who are unable to support themselves, those who are alienated, and those who are struggling with addiction. If we just take a few moments right now to reflect on God's presence in your heart.

Almighty and eternal God, You have revealed Your glory to in nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through You authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. We pray for Governor Baldacci, for the members of the Legislature, for judges, elected city officials, and all others who are entrusted to guard our political welfare. May they be enabled by Your powerful protection to discharge their duties with honesty and ability. We likewise commend to Your unbounded mercy all citizens of the United States, that we may be blessed in knowledge and sanctified in observance of Your holy law. May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give, and after enjoying the blessing of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. We pray to You, who are Lord and God for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

Doctor of the day, Jo Linder, MD of Falmouth.

Off Record Remarks

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Hancock, enator **DAMON** and further excused the same Senator from roday's Roll Call votes. Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, the following Joint Order: S.P. 701

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 15, 2007. The House will convene at 9:00 and the Senate at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

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 (C "A" H-86)

In House, May 2, 2007, Reports **READ**. Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

In Senate, May 8, 2007, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-86), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Comes from the House, that Body **INSISTED** and **ASKED FOR A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, TABLED until Later in Today's Session, pending FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

House Papers

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

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

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

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

H.P. 1335 L.D. 1901

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

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Pursuant to Resolve Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 174, section 4 asked 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 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec (Cosponsored by Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BOWMAN of York, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland, BRYANT of Oxford, COURTNEY of York, DAMON of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, GOOLEY of Franklin, HASTINGS of Oxford, HOBBINS of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, NASS of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PERRY of Penobscot, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SAVAGE of Knox, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, SMITH of Piscataquis, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, STRIMLING of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, TURNER of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, AUSTIN of Gray, AYOTTE of Caswell, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BERUBE of Lisbon, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLANCHETTE of Bangor, BLISS of South Portland, BOLAND of Sanford, BRAUTIGAM of

Falmouth, BROWNE of Vassalboro, BRYANT of Windham, BURNS of Berwick, CAIN of Orono, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CANAVAN of Waterville, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CEBRA of Naples, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONNOR of Kennebunk, CONOVER of Oakland, COTTA of China, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, CRESSEY of Cornish, CROCKETT of Augusta, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, CURTIS of Madison, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor, DUPREY of Hampden, EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, EDGECOMB of Caribou, EMERY of Cutler, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FINCH of Fairfield, FINLEY of Skowhegan, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FISHER of Brewer, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLETCHER of Winslow, FLOOD of Winthrop, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILES of Belfast, GOULD of South Berwick, GREELEY of Levant, GROSE of Woolwich, HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Gardiner, HARLOW of Portland, HASKELL of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HOTHAM of Dixfield, JACKSON of Allagash, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, JOY of Crystal, KAENRATH of South Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LANSLEY of Sabattus, LEWIN of Eliot, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAKAS of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis, MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McKANE of Newcastle, McLEOD of Lee, MILLER of Somerville, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLS of Farmington, MIRAMANT of Camden, MOORE of Standish, MUSE of Fryeburg, NASS of Acton, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PIEH of Bremen, PILON of Saco, PINEAU of Jav, PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PIOTTI of Unity, PLUMMER of Windham, PRATT of Eddington, PRESCOTT of Topsham, PRIEST of Brunswick, RAND of Portland, RECTOR of Thomaston, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville, RICHARDSON of Warren, RINES of Wiscasset, ROBINSON of Raymond, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAMSON of Auburn, SAVAGE of Falmouth, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SILSBY of Augusta, SIMPSON of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, SYKES of Harrison, TARDY of Newport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley, TIBBETTS of Columbia, TREAT of Farmingdale, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco, VAUGHAN of Durham, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WALKER of Lincolnville, WATSON of Bath, WEAVER of York, WEBSTER of Freeport, WEDDELL of Frankfort, WHEELER of Kittery, WOODBURY of Yarmouth), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 700

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ADULT EDUCATION IN MAINE

WHEREAS, since 1871, Maine's public schools have supported the development of an adult education system that has grown ap² adapted to meet the needs of Maine's population at 120 location "roughout the State, to serve more than 117,000 Maine adults nually; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs based in the public school systems are uniquely positioned to provide adults with the opportunity to learn close to where they live in Maine; and WHEREAS, adult education programs are vital to the economic development of Maine, providing high school completion programs and courses specifically designed to help educate the workforce and prepare Maine adults for success in college; and

WHEREAS, the areas of emphasis in adult education include:

1. College transition programs, based upon collaboration with the Maine Compact for Higher Education, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System, which provide career guidance, an orientation to college and refresher and prerequisite classes for aspiring students. Comprehensive adult education college transition programs, such as the Maine College Transition Program, have been successfully piloted over 6 years with assistance from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, the MELMAC Education Foundation and the Betterment Fund, and last year the State of Maine initiated the Maine College Transition Program at 6 sites. The goal is to increase the number of adults in Maine earning college degrees by 10,000 by 2020 through formal programs at more than 30 sites;

2. Direct service to Maine's dislocated workers, more than 3,500 of whom from 100 companies during the past 5 years have en helped;

3. Literacy and English as a Second Language programs, with 15,000 enrollments in 2007, and successful family literacy programs combining adult education and early childhood and parenting instruction;

4. High school completion and GED programs, with 3,108 credentials awarded in Maine in 2006;

5. Career preparation and upgrading courses for Maine workers, with more than 22,000 enrollments in 2006, and programs tailored specifically for Maine businesses, including the implementation of a Work Ready Credential program for Maine employers focusing on "soft skills" for success in the workplace; and

6. Community education courses, which have contributed to the quality of life in Maine communities, offering the opportunity in 2007 for Mainers 18 years of age and older to share talents and learn from others. In several regions, adult education programs are leading the way in developing the creative economy; and

WHEREAS, funding for adult education in Maine is a collaboration involving state subsidies, local taxpayer support, grants, contracts and fees paid by those enrolled in nonacademic courses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and "wenty-third Legislature now assembled in the First Regular ession, on behalf of the people we represent, take this

opportunity to pause to acknowledge and applaud Maine's adult

education programs, which uniquely reflect the needs of the communities they serve and provide a vital system of service to the population of the State as new challenges are faced in economic, community and family life; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Education.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Concerning the Supervision of Nursing Support Staff" H.P. 741 L.D. 981

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Clarify and Update the Laws Related to Property and Casualty Insurance"

H.P. 1052 L.D. 1502

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Truth in Music Advertising"

H.P. 517 L.D. 686

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-198)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-198) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Juvenile Justice" H.P. 293 L.D. 363

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (H-186).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-186)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-186) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Make Part 1 of the Maine Criminal Code Gender-neutral"

H.P. 726 L.D. 966

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-187)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-187) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Authority of Concealed Weapons Permits and Define the Term 'Crossbow' in Maine Law" H.P. 1211 L.D. 1728

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-188)**.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-188).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Promote Alternative Schools within Existing School Systems (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1224 L.D. 1758

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-194)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-194)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-194) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Promote High-quality Before-school and After-school Programs

H.P. 961 L.D. 1369

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (H-200).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-200)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-200) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE on Resolve, To Create an Effective Coyote Control Program H.P. 620 L.D. 823

>ported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by ommittee Amendment "A" (H-190).

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** (H-190).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190) \mbox{READ} and $\mbox{ADOPTED}$, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Amend Various Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws"

H.P. 806 L.D. 1088

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)**.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY ^OMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-199).

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-199) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Proper Management of the Sea Urchin Industry" H.P. 1117 L.D. 1595

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-191).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-191)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-191) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on 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"

H.P. 957 L.D. 1365

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-192)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-192) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Establish a Special Veterans License Plate for Motorcycles" H.P. 199 L.D. 228 Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-189)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-189)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-189) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Registered Farm Trucks from Commercial Inspection" H.P. 402 L.D. 524

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-183)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-183) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Automotive Reflective and Tinted Glass"

H.P. 1049 L.D. 1487

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-193)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-193) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Establishment of Tribal Electric Utility Districts" H.P. 200 L.D. 229

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)**.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-184).

Report READ and ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-184) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH ANF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act to Focus State Agency Efforts in Economic Development on Entrepreneurial Sustainability and Growth"

H.P. 505 L.D. 656

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)**.

Signed:

Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland SCHNEIDER of Penobscot

Representatives: SAMSON of Auburn MacDONALD of Boothbay SILSBY of Augusta SMITH of Monmouth CLEARY of Houlton

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

Signed:

Senator: COURTNEY of York Pepresentatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn AUSTIN of Gray PRESCOTT of Topsham RECTOR of Thomaston BEAUDETTE of Biddeford

Comes from the House with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-133).

Reports READ.

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

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, To Estimate the Annual Value of Uncollected Bottle Deposits H.P. 895 L.D. 1267

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-195)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BROMLEY of Cumberland SCHNEIDER of Penobscot COURTNEY of York

Representatives:

BEAULIEU of Auburn SAMSON of Auburn MacDONALD of Boothbay SILSBY of Augusta SMITH of Monmouth BEAUDETTE of Biddeford CLEARY of Houlton

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

Signed:

Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray PRESCOTT of Topsham RECTOR of Thomaston Comes from the House 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" (H-195).

Reports READ.

On motion by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report ACCEPTED, in concurrence.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-195) \mbox{READ} and $\mbox{ADOPTED}$, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Create the Maine Health Card Program"

H.P. 429 L.D. 551

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)**.

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.)

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

Reports READ.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Provide Adequate Funding for Emergency Homeless Shelters (EMERGENCY) H.P. 963 L.D. 1371

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (H-201).

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

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

Signed:

Representative: LEWIN of Eliot

(Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought To Pass as Amended** Report.)

Comes from the House 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" (H-201).

Reports READ.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-201) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 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

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

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

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

Signed:

Representative: McLEOD of Lee

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

Reports READ.

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

Divided Report

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

:igned

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-209)**.

Signed:

Senator: BRYANT of Oxford

Representative: MOORE of Standish

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

Reports READ.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Create an Animal Welfare Lottery Game"

H.P. 888 L.D. 1260

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

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

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-208).**

Signed:

Representative: MOORE of Standish

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

Reports READ.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

Bill "An Act To Designate Certain Rules of the Board of Pesticides Control as Major Substantive Rules" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 1323 L.D. 1891

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Enhance Screening for Breast Cancer" H.P. 93 L.D. 101 (C "A" H-181)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 316, Long Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission (EMERGENCY) H.P. 729 L.D. 969 (C "A" H-178)

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

Senate

Bill "An Act Concerning the Examination of Persons in Protective Custody"

S.P. 218 L.D. 681

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Preventing the Pollution of Portland's Water Supply"

S.P. 393 L.D. 1205

Bill "An Act To Allow the Department of Environmental Protection To Charge Interest for Late Payment of Fees" S.P. 527 L.D. 1500

READ A SECOND TIME and PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Make a Conviction for a 6th Operating under the Influence Charge a Class B Crime"

S.P. 95 L.D. 280 (C "A" S-98)

Bill "An Act To Protect the Public from Dangerous Dogs" S.P. 124 L.D. 380 (C "A" S-91)

Resolve, Directing the Development of a Building Code and Building Rehabilitation Code Implementation Plan S.P. 214 L.D. 677 (C "A" S-94)

Bill "An Act To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund" S.P. 358 L.D. 1106 (C "A" S-95)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws" S.P. 461 L.D. 1313 (C "A" S-96)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **WESTON** of Waldo was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **RECESSED** until 11:15 in the morning.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/25/07) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Make Additions and Deletions to the List of State Endangered and Threatened Species"

H.P. 296 L.D. 366 (C "A" H-59)

Tabled - April 24, 2007, by Senator BRYANT of Oxford

Pending - PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59), in concurrence

(In House, April 10, 2007, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-59).)

(In Senate, April 24, 2007, READ A SECOND TIME.)

On motion by Senator **BRYANT** of Oxford, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-59), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-51) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-51) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE MENDMENT "A" (H-59) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-51) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (4/26/07) Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - To Create the Joint Select Committee on Prosperity

> H.P. 1018 (S "C" S-19)

Tabled - April 26, 2007, by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In House, March 15, 2007, **READ** and **PASSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-22)**.)

(In Senate, April 24, 2007, **READ** and **PASSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-19)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, April 25, 2007, that Body INSISTED.)

On motion by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, the Senate SCEDED from whereby the Joint Order was PASSED AS MENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-19).

House Amendment "A" (H-22) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

PASSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-22) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-19), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (5/8/07) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Equalize MaineCare Reimbursements to Hospitals"

H.P. 499 L.D. 650

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-162) (9 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (3 members)

Tabled - May 8, 2007, by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland

Pending - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT

(In House, May 3, 2007, the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-162).)

(In Senate, May 8, 2007, Reports READ.)

On motion by Senator **MARTIN** of Aroostook, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (5/8/07) Assigned matter:

HOUSE REPORTS -from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Address the Evaluations of Certain School Employees"

H.P. 237 L.D. 293

Report "A" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-143) (10 members)

Report "B" - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-144) (2 members)

Report "C" - Ought Not to Pass (1 member)

Tabled - May 8, 2007, by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook

Pending - motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-143), in concurrence (Division Requested)

(In House, May 3, 2007, Report "A", OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-143) READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-143).)

(In Senate, May 8, 2007, Reports READ.)

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

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-143), in concurrence (Roll Call Ordered)

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Specially (5/9/07) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Increase College Attainment" H.P. 758 L.D. 1040 (C "A" H-104)

Tabled - May 8, 2007, by Senator BOWMAN of York

Pending - FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(In House, May 3, 2007, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-180), in NON-CONCURRENCE.)

(In Senate, May 1, 2007, PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-104).)

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** "A" (H-104).

House Amendment "A" (H-180) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-100) **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Diamond.

Senator DIAMOND: Thank you, Madame President, men and women of the Senate. This LD 1040 was the one you may have heard about. It's the one that would have brought the heavy hand of the law down on the high school seniors, requiring them to fill out a college application. No one is disagreeing with the fact that high school seniors should be encouraged to fill out the application. It might even pick up a few that didn't think they ever would go to college and that's a good thing. The bad thing is what it is saying is, 'By golly, you're going to do it. We're making a law that says you have to and if you don't you are breaking the law.' What this amendment simply says is that we ask the Commissioner of Education and the Department of Education to do all they can to encourage the final 20% of the high school seniors who don't fill out an application and to do all they can to make that happen. Having discussed this with the Commissioner, she has even suggested that she will have this request put in the rules of graduation requirements, Rule 27 of the Department of Education. What we are doing here is getting the same objective without passing a law telling these kids they have to do this. The Commissioner will encourage all the school systems to actually include that as part of their assignment during the senior year. We can accomplish all of this without the heavy hand of the law and that is what the amendment does. I would ask for your support. Thank you, Madame President.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, Senate Amendment "A" (S-100) **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-180) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-100), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (5/9/07) Assigned matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION ANI CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Renew the Promise of Higher Education"

S.P. 337 L.D. 1020

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-97) (11 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (2 members)

Tabled - May 9, 2007, by Senator WESTON of Waldo

Pending - motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

(In Senate, May 9, 2007, Reports READ.)

On motion by Senator **BOWMAN** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**.

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-97) READ and ADOPTED.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **SAVAGE** of Knox requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Session.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Divided Report

The Majority of the Joint Select Committee on **JOINT RULES** on the Joint Order To Amend the Joint Rules Regarding Legislative Studies

S.P. 663

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-99)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MARTIN of Aroostook MITCHELL of Kennebec BARTLETT of Cumberland WESTON of Waldo ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

GERZOFSKY of Brunswick SMITH of Monmouth JOY of Crystal FITTS of Pittsfield

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

Signed:

Representative: ADAMS of Portland

Reports READ.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) READ and ADOPTED.

.1E PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Martin.

Senator MARTIN: Thank you, Madame President. Very quickly, this is the result of the work that had been done by a special committee that was chaired by the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Mitchell, and members of both Parties were on it. It subsequently went to the Rules Committee and we had made a couple of changes. This does two major things. One is to require that all studies that come out of the Legislature be chaired by members of the Legislature. Second, it requires that a majority of the members of the committee be Legislators. Specifically, that is the result of some of the things that have happened in the past where, for example with one I chaired last session, a majority of the members of the committee were from the industry, both municipal and private garbage collectors. In other words, it got nowhere. Another one was the result of a committee the good Senator from Kennebec, Senator Mitchell, was on. It was chaired by someone outside the Legislature and it had no control from the Legislature. This is an attempt to put Legislative studies under the control of the Legislature and keep them under the control of the Legislature. When they come reporting, we know where the reports are coming from and the purpose for which they serve. This requires a 2/3 vote because of the fact it is amending the rules in the middle of session. I would urge every member of the Senate to vote for the rule.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 102 a Division was had. 33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, the Joint Order was **PASSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-99)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Pursuant to Statute Revisor of Statutes

The **Revisor of Statutes**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1338 L.D. 1904

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Change of Committee

Senator HOBBINS for the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Involuntary Admissions for Psychiatric Hospitalizations"

S.P. 669 L.D. 1855

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **MITCHELL** of Kennebec, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10:00 in the morning.