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**STATE OF MAINE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
April 2, 2015

Senate called to order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of
Waldo County.

Prayer by Father Paul Sullivan, SJ, St. Michael Catholic Parish in
Augusta.

FATHER SULLIVAN: Holy God, though this world depends on
Your grace, it is governed and tendered by mortal human beings.
We pray for those who walk the corridors of power in the
Congresses and Parliaments of this and other lands, whose
judgments we value or fear. Today we especially commend to
You the women and men who gather in this Chamber to guide
and direct the affairs of the State of Maine. May they always
consider those they represent, make decisions with courage and
integrity, resist any temptation to abuse the trust placed in them.
Let what these men and women say and do here, and what they
ponder and decide here, be real for us and honest to You. Most
especially in these days held sacred by many, in the memory of
the Passover out of the ancient slavery of Egypt and the
Passover supper celebrated by Jesus and his friends, help us and
them to treasure the divine desire that the way things are is not
the way things have to be. The world can be radically altered for
the better. Bless these, our Senators. Bless each of us and help
us to do blessings for one another. We ask these things in Your
holy name. Amen.

National Anthem performed by the Red, White, and Blue Star
Shiners.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Nathan L. Libby of
Androscoggin County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by
Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 431

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House
adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 10:00 in the
morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Funding
for Teacher Retirement"

H.P. 54 L.D. 60

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee
Amendment "A" (H-14)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

In House, March 19, 2015, 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-14)**.

In Senate, March 25, 2015, on motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of
Hancock, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and
ACCEPTED, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until
Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Joint Resolution

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 810

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2015 AS AUTISM AWARENESS
MONTH**

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

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

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and neither income nor lifestyle nor education affects its occurrence and it is estimated that 1,500,000 people live with autism spectrum disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism costs the United States \$137,000,000,000 in annual health care costs, 90% of which are in adult services, and these costs are estimated to increase in the next 10 years to between \$200,000,000,000 and \$400,000,000,000; and

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

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

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in our deliberations to acknowledge that the month of April 2015 is Autism Awareness Month and to pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by autism; and be it further

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

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ.

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

Senator **VOLK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Today is World Autism Awareness Day, otherwise known as Light It Up Blue, which is a movement by Autism Speaks. If you are somebody who Tweets a lot like I do, you can use the hashtag LIUB to talk about Autism today. Autism Spectrum Disorder is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. About 1% of the world population has Autism Spectrum Disorder. The prevalence in the United States is estimated today at 1 in 68 births, which is staggering. The prevalence of Autism in children increased by 119.4% between 2000 and 2010. It's the fastest growing developmental disability. The prevalence has increased

by 6% to 15% each year during that time. It is almost five times more common in boys, 1 in 42, than in girls, 1 in 189. On your desks this morning you'll see this, I came across this last night. It's entitled *15 Things I'm Aware Of As The Mother of a Son With Autism*. Those of you who know me, and have heard me speak on this issue in the past, know that we have a 23 year old, almost 24 year old now, son with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He is termed Asperger Syndrome. He's had a very interesting journey, which is all detailed in a book he and my husband have written called *Chasing the Rabbit* which will be published in May. I just thought this was particularly good and I'd urge you to read it and share it. You can find it on social media, through Autism Speaks, and maybe share it with your constituents because one of the things that, as a mother of a child with Autism, really helps is to know that you're not alone and that other people share in this journey with you. That's been one of the things that we found, in talking to people about this book, that they're just really, really happy to get, particularly, a Dad's perspective on raising a child on the Spectrum. I thought I'd just read these points, I'm not going to read the whole thing. This resonated with me. She has four children, like we have. Her oldest, like in our family, is the one that has Autism. "I'm aware that my family has been fortunate. I'm aware that although it's often hard to do typical things with children on the Spectrum it's worth the effort. I'm aware that laughter can get us through anything." That's been particularly true in our family. "I'm aware that I'm a better person because of Autism." Definitely true in my case. I think that had I not had a child with Autism I would have been the type of person that just thought that I was, you know, a great parent. We had planned the pregnancy. We planned the birth. He was a great baby. I thought I had it all together until he started having these major meltdowns when he was around 2-1/2 years old and quickly became a child that I really had very little control over and didn't understand for a very, very long time what was going on with him. He had many, many different diagnoses before he was diagnosed with Autism. I think that that's something that has definitely improved since that time. He was finally diagnosed was when he was 8 years old. "I'm aware that I've grown thicker skin." Those of us who have run for office understand that feeling. I believe that raising a child on the Spectrum prepared me for what I endured on the campaign trail. "I'm aware that slow and steady wins the race. I'm aware that time heals all wounds." Certainly true. "I'm aware of the power of miracles. I'm aware that a little education and communication can change people's views." That's what I'm hoping you'll do today. "I'm aware that there are angels among us. I'm aware that I'm part of a special sorority." That being other parents with similar children. "I'm aware of what it means to be truly grateful, because I am. I'm aware that love can conquer all. I'm aware that faith can be tenuous on this journey, but without it I've got nothing." Very true in our case. "I'm aware that kindness and acceptance are all around us." I'd just urge you to reach out to your constituents today about this issue. It's having a huge effect in our school system, in our neighborhoods, and in our government. We're only beginning to see the tide of children aging into adulthood, trying to figure out how we deal with that. What do you do when a child turns 18 and yet has the maturity level of a 14 or a 13 year old? That is a terrifying moment for a parent, I can tell you from firsthand experience. We'll continue to grapple with these issues, but know that your constituents are grappling as well.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Burns.

Senator **BURNS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to say a few words, also, following Senator Volk. This is an extremely important month to Senator Volk and myself and others who share the lives of somebody who has Autism or fetal alcohol syndrome or other debilitating conditions. As many of you know, my wife and I have a 31 year old son that has both Autism and also fetal alcohol syndrome. I say that with great joy. He has been the joy of our life. Yes, it's been difficult. There's no question about it. As the good Senator just spoke about, it's been quite an experience, quite a ride if you will, from the time that he first came to us almost 30 years ago and it was an eye opener for us, it was a good experience for my children, my three birth children and also our other adopted daughter. They learned things that they never would have learned had they not grown up with a brother that had Autism. In spite of all the difficult time, the good times have made it all worthwhile and we have grown as individuals by growing up with Eric. He is the joy of our life. The difficult thing, I think, as parents of people with special needs, is the support system. When Eric came to us 30 years ago we were just starting to realize the impact of Autism in this country and other debilitating issues and we really weren't prepared for it. There is much more in place now. There is much more awareness. These folks, because of no fault of their own, are now able to get some support systems in their lives, especially when they transition out of the school age and into adulthood. That's a good thing. Our job is not done. Our job needs to continue. We need to continue to focus on providing support systems for these wonderful people that cannot support themselves. As I look at this Resolution today, it's very pertinent to me. I guess if I had written it I would have written it a little bit differently concerning these folks that can live full lives and meaningful contributions to society. That's a good thing. That also means that Moms and Dads and caregivers can also have that same experience, even if they do have somebody with special needs in their home. Lastly, I guess I would refer to the very last part, where it says that we are all, hopefully, going to support this Resolution today, that we pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by Autism. That's a very sacred pledge, ladies and gentlemen. It's important to me and I hope it's important to you. Thank you for your support.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I wish to just rise briefly in support of this Resolution and what Senator Volk has brought forth for us. I, too, have family involved with this problem and I would simply say that on the Financial Services and Insurance Committee we've dealt with this a great deal. There's a great deal that we, as a society, can do. The ABA, the Applied Behavioral treatment, can really make an enormous difference. We have a role to help in this and make this a much more optimistic future for these kids and their families. Thank you.

ADOPTED, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 175

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

March 31, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, Senate President
Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Head of Bethel, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 748 An Act To Provide for Tiered Qualifications for Volunteer Firefighters in Certain Municipalities

Sincerely,

S/Sen, Kimberley C. Rosen
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Lori A. Fowle
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 176

STATE OF MAINE 127TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

31 March 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 13 "An Act To Provide an Exemption from Sales Tax and Service Provider Tax to Nonprofit Collaboratives of Libraries."

I am concerned when the Legislature decides bills that grant exemptions from paying taxes early in the session and outside of the context of the overall budget. As you know, the Legislature is currently considering a comprehensive budget proposal that addresses the sales tax, and doesn't appear to have neared conclusion on those deliberations. Therefore, I do not believe it would be appropriate to support targeted exemptions on an isolated basis before the Legislature has acted comprehensively to address the future of the sales tax and reduce the oppressive burden that the Income Tax has placed on families and businesses in Maine. That is why the Maine people elected us and why I have vetoed this bill today.

This bill may have merit in its own right, and other services provided at a municipal level may benefit from examining the initiative that libraries have taken to coordinate regionally and explore opportunities to reduce the cost of providing services. However, now is not the time to grant targeted exemptions. Now is the time to address tax reform comprehensively in the State of Maine.

For these reasons, I return LD 13 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the

Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Provide an Exemption from Sales Tax and Service
Provider Tax to Nonprofit Collaboratives of Libraries
S.P. 14 L.D. 13

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **CONSIDERATION**.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Improve Representation on the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System"
S.P. 425 L.D. 1198

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

On motion by Senator **LANGLEY** of Hancock, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase Recycling and Composting by Creating the Maine Recycling Fund"

S.P. 432 L.D. 1204

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville and Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HOBBS of Saco, PARRY of Arundel, POULIOT of Augusta, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

On motion by Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Correct and Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws"

S.P. 423 L.D. 1196

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish and Senator: DUTREMBLE of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, COREY of Windham, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, HILLIARD of Belgrade, LYFORD of Eddington, REED of Carmel.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Resolve, To Ensure the Stocking of Inland Waters in the State
S.P. 429 L.D. 1202

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative SHORT of Pittsfield and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HOBART of Bowdoinham, MARTIN of Sinclair, SKOLFIELD of Weld.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Civil Cause of Action for Intentional Interference with Business Operations"
S.P. 427 L.D. 1200

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, ROSEN of Hancock, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, SHAW of Standish.

Bill "An Act To Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property"

S.P. 430 L.D. 1203

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston and
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, KATZ of Kennebec,
Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, CHIPMAN of Portland,
GOLDEN of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn, ROTUNDO of
Lewiston, STANLEY of Medway.

On motion by Senator **BURNS** of Washington, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Bureau of
Rehabilitation Services"

S.P. 426 L.D. 1199

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford,
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
GILBERT of Jay, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, WARD of Dedham.
Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Standardize and Simplify the Process for
Employers To Have a Drug-free Workplace Policy"
S.P. 428 L.D. 1201

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York,
HAMPER of Oxford, MASON of Androscoggin, ROSEN of
Hancock, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives:
CHACE of Durham, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Certificate of Approval Holders under the
Liquor Licensing Laws To Donate Alcohol to Nonprofit
Organizations"

S.P. 424 L.D. 1197

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and
Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **REFERRED** to the
Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered
printed.

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:

ORDERS

Joint Resolution

On motion by Senator **WHITEMORE** of Somerset, the following
Joint Resolution:

S.P. 433

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S CREDIT UNIONS

WHEREAS, Maine's credit unions are member-owned and
member-governed financial cooperatives dedicated and
committed to serving the needs of their members and
communities. The nonprofit structure of credit unions provides
each member with an equal voice and representation in the
operations of the credit union. Serving members in all 16 Maine
counties and in every community, Maine's credit unions operate
with the primary purpose of benefiting the more than 651,000
Maine consumers who use credit unions; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefit that Maine's credit unions
provide to Maine consumers is approximately \$48,000,000
annually, as a result of lower and fewer fees on products and
services, lower interest rates on loans and higher interest rates
on savings; and

WHEREAS, Maine is once again ranked as the nation's 5th
strongest credit union state based on the percentage of the
population that uses a credit union, a position Maine has held for
12 consecutive years. With more than 651,000 members, credit
unions serve nearly one of every 2 Maine residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2,200 full-time and part-time employees of
Maine's credit unions and the more than 1,000 unpaid volunteers
who serve on credit union boards and committees demonstrate
the core credit union values, philosophy and mission of people
helping people by contributing to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, since 1990 Maine's credit unions and their members
have raised \$5,300,000 to help end hunger in Maine, including a
record-setting \$552,257 in 2014. One hundred percent of all
money that is raised through the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign
for Ending Hunger stays in Maine and goes directly to assist
thousands of Maine families and individuals who otherwise would
go hungry. In addition to contributing thousands of dollars to food
pantries in communities across the State, Maine's credit unions
also help to provide funds for statewide initiatives to help end
hunger, such as being the primary source of funding for the
State's only Food Mobile. In partnership with the Good Shepherd

Food Bank, the Food Mobile has delivered over 4,000,000 pounds of food to food pantries in every Maine county since it began in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger has a commitment to the Good Shepherd Food Bank's efforts to end childhood hunger in Maine with its support of the Good Shepherd Food Bank's Backpack and School Pantry programs, as well as other childhood hunger initiatives serving more than 40 schools and over 1,000 students weekly; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Maine's credit unions contributed more than \$1,500,000 to a variety of causes and to a number of organizations, such as financial literacy programs, the American Red Cross and Special Olympics. In the past 12 years, members of Maine's credit unions contributed more than 350,000 hours, including more than 39,000 hours last year, volunteering for organizations and activities in communities throughout the State, making a significant and positive impact not only on the organizations that received this assistance but also on the people who were served by and benefited from the services and resources provided; and

WHEREAS, since 1921 Maine's credit unions have been enhancing the lives of thousands of Maine people, who have been helped to financial success and stability. Throughout Maine, credit unions continue to play a vital economic and socially responsible role in the lives of individuals and remain a local, significant and stable presence in the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Credit Union League and Maine's credit unions for their positive contributions and the significant role they have played in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities for more than 90 years. Their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Credit Union League and its 60 member credit unions.

READ and ADOPTED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Pursuant to Resolve

The Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission Regarding the Maine Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act"

H.P. 809 L.D. 1177

Reported that the same be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 27, section 2.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Limit, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 239 L.D. 352

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.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Require Drug Testing of the Driver of a Motor Vehicle Involved in a Fatal Accident"

H.P. 63 L.D. 69

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-25)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-25) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

The Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Tobacco Use Surcharges in Small Group and Individual Health Insurance Products"

H.P. 93 L.D. 135

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-26)**.

Report **READ**.

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

The Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Gaming" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 355 L.D. 516

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-24)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-24)**.

Report **READ**.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass

Senator **WOODSOME** for the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Brunswick Sewer District Charter"

S.P. 243 L.D. 650

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **COLLINS** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirement of When Headlights Must Be Used"

S.P. 102 L.D. 288

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **COLLINS** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Repeal Outdated Agricultural Aviation Laws"

S.P. 196 L.D. 527

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

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

READ ONCE.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator **VOLK** for the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Enable Seniors To Remain in Their Homes"

S.P. 87 L.D. 249

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator **COLLINS** for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Stationary Public Utility Emergency Service Vehicles"

S.P. 71 L.D. 196

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-12) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Senator COLLINS for the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Centennial of the United States Navy Reserve (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 98 L.D. 260

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Mobile Telephone When Operating a Motor Vehicle Except in Hands-free Mode"
S.P. 60 L.D. 185

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

Signed:

Senator:
COLLINS of York

Representatives:
BRYANT of Windham
FARRIN of Norridgewock
GOLDEN of Lewiston
HOBART of Bowdoinham
PARRY of Arundel
VEROW of Brewer

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**.

Signed:

Senators:
ROSEN of Hancock
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham
GILLWAY of Searsport
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach
POWERS of Naples

Reports **READ**.

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

SECOND READERS

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

Senate

Bill "An Act To Require Political Action Committees To Report the Receipt of Paid Services Received from State Agencies"
S.P. 113 L.D. 298

READ A SECOND TIME and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

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:

Acts

An Act To Establish Native American Heritage and Culture Day
H.P. 13 L.D. 10

An Act To Strengthen the Craft Beer Industry
S.P. 39 L.D. 102
(C "A" S-8)

An Act To Standardize Pints of Beer Sold in Maine
S.P. 55 L.D. 122
(C "A" S-7)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Noncommercial Foreign Vessels
S.P. 73 L.D. 198

An Act To Stay Certain Suspensions Imposed by the Secretary of State Pending Appeal
S.P. 83 L.D. 214
(C "A" S-5)

An Act To Rename B Stream in Houlton as Captain Ambrose
Bear Stream

H.P. 177 L.D. 245

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

An Act To Amend the Shoreland Zoning Laws To Exempt Certain
Walkways and Trails from Setback Requirements

S.P. 122 L.D. 307
(C "A" S-6)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, to Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

An Act Regarding Limitations on Certain Storm Water Fees

S.P. 26 L.D. 78
(C "A" S-4)

On motion by Senator **COLLINS** of York, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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 Assigned (4/1/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Establishment of Benefit Corporations"

H.P. 792 L.D. 1154

Tabled - April 1, 2015, by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, March 31, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.)

On motion by Senator **VOLK** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks