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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
March 4, 2010

Senate called to order by President Elizabeth H. Mitchell of
Kennebec County.

Prayer by Reverend Dr. Peggy Dunn, Maine Conference United
Church of Christ.

REVEREND DUNN: Let us be in prayer together. God of life, as
creatures before Creator, we know that You are known to us in
the silence of our hearts. We take a moment to settle here, to
breathe deeply, and to set our hearts on You. We thank You for
the wonder of creation, for the beauty of this planet, and the
particular part of it that we inhabit: this hemisphere, this nation,
this state, this city, this building, and this room. Through the
deepest wisdom of our faith traditions You teach us how to best
honor You through living out values that are common to us all: to
act with justice, to relate with compassion, and to walk with the
humbleness of those who understand our place in the universe,
no matter how high or low we may be in our various social orders.
Before You we are all like children before a parent. We are in this
room because we've been elected to serve Maine, its people and
its lands, through the legislative processes. We wield
considerable power and influence. We have responsibility to
remember all our constituents: the human and non-human, the
strong and the weak, the verbal and the silent. We pray that Your
light may shine within us and in the spaces among us as we do
the work before us. Keep us mindful of the effects of our
decisions on those we serve. May we temper responsibility for
the whole with awareness of the one. May we be responsible
with the resources over which we have some control, where our
decisions determine their distribution. May our honest differences
of opinion be spoken and heard in an atmosphere of mutual
respect: trusting that all of us together are wiser than any of us
alone and that workable solutions can come out of seemingly
unlikely places. May our decisions and their consequences be
ones which can bear the light of Your love and Your truth. In our
speech and in our actions may we manifest the folk wisdom which
encourages us to think deeply, to speak gently, love much, laugh
often, work hard, give freely, pay promptly, pray earnestly, and to
be kind. These things we pray together this day as we ask Your
blessings upon us here and now. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Doctor of the day, Dr. Mark McAllister, MD of Washington.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 709

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 9, 2010 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 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create
Access to Dental Care throughout the State"
H.P. 1286 L.D. 1798

In House, February 25, 2010, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS and ordered
printed.

In Senate, February 25, 2010, **REFERRED** to the Committee on
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body **ADHERED**.

On motion by Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, the Senate
RECEDED from whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, in **NON-
CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, **REFERRED** to the
Committees on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** AND
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, in **NON-
CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.P. 711

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 1, 2010

Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research
and Economic Development
Rep. Nancy E. Smith
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research
and Economic Development
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Schneider and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
Mark Samson of Auburn for appointment to the Maine State
Housing Authority.

Pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §4723, this nomination will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business,
Research and Economic Development and confirmation by the
Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS,
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 712

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 1, 2010

Sen. Justin L. Alford
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs
Rep. Patricia B. Sutherland
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Alford and Representative Sutherland:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
the following to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics,
Board of Trustees:

Dale Gordon of Caribou, appointment
Craig Kesselheim of Southwest Harbor, appointment
Richard Oravetz of Holden, reappointment

Pursuant to Title 20-A MRSA §8204 (1-G) these nominations will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 713

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 1, 2010

Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
Rep. Edward J. Mazurek
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Damon and Representative Mazurek:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
John Dority of Augusta for appointment to the Maine Turnpike
Authority.

Pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S.A. §1965 (2-A) this nomination will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on
TRANSPORTATION.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 714

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 2, 2010

Sen. Elizabeth M. Schneider
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research
and Economic Development
Rep. Nancy E. Smith
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research
and Economic Development
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Schneider and Representative Smith:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
the following to the Loring Development Authority:

Richard J. Ezzy of Caribou, appointment
David W. King of Limestone, appointment
Thomas Clowes of Stockholm, appointment

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §13080-B, these nominations will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Business,
Research and Economic Development and confirmation by the
Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS,
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 715

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 2, 2010

Sen. Justin L. Alfond
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs
Rep. Patricia B. Sutherland
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Alfond and Representative Sutherland:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
Dorothy Martin of Fort Fairfield for appointment and Angela
Bechard of Monmouth for appointment as a student member to
the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Title 20-A MRSA §401 (1) these nominations will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 716

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 2, 2010

Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources
Rep. Leila J. Percy
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Damon and Representative Percy:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
Sean Mahoney of Portland for appointment to the Marine
Resources Advisory Council.

Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A. §6021 (1-A), this nomination will
require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine
Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE
RESOURCES**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.P. 717

**STATE OF MAINE
124TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

March 2, 2010

Sen. Deborah L. Simpson
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
Government
Rep. Stephen R. Beaudette
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
Government
124th Legislature
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Simpson and Representative Beaudette:

Please be advised that Governor John E. Baldacci has nominated
the following to the State Civil Service Appeals Board:

Tracy Bigney of Bangor, reappointment
Jane L. Gilbert of Augusta, appointment
Edward F. Gorham of Randolph, appointment
Rebecca S. Grant of Hallowell, appointment

Pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §7081, these nominations will require
review by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
Government and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

S/Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate

S/Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House

READ and REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Following Communication: S.C. 674

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House of Representatives
124th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Madam President and Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are
pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on
Natural Resources from the review and evaluation of the
Department of Environmental Protection under the State
Government Evaluation Act. In its review, the Committee found
that the Department of Environmental Protection is operating
within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Seth A. Goodall
Senate Chair

S/Representative Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 675

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell
President of the Senate
The Honorable Hannah M. Pingree
Speaker of the House of Representatives
124th Legislature
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Madam President and Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35, we are
pleased to submit the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on
Natural Resources from the review and evaluation of the Board of
Environmental Protection under the State Government Evaluation
Act. In its review, the Committee found that the Board of
Environmental Protection is operating within its statutory
authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Seth A. Goodall
Senate Chair

S/Representative Robert S. Duchesne
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: S.C. 670

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

March 1, 2010

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:

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 bill out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1715 An Act To Provide the Finance Authority of
Maine with Flexible Health Care Options
(EMERGENCY)

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Troy D. Jackson
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John L. Tuttle, Jr.
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 671

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

February 25, 2010

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:

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

L.D. 1690 An Act To Prevent Predatory Signature
Gathering and Ensure a Clean Citizen Initiative
and People's Veto Process

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Pamela Jabar Trinward
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 672

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

February 25, 2010

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:

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

L.D. 1772 An Act To Allow the Secretary of State to Issue
a State Commercial Driver's License to the
Holder of a Military Commercial Driver's
License

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Dennis S. Damon
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Edward J. Mazurek
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 673

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

February 26, 2010

Honorable Elizabeth H. Mitchell, President of the Senate
Honorable Hannah M. Pingree, Speaker of the House
124th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Mitchell and Speaker Pingree:

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

L.D. 1644 An Act To Require That a Utility Company
Notify the Owner of Property prior to
Disconnecting Services

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

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Barry J. Hobbins
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Jon Hinck
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Facilitate Communication between the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 718 L.D. 1809

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAY of Palmyra and Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, GIFFORD of Lincoln, KENT of Woolwich, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, SMITH of Monmouth.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Marijuana Act"
S.P. 719 L.D. 1811

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senator: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, Representative: HASKELL of Portland.

On motion by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Ocean Energy Task Force" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 710 L.D. 1810

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield and Senator: RAYE of Washington, Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham.

On motion by Senator HOBBS of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Resolve, To Ensure Consistency in the Scheduled Expiration of Terms of the Board Members of the Finance Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1054 L.D. 1505

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-657).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-657).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-657) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish an Office of Administrative Law Judges for Licensing Boards"
H.P. 1136 L.D. 1608

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-658).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-658).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-658) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs under Essential Programs and Services" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1187 L.D. 1686

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-660).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-660).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-660) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act Enabling Expedited Partner Therapy"
H.P. 1145 L.D. 1617

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-653).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-653).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-653) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act Relating to the Membership of the Workers' Compensation Board"
H.P. 1103 L.D. 1566

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-659).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-659).**

Report **READ.**

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

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Section 16, Activities in Coastal Sand Dunes, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1068 L.D. 1518

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-651).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-651).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-651) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Environment and Natural Resources of the State by Regulating the Discharge of Certain Substances into the Environment" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1194 L.D. 1693

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-652)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-652)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-652) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping"

H.P. 1200 L.D. 1699

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-655)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-655)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-655) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require the State To Pay the Costs of School Administration Consolidation"

H.P. 1244 L.D. 1750

Reported that the same **Ought Not to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:

ALFOND of Cumberland
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot
WESTON of Waldo

Representatives:

SUTHERLAND of Chapman
FINCH of Fairfield
WAGNER of Lewiston
LOVEJOY of Portland
NELSON of Falmouth
RANKIN of Hiram
RICHARDSON of Carmel
McFADDEN of Dennysville
JOHNSON of Greenville

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-670)**.

Signed:

Representative:

CASAVANT of Biddeford

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

Reports **READ**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Unemployment Compensation Laws Regarding Vacation Pay" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1154 L.D. 1626

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-648)**.

Signed:

Senators:

JACKSON of Aroostook
GERZOFISKY of Cumberland

Representatives:

CLARK of Millinocket
BLODGETT of Augusta
TUTTLE of Sanford
BUTTERFIELD of Bangor
GILBERT of Jay
DRISCOLL of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Senator:
MILLS of Somerset

Representatives:
THIBODEAU of Winterport
HAMPER of Oxford
CUSHING of Hampden
BICKFORD of Auburn

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-648)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **RAYE** of Washington, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **JACKSON** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **SCHNEIDER** for the Committee on **BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Law Governing Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers"
S.P. 655 L.D. 1683

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-396)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-396) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **SULLIVAN** for the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Improve Disclosure of Campaign Finance Information and the Operation of the Maine Clean Election Act"

S.P. 592 L.D. 1546

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-395) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **DAMON** for the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Create a Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License and Establish the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund"

S.P. 657 L.D. 1724

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-393)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-393) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **GOODALL** for the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Amend Mercury Stack Testing Requirements for Certain Air Emission Sources"
S.P. 681 L.D. 1775

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-394)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-394) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

SECOND READERS

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

House

Resolve, To Promote Efficiency and To Streamline Access to the
Circuitbreaker Program Application Process
H.P. 1063 L.D. 1514

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Dexter Utility District"
H.P. 1065 L.D. 1516

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Change of
Use, Downsizing, or Closure of Correctional Facilities, a Major
Substantive Rule of the State Board of Corrections
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1237 L.D. 1740

Resolve, Naming the Bridge over Pattagumpus Stream the
Nicatou Bridge (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1248 L.D. 1754

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

House As Amended

Bill "An Act To Raise the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans"
H.P. 60 L.D. 71
(C "B" H-644)

Bill "An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in
MaineCare"
H.P. 187 L.D. 233
(C "B" H-647)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village
Corporation"
H.P. 1075 L.D. 1525
(C "A" H-649)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Lobster Meat Laws and Expand
Economic Opportunity for Maine's Lobster Industry"
(EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1131 L.D. 1593
(C "A" H-643)

Bill "An Act Related to Qualified Waste-to-energy Power"
H.P. 1221 L.D. 1720
(C "A" H-650)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Bingo Laws"
H.P. 1229 L.D. 1731
(C "A" H-646)

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

Senate As Amended

Bill "An Act To Protect Confidential Consumer Records in Self-
service Storage Facilities"

S.P. 577 L.D. 1499
(C "A" S-389)

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Search and Rescue Dogs Are
Afforded the Same Access to Public Accommodations as Service
Animals"

S.P. 584 L.D. 1519
(C "A" S-387)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

S.P. 599 L.D. 1562
(C "A" S-391)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Marine Resources Laws To Provide for
the Protection of Public Safety and Welfare"

S.P. 611 L.D. 1604
(C "A" S-385)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Citizens' Credit"

S.P. 648 L.D. 1676
(C "A" S-392)

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.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Facilitate Establishment of Watershed Districts
H.P. 1095 L.D. 1553
(C "A" H-631)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the
affirmative vote of 30 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senator
having voted in the negative, and 30 being more than two-thirds
of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO
BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was
presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease
H.P. 1210 L.D. 1709
(C "A" H-632)

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of the Repeal of Chapter 182: Formula for Distribution of Funds to Child Development Services Regional Sites, a Major Substantive Rule That Has Been Provisionally Repealed by the Department of Education
H.P. 1245 L.D. 1751

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of the Repeal of Chapter 181: Child Development Services System: Regional Provider Advisory Boards, a Major Substantive Rule That Has Been Provisionally Repealed by the Department of Education
H.P. 1246 L.D. 1752

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

Acts

An Act To Streamline the Renewal Process for a Permit To Carry a Firearm
H.P. 1072 L.D. 1522
(C "A" H-633)

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Instant Redeemable Coupons Included with a Spirits Product
H.P. 1158 L.D. 1630
(C "A" H-634)

An Act To Expedite Rulemaking Concerning Agronomic Utilization of Sludge
H.P. 1217 L.D. 1716

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and having been signed by the President were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter 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 (2/23/10) Assigned matter:

NOMINATION - of David J. Soucy of Fort Kent for appointment as a District Court Judge

Tabled - February 23, 2010, by Senator **BLISS** of Cumberland

Pending - **CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, February 23, 2010, Communication (S.C. 645) from the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, **READ** and ordered **PLACED ON FILE**.)

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 151, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 124th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#298)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BARTLETT, BLISS, BOWMAN, BRANNIGAN, BRYANT, COURTNEY, CRAVEN, DAMON, DAVIS, DIAMOND, GERZOFSKY, GOODALL, HASTINGS, HOBBS, JACKSON, MARRACHE, MCCORMICK, NASS, NUTTING, PERRY, RAYE, RECTOR, ROSEN, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SIMPSON, SMITH, SULLIVAN, TRAHAN, WESTON, THE PRESIDENT - ELIZABETH H. MITCHELL

ABSENT: Senators: GOOLEY, MILLS, PLOWMAN

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 32 Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being absent, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **David J. Soucy** of Fort Kent for appointment as a District Court Judge was **CONFIRMED**.

The Secretary has so informed the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **RAYE** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland,
RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.P. 1295

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

February 25, 2010

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 124th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act to Allow a Casino in Oxford County".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

State of Maine
Department of State

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing signatures of 79,731 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on December 22, 2009 and January 13, 2010, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Allow a Casino in Oxford County".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 55,087.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the twenty-fifth day of February in the year two thousand and ten.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**, in concurrence.

The accompanying Bill:

"An Act To Allow a Casino in Oxford County"
I.B. 5 L.D. 1808

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Statute
Department of Audit**

The **Department of Audit**, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2010-11" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1294 L.D. 1807

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

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Opportunity for Workers in the Maine Woods"

H.P. 1092 L.D. 1550

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 **TAXATION** on Resolve, To Increase Transparency and Accountability and Assess the Impact of Tax Expenditure Programs

H.P. 1195 L.D. 1694

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Farmers' Market'"

H.P. 1124 L.D. 1586

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-666)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-666)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-666) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Regulate the Transportation of Firewood" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1135 L.D. 1607

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-667)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-667)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-667) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 9: Rule Requiring Best Management Practices for Growing Crops To Minimize Cross Contamination, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1241 L.D. 1744

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-668)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-668)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-668) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Stimulate the Economy by Expanding Opportunities for Personal Assistance Workers"

H.P. 954 L.D. 1364

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-674)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-674)**.

Report **READ**.

On motion by Senator **RAYE** of Washington, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT**, in concurrence.

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Statute of Limitations under the Maine Human Rights Act"

H.P. 1081 L.D. 1537

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-662)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-662)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-662) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Close Loopholes in Environmental Laws"

H.P. 1082 L.D. 1538

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-665)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-665)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-665) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Provide Leadership Regarding the Responsible Recycling of Consumer Products"

H.P. 1159 L.D. 1631

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-673)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-673)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-673) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-673)**, in concurrence.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **LABOR** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Status of Prisoners"

H.P. 1212 L.D. 1711

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-676)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-676)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-676) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Temporary Reduction in High-stakes Beano License Fees" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1260 L.D. 1770

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-671)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-671)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-671) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas"

H.P. 1170 L.D. 1642

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-672)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-672)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-672) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Enhance Maine's Clean Energy Opportunities" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1175 L.D. 1647

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-675)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-675)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-675) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

On motion by Senator **BARTLETT** of Cumberland, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 10:00 in the morning.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Charter of the Gardiner Water District"
H.P. 1250 L.D. 1756

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-661).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-661).**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-661) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **RAYE** of Washington was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **RECTOR** of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **DIAMOND** of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate off the Record.
