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In Senate Chamber
Tuesday
June 30, 2015

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

Prayer by Senator Andre E. Cushing, III of Penobscot County.

SENATOR CUSHING: Good morning, colleagues in the Senate, ladies and gentlemen. I would ask you to please bow your heads and join me in a prayer as we deal with the issues of the day.

Dear Lord, we thank You for this opportunity to gather here this morning to do important work for the citizens of our state. We ask, Lord, that You will keep our hearts and minds focused on those issues that we must deal with, that You will allow us to deal with diligently, that You will allow us to have the spirit of understanding and patience as we deal with many weighty items today. Lord, there are many people that are serving our state. There are many people that are serving our country. We ask that You watch over them today, that You protect them as they travel to and from their jobs, You give them the confidence in knowing that we are serving them as their elected representatives. For those of our military, those overseas, those serving us, we ask that You continue to put Your protection on them, that You will guide them and keep them and their loved ones safe. Lord, we thank You for the opportunity today, on this beautiful day, to enjoy the freedoms of this country and we ask that You continue to guide us safely through our journey here today and as we come and go from Augusta. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Ronald F. Collins of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Off Record Remarks

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed

H.P. 163 L.D. 231
(C "A" H-279)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 10, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-279)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-279)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-279).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-327) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-279) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-279) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-327) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-279) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-327) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Prohibit the Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images

H.P. 460 L.D. 679
(C "A" H-430)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 17, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-430).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-331) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-430) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-430) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-331) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-331) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Adult Day Care and Respite and Hospice Care

H.P. 536 L.D. 787
(C "A" H-95; S "A" S-72)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 19, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 7, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, May 14, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Senate Amendment "A" (S-72).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-328) to Senate Amendment "A" (S-72) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-72) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-328) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-95) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-72) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-328) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve

Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Prevention Services

H.P. 565 L.D. 831
(C "A" H-281)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending – **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 4, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-281)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-281)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-281).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-326) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-281) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-281) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-326) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-281) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-326) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Increase Conservation District Funding
H.P. 573 L.D. 839
(C "A" H-88)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 12, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 5, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 7, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-325) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-88) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-325), in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

H.P. 587 L.D. 853
(C "A" H-294)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 10, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-294)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 9, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-294)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-294).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-324) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-294) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-294) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-324) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-294) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-324) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Strengthen the Right of a Victim of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence To Take Necessary Leave from Employment
H.P. 640 L.D. 921
(C "B" H-240)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 3, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-240)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-240)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "B" (H-240).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-323) to Committee Amendment "B" (H-240) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-240) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-323) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-240) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-323) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability

S.P. 332 L.D. 941
(C "A" S-296)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 19, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 17, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296)**.)

(In House, June 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296)**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-296).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-322) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-296) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-296) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-322) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-296) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-322) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

H.P. 800 L.D. 1166
(C "A" H-170)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 10, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-170).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-321) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-170) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-321) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-321) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Strengthen Laws Regarding the Manufacture and Sale of Methamphetamine and Other Drugs

S.P. 451 L.D. 1246
(C "A" S-280)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 23, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 17, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-280).**)

(In House, June 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-280)**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-280).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-337) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-280) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-280) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-337) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-280) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-337) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Strengthen the Protections for Senior Citizens in the State

S.P. 454 L.D. 1272
(C "A" S-277)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 17, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-277).**)

(In House, June 17, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-277)**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-277).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-320) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-277) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-277) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-320) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-277) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-320) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

H.P. 877 L.D. 1291
(C "A" H-447)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 17, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-447)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 17, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-447)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-447).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-330) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-447) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-447) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-330) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-447) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-330) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Fully Fund the Family Caregiver Respite Program
H.P. 909 L.D. 1337
(C "A" H-173)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 29, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 26, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 28, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-173).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-319) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-319) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-173) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-319) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation
H.P. 917 L.D. 1348
(C "A" H-196)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 2, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 28, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-196)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 1, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-196)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-318) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-196) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-318), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

H.P. 920 L.D. 1350
(C "A" H-371)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 15, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-371)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 12, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-371)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-371).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-317) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-371) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-371) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-317) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-371) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-317) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Encourage the Redevelopment of Upper Floors of Buildings in Downtowns and on Main Streets

H.P. 930 L.D. 1372
(C "A" H-311)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 10, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 9, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-311).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-329) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-311) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-311) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-329) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-329) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Supplemental Reimbursement to Adult Family Care Homes and Residential Care Facilities in Remote Island Locations

H.P. 57 L.D. 63
(C "A" H-49)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - April 29, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-49)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, April 28, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 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.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Allow Dental Hygienists To Prescribe Fluoride Dentifrice and Antibacterial Rinse

H.P. 74 L.D. 91
(C "A" H-139)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 3, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-139)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Expand Access To Lifesaving Opioid Overdose Medication

H.P. 98 L.D. 140
(H "A" H-278 to C "A" H-248)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 16, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-248) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-278)** thereto, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 12, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program

H.P. 122 L.D. 164
(H "A" H-177 to C "A" H-151)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 29, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 26, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-151) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-177)** thereto, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 28, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Remove the 180-day Active Duty Requirement for the Property Tax Exemption for Vietnam Veterans

H.P. 128 L.D. 170
(C "A" H-15)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - March 31, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, March 25, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-15)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, March 26, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Provide for Special Restrictions on Dissemination and Use of Criminal History Record Information for Class E Crimes Committed by an Adult under 21 Years of Age

S.P. 79 L.D. 210
(C "A" S-240)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 15, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-240).**)

(In House, June 12, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Reduce Commercial Shellfish License Fees for Persons under 18 Years of Age

H.P. 154 L.D. 222
(C "A" H-33)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - April 28, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-33)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, April 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve

Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission To Study the Replacement of Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection

S.P. 99 L.D. 261
(C "A" S-34)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - April 29, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-34).**)

(In House, April 28, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

FINALLY PASSED and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Overwidth Farm Tractors on Public Ways

H.P. 202 L.D. 284
(C "A" H-31)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - April 28, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 16, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, April 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Strengthen the Economic Stability of Qualified Maine Citizens by Expanding Coverage of Reproductive Health Care and Family Services

H.P. 213 L.D. 319
(C "A" H-243)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 18, 2015, by Senator **VALENTINO** of York

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 17, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-243)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 18, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve

Resolve, To Study the Use of Social Impact Bonds as a Funding Mechanism for Public Education Programs in Maine
H.P. 285 L.D. 418
(C "A" H-10)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - March 26, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, March 24, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-10)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, March 25, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Strengthen the Laws Prohibiting Stalking
S.P. 160 L.D. 431
(C "A" S-49)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 6, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 29, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-49)**.)

(In House, May 5, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code
H.P. 351 L.D. 512
(C "A" H-86)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 12, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 5, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-86)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 7, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

The President requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, to the rostrum where he assumed the duties as President Pro Tempore.

The President took a seat on the Floor.

The Senate called to order by President Pro Tempore **GARRETT P. MASON** of Androscoggin County.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Establish a State Educational Medicaid Officer
H.P. 406 L.D. 582
(C "A" H-227)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 8, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 2, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-227)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 5, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

ROLL CALL (#372)

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by President Pro Tempore
GARRETT P. MASON of Androscoggin County.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Amend Maine's Sex Trafficking and Child Welfare Laws

S.P. 244 L.D. 651
(C "A" S-96)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 27, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-96).**)

(In House, May 26, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without a Permit

S.P. 245 L.D. 652
(S "B" S-153, S "C" S-174,
S "D" S-175 to C "A" S-119)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 4, 2015, by Senator **VALENTINO** of York

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 3, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-119) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "B" (S-153), "C" (S-174) AND "D" (S-175)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**)

(In House, June 4, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

YEAS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, HAMPER, KATZ, LANGLEY, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, THIBODEAU, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE - GARRETT P. MASON

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BREEN, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, VALENTINO

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 12 Senators having voted in the negative, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Allow the Retrofit of Underground Oil Storage Tanks
S.P. 257 L.D. 727
(C "A" S-48)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 5, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, April 28, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-48).**)

(In House, April 30, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Add Acetylfentanyl and Methylfentanyl Derivatives to the List of Schedule W Drugs

S.P. 259 L.D. 729
(C "A" S-145)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 3, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 29, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-145).**)

(In House, June 2, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with 2 Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 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 Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Create Jobs in Aroostook and Washington Counties
H.P. 520 L.D. 767
(H "B" H-497 to C "A" H-302)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 23, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-302) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-497)** thereto, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Collect and Report Data on the Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas and Standards-based Student Learning

H.P. 574 L.D. 840
(C "A" H-292)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - April 10, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-292)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 9, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Clarify Wine Auction Licenses
S.P. 345 L.D. 983
(S "A" S-238 to C "A" S-226)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 15, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-226) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-238)** thereto.)

(In House, June 12, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Enhance Funding Opportunities for the Youth Conservation Corps

S.P. 366 L.D. 1040
(C "A" S-86)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 20, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 13, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-86).**)

(In House, May 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Ensure That Collection Facilities Can Participate in the Architectural Paint Stewardship Program

S.P. 370 L.D. 1044
(C "A" S-157)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 8, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 2, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-157).**)

(In House, June 5, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 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 Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Make Possession of a Firearm with an Altered or Obscured Serial Number a Class C Crime
S.P. 412 L.D. 1160
(C "A" S-165)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 4, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-165).**)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Resolve

Resolve, To Ensure the Stocking of Inland Waters in the State
S.P. 429 L.D. 1202
(C "A" S-171)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 4, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-171).**)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Establish a Magnet School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering
H.P. 873 L.D. 1277
(C "A" H-314)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 10, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 9, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-314)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 10, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Fund the Maine Diversion Alert Program
S.P. 475 L.D. 1307
(C "A" S-106)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 1, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 26, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-106).**)

(In House, May 29, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with 3 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 Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Attract Entrepreneurs to the State
S.P. 481 L.D. 1332
(S "A" S-250 to C "A" S-228)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 23, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 22, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-228) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-250)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, June 22, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President Pro Tempore, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

The President Pro Tempore requested the Sergeant-At-Arms escort the Senator from Waldo, Senator **THIBODEAU**, to the rostrum where he resumed his duties as President.

The Sergeant-At-Arms escorted the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **MASON**, to his seat on the floor.

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.C. 322

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby executing a veto of LD 1019, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017."

The Maine people made it quite clear in November they want tax relief and welfare reform. As soon as legislators returned to Augusta, they got busy ignoring the wishes of the Maine people. They dilly-dallied for five months, then patched together a business-as-usual budget at the last minute. Secretive, late-night decisions made under the cover of darkness and behind locked doors resulted in a budget based on the best interests of a handful of politicians, not what is best for the 1.3 million people of Maine.

In contrast, the Governor's comprehensive budget was prepared by dozens of people over several months, analyzed by experts and put out for public scrutiny.

Politicians used the false threat of a government shutdown as an excuse to push through a poorly constructed budget that is largely devoid of reform. Their scare tactics were not only morally indefensible, they were completely unnecessary. We submitted a Governor's bill to keep government open during budget negotiations. The bill, LD 1450, "An Act To Enact an Interim Budget," is now awaiting action from the Legislature.

If the House and Senate really want to craft a budget to benefit the Maine people, they can approve this bill to keep government open. They can keep working until they negotiate a truly meaningful budget.

While Mainers want to reduce the size of government, this budget grows state government by \$300 million. Despite a strong desire by the Maine people to continue with welfare reform, this budget actually expands the welfare system. It is driving us backward down the wrong road.

Although we have increased education funding every year, liberal politicians complain the state does not provide enough money for education. Then they killed a bill to fund an important initiative that would provide zero to low-interest loans to Maine students in the STEM fields.

The Portland school system received so much extra state aid for education, liberals diverted the city's share of school funding to give welfare to illegal aliens and undocumented immigrants. This kind of shell game with the taxpayers' money will be challenged by the Executive Branch.

Even worse, this budget will quite literally be paid for with the lives of Mainers. The drug epidemic continues to ravage our streets—nearly 1,000 babies are born each year addicted to drugs and 208 Mainers died of drug overdoses in 2014.

Rather than fund an adequate number of MDEA agents to hunt down the ruthless out-of-state drug traffickers that are infiltrating our communities and killing our children, Augusta politicians chose to expand welfare to able-bodied people and to de-fund services for our elderly and disabled.

Elderly and disabled Mainers are rightfully entitled to healthcare, but they are left sitting for years on waitlists without basic services. Politicians provided only \$6 million toward the waitlist, when the true need is another \$40 million—which I allocated in my original budget.

Choosing to protect drug traffickers and allowing more babies to be born drug-addicted, instead of providing our most vulnerable

with the services they need and deserve, is simply unconscionable.

Politicians in Augusta also rejected my plan to overhaul the state's General Assistance program, which encouraged cities like Portland to spend more of local taxpayers' money so they could get even more funding from the state. They watered down General Assistance reform to reward cities that insist on giving local taxpayers' money to illegal aliens.

Clearly, the health and public safety of Mainers is not a priority of the 127th Legislature. Instead, Augusta politicians snuck in a \$4 million "Christmas tree" adorned with piggy projects for legislators, such as buying federal land in Kittery, buying an unneeded "Frances Perkins Homestead," paying for a commission disguised as initiative to end hunger and creating entirely new projects.

Maine taxpayers deserve to know how every dollar of their money is being spent, but this "Christmas tree" with gifts for certain legislators was presented with no public notice or input. This is exactly the kind of back-room politics the people of Maine sent me here in record numbers to prevent.

Too many elected politicians are willing to disenfranchise the Maine people in exchange for feeding off the public trough, even at the expense of our most vulnerable and needy citizens.

The days of pork-barrel spending—and Christmas in June—must end. At the very least, I will bring these politicians' actions to light for all Mainers to see.

My administration has been working for five years to create an efficient government, but that is an oxymoron to the 127th Legislature. They must set aside their self-serving political agendas and put the hard-working people of Maine first.

Mainers should have a say in how the money they have earned is being spent, and they should be included in the budgeting process. I took my budget directly to the people of Maine, holding 10 public town hall meetings up and down the state.

But legislators failed to embrace transparency in a budget that affects the 1.3 million people they claim to represent. They shut Mainers out of their budget process, and they refused to let them vote on whether the income tax should be eliminated. Mainers deserve to have the debate over whether the income tax should be phased out.

The future of our state depends on our ability to be competitive with the nation and the world. We must work aggressively each year to cut back the income tax until it is gone—then ensure it never comes back. We need younger people to move to Maine.

I will continue to insist that each bill get a two-thirds vote until the Legislature shows it is willing to give the Maine people the democracy they deserve by allowing them to vote on a Constitutional amendment to get rid of the income tax.

My budget proposal was widely acknowledged as a bold and comprehensive plan to modernize, reform and restructure how Maine does business. Unfortunately, it proved too big a concept for some of the small minds in the Legislature to grasp.

In exchange for political expediency, they submitted a budget that fails to provide meaningful tax relief, rolls back welfare reforms and endangers the health and safety of our children, our elderly and our most vulnerable citizens.

Therefore, I am vetoing the 127th Legislature's budget. I ask each one of you to stand up for the Maine people and support this veto.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 702 L.D. 1019

Comes from the House, 109 members having voted in the affirmative and 37 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#373)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, DAVIS, EDGECOMB, HASKELL, MASON, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, VOLK, WILLETTE

25 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, and 25 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 502

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS**

June 30, 2015

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

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

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

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| L.D. 211 | An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Prepare Maine To Respond to a Disease Outbreak |
| L.D. 271 | An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Intermodal Transportation Facilities |

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. James M. Hamper Senate Chair	S/Rep. Margaret R. Rotundo House Chair
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READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator HAMPER for the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Two General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities"

S.P. 530 L.D. 1415

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-339)**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-339) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine
H.P. 624 L.D. 905
(C "A" H-204)

Placed on the Special Study Table - June 3, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 29, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 1, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-204)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-204), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-334) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-204) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-204) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-334) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-204) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-334) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans

H.P. 497 L.D. 721
(C "A" H-255)

Placed on the Special Study Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 4, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-255)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-255)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-255), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-335) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-255) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-255) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-335) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-255) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-335) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Develop Solutions To Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel
H.P. 339 L.D. 500
(H "A" H-418 to C "A" H-376)

Placed on the Special Study Table - June 17, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 16, 2015, on motion by Senator **MCCORMICK** of Kennebec, **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED** to **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-376) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-418)**, thereto, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 17, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-376) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-418)** thereto, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-376) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-418) thereto, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-333) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-376) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-376) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-418) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-333) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-376) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-418) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-333) thereto, in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on School Leadership
S.P. 368 L.D. 1042
(C "A" S-162)

Placed on the Special Study Table - June 9, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 4, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162).**)

(In House, June 8, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162).**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-162).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-332) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-162) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-162) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-332) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-162) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-332) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair removed from the **SPECIAL STUDY TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Difficult-to-place Patients

H.P. 113 L.D. 155
(C "A" H-249)

Placed on the Special Study Table - June 8, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - **FINAL PASSAGE**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 3, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-249)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 5, 2015, **FINALLY PASSED.**)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 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.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 497

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

June 29, 2015

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate of Maine
127th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Section 157, and with Joint Rule 505 of the Maine Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has had under consideration the nomination of Philip A. Curtis of Madison, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

After public hearing and discussion on this nomination, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to recommend to the Senate that this nomination be confirmed. The Committee Clerk called the roll with the following result:

YEAS	Senators	3	Edgecomb of Aroostook, Dill of Penobscot, Saviello of Franklin
	Representatives	8	Hickman of Winthrop, Black of Wilton, Chapman of Brooksville, Dunphy of Old Town, Edgecomb of Fort Fairfield, Kinney of Knox, McElwee of Caribou, Saucier of Presque Isle
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		2	Rep. Marean of Hollis, Rep. Noon of Sanford

Eleven members of the Committee having voted in the affirmative and zero in the negative, it was the vote of the Committee that the nomination of Philip A. Curtis of Madison, for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Peter E. Edgecomb
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall the recommendation of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** be overridden?"

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#374)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 35 Senators having voted in the negative, 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 **Philip A. Curtis** of Madison for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 486

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 35, "An Act To Provide Legal Protection to Hospitals where Admitted Qualifying Patients Use Smokeless Forms of Medical Marijuana."

This bill provides legal immunity for hospitals and their executives, board members, agents, and employees for allowing admitted patients to use smokeless forms of medical marijuana in the hospital.

What this bill ignores is that the State serves as the federal government's delegate to perform hospital inspections. This state statute cannot trump the federal law and regulations that apply to these hospital inspections, which are conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the federal government. This statute cannot prohibit the Department from fulfilling its federally designated function, and it would be inappropriate to imply to the hospitals that allowing medical marijuana to be used in their facilities would not result in action under color of federal law.

For this reason, I return LD 35 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 Legal Protection to Hospitals where Admitted Qualifying Patients Use Smokeless Forms of Medical Marijuana
S.P. 17 L.D. 35

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#375)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BRAKEY, BREEN, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WILLETTE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGECOMB, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, WHITEMORE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, and 22 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 487

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 289, "An Act To Amend the Health Plan Improvement Law Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy."

This bill aims to create enough red tape to essentially eliminate step therapy, which is one of the most important health insurance cost containment measures. Step therapy helps to keep the costs of health insurance down by ensuring that trusted less expensive drugs are used before a patient is stepped up onto a more expensive brand-name prescription. Heavily-marketed drugs, and drugs with a high risk of abuse and overuse, such as opiates and anti-psychotics, are appropriate for step therapy.

The Bureau of Insurance opposes this bill, noting that current law protects consumers against unwarranted or abusive step therapy protocols. If a patient's physician believes it is medically necessary to bypass existing step therapy requirements, the consumer has full appeal rights, including an external review at the Bureau of Insurance.

Advocates who pursue bills like this will not stop until health insurance gets so expensive that no middle class Mainer will be able to afford it, and then they will push for more government takeover. I vetoed virtually the same bad bill from the Democratically-controlled 126th Legislature, and that veto was sustained.

For these reasons, I return LD 289 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 Amend the Health Plan Improvement Law Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy

S.P. 103 L.D. 289

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#376)

YEAS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, BURNS, CUSHING, HAMPER, KATZ, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BREEN, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITEMORE

12 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 23 Senators having voted in the negative, and 12 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 488

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 384, "Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for a Universal Health Care Plan in the

State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

This resolve facilitates the hiring of a consultant to tell the Legislature how to achieve universal health care in Maine. The required report must include a proposal for single-payer, government-run health care with the virtual elimination of the Maine health insurance market. It also must include a proposal for managed care, administered by the government, to which every Maine citizen must submit.

For those who are unaware, Vermont, our nation's most liberal state, recently developed a proposal for single-payer health care in that state. When they got the cost estimate, which predicted a doubling of the Vermont budget from 2015 to 2017, they realized the fiscal folly that is government-run healthcare.

Frankly, this proposal is one of least Republican measures I have seen during my tenure as Governor, and I am surprised that the Legislature assumed my Administration's departments would be willing to provide assistance, at the taxpayers' expense, to such a charade.

For these reasons, I return LD 384 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 Resolve:

Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for a Universal Health Care Plan in the State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
S.P. 152 L.D. 384

Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot requested a Roll Call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise the Senator that a Roll Call is already ordered. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gratwick.

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise asking my colleagues here to override the Governor's veto of L.D. 384. I think you're all aware that in healthcare we can do it much better. We can do it much, much better. As Americans, this is our mantra. We can do anything well and we can then do it even better than that. We can do much better with healthcare. I think I've told you the numbers before. I'll have you remember them again; 18%, 22%, and 11%. Eighteen percent of our GNP here in the United States is spent on healthcare. In Maine we spend more. We spend 22% of our state product on healthcare. Other countries in the world, Canada and France, which do much better than we do in terms of outcomes, spends 11%. Why can't we do better? This bill is for a study to see what options we have at the current time. One option is that we have some sort of centralized healthcare system, which is basically Medicare for all. Medicare for all. Our parents are on Medicare. Lots of people over 65 are on Medicare. It's not a perfect system, but it's certainly works better than any other health insurance system we have going. How can we explore this, how can we make it work better in Maine? That's

the question that this bill tries to answer. At the same time, it's leaving other options open to how we can make our current system work better. How can we tweak it? Two words we're working through are cost containment and also quality. How can we make healthcare in Maine cost less? How can it be a better quality?

The Governor, the Executive, has chosen to veto this for two reasons that are just plain wrong. The first being, he says that this is going to be at the taxpayer's expense. Wrong. This is going to be a funded study. There is going to be zero impact on the State budget. This is something that's going to require people involved in this to go out and raise the money. Nothing is going to come out of the taxpayer's money. Second, he writes that, "The fiscal folly that is government run healthcare." The answer is that that is also incorrect. The Medicare system is probably the very best system we have. It's not perfect, but it's certainly very much there.

This is a situation in which I urge people to set aside their ideology, let us have a report that in two, three, or four years will come up with several options so Maine can do it better. I think we can do it better. I'm sure we can do it better. We're going to have to take good thought in order to get that way. We have a profound promise, a deep promise, to our fellow citizens to act in their best interest. I think we are not acting in their best interest at this time. I strongly urge you to vote to override the Governor's veto. Thank you.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#377)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, WHITTEMORE

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, EDGEComb, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, VOLK, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, and 18 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

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

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 489

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 451, "An Act To Improve Disclosure Procedures."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 451 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Improve Disclosure Procedures
S.P. 180 L.D. 451

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#378)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: EDGECOMB, MCCORMICK, WILLETTE

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 490

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 524, "Resolve, To Develop a Pilot Program for Medication-assisted Recovery in a Rural Community at least 30 Miles from Bangor."

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to establish a pilot program for medication-assisted drug addiction recovery in some rural location more than 30 miles from Bangor. The stakeholder group has to look at 13 different topics associated with this issue, and the Department must then draft a report on the group's findings and submit back to the Legislature in 6 months.

This mandate, which naturally is unfunded, centers around a completely unnecessary pilot program. Since federal rules changed in 2000, any qualified provider can deliver services for addiction treatment. Requiring the Department to create a pilot program to allow physician practices to do something they already can do (if they wanted to) is redundant, and the Department cannot force a private practice to participate in such a pilot program. The barriers to addiction treatment generally are known, and so it makes no sense to require my administration to draft yet another unfunded report for the Legislature. Passing a resolve to make someone else tell you how to do your job is neither action nor leadership. When it comes to these reports, the Legislature will end up getting what it pays for.

For these reasons, I return LD 524 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 Resolve:

Resolve, To Develop a Pilot Program for Medication-assisted Recovery in a Rural Community at least 30 Miles from Bangor
S.P. 193 L.D. 524

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

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, again I wish to speak on L.D. 524, a Resolve to Develop a Pilot Program for Medication-assisted Recovery in a Rural Community at least 30 Miles from Bangor. The background of this that we're all aware the scourge of drug addiction is very real here in Maine. Methadone is okay for some of the very addicted folks. Suboxone is a pill that can be taken at home. The benefit of Suboxone is it allows you to stay at home. It allows you to work. It allows you to maintain family ties and be in your community and it's a preferable way to reintegrate people with drug problems back into our environment. The real problem is: how do you get doctors out in the rural area to use Suboxone? How are they going to prescribe it? It's certainly possible. There are 112 doctors who are licensed, who are able to give Suboxone. They've been through the training. Forty of them are actually doing it. Of that two are actually now giving Suboxone to new patients. In other words, while the rules and regulations are in place, no one is doing it. The real question is why? This particular Resolve is trying to figure out why we're not being successful at getting people off of drugs and back into their regular lives. This is something that the Chief Executive, the second floor, has been very much in favor of and precisely why the veto comes is unclear to me. Part of the answer I heard is that, "We're doing this already." We already have the rules and regulations in place, so why bother to have more? I would simply note that there are many instances in which we have rules and regulations in place where people don't pay attention to them. You're not supposed to drink and drive, but people do. You're not supposed to text, but people do. You shouldn't be smoking in public places, but people do. The question is: why? How can we

change behaviors? How can we change patterns to benefit us all?

Again, the second floor has come up with significant errors in the veto message. The first being money, funding. They say that this is unfunded. The answer is: there is no fiscal note on this. There is zero fiscal note, so there is no cost to the public purse. The second is that, "The barriers to addiction treatment generally are known." I'd just like you to think about that in terms of the second floor, "The barriers to addiction treatment generally are known." It seems to me the major barrier we're dealing with here is the second floor. We have to be able to deal with this on a more forthright way, to find out the real reasons behind it. Again, I strongly urge you to override the second floor veto of this measure. I think it's going to benefit all of us in the long run. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#379)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGEComb, HAMPER, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 17 Senators having voted in the negative, and 18 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 491

STATE OF MAINE 127TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

26 June 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 861, "An Act To Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking."

I do not find any fault with the intent of this bill which is noble. However, I do find fault in how the bill seeks to achieve the goal of ending domestic violence. This bill would force landlords to become involved in relationships that are plagued by domestic violence. I am concerned that if this bill were to become law, that its provisions would have the practical effect of inflaming situations that are already prone to violence.

The problem of domestic violence is one that needs to be solved by law enforcement preventing abusers from carrying out their hideous crimes. I support legislation that protects victims from their abusers or enables law enforcement to do their jobs. This bill falls short of those ends.

For this reason, I return LD 861 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 Protect Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

S.P. 305 L.D. 861

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#380)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 492

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 1014, "An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information for Professional Investigators, Investigative Assistants and Dependents of Deployed Members of the Military."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1014 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information for Professional Investigators, Investigative Assistants and Dependents of Deployed Members of the Military
S.P. 354 L.D. 1014

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#381)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 493

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 1017, "An Act To Update Maine's Family Law."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as

they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1017 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Update Maine's Family Law
S.P. 358 L.D. 1017

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#382)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 494

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 1203, "An Act to Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property."

This bill is nonsensical and unnecessary. It authorizes municipalities to provide for the care, maintenance and security of abandoned properties. It also provides that the municipal officers may take action to remedy property defects at an abandoned property and that the municipality may recover its costs from the responsible parties. The bill further provides that even though the municipality may take all this action and charge the owner, it cannot be construed to bestow any responsibility on the municipality to safeguard or otherwise preserve or protect abandoned property. I cannot support such a one-sided, unnecessary deal.

For this reason, I return LD 1203 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 Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property

S.P. 430 L.D. 1203

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#383)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, WILLETTE

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 4 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 495

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

24 June 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 1235, "Resolve, To Strengthen Standards-based Diplomas."

I have lost count of the number of bills sent to my desk in which a legislator has not taken the time to do what he or she was elected to do – to bring forward policy proposals for consideration and debate to address our most serious issues in the best interest of the Maine people. Instead, these legislators propose unfunded councils and stakeholder groups to "study" the topic. The people of Maine receive no benefit when a resolve is passed and the end result is a study, which sits on a shelf to collect dust.

Legislators should not hide behind committees and commissions that they can hand-pick in order to engineer specific policy recommendations to be taken up during the next session. Instead they should respect the Maine people by putting forth specific policy proposals for consideration and debate. If an issue

requires a study be commissioned, then the Legislature ought to appropriate sufficient resources to fund such a study.

For these reasons, I return LD 1235 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 Resolve:

Resolve, To Strengthen Standards-based Diplomas
S.P. 440 L.D. 1235

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#384)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, CYRWAY, WILLETTE

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 496

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

26 June 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 1440, "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Department of Corrections and Correctional Services."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1440 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Department of Corrections and Correctional Services (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 542 L.D. 1440

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#385)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: COLLINS, EDGECOMB, MCCORMICK

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Joint Resolution Making Application To The Congress Of The United States Calling A Convention Of The States To Propose Amendments To The United States Constitution To Impose Fiscal Restraints, Limit Federal Power And Impose Term Limits

H.P. 804

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

Signed:

Senator:
LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:
MARTIN of Sinclair
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
TUELL of East Machias

TURNER of Burlington

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-365)**.

Signed:

Senators:
WHITTEMORE of Somerset
WILLETTE of Aroostook

Representatives:
EVANGELOS of Friendship
GREENWOOD of Wales
PICKETT of Dixfield

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

Reports **READ**.

Having been **PASSED AS AMENDED** in the Senate on June 11, 2015, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**, this Resolution, pursuant to Joint Rule 215.1, requires a 2/3rds vote of members present.

The Chair ordered a Division. 21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, **FAILED PASSAGE**.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/9/15) matter:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Protect Maine Consumers in the Individual Health Insurance Market and Support Maine's Economy
H.P. 913 L.D. 1344
(C "A" H-291)

Tabled - June 9, 2015, by Senator **WHITTEMORE** of Somerset

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 8, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-291)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 9, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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.

Off Record Remarks

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 323

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1080, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017."

A sound transportation infrastructure, especially roads and bridges, is critical to a good quality of life and economic prosperity. Many in the Legislature have asked me to raise the gas tax to fund these improvements, but there is another way. My Administration has adopted a policy of stretching the transportation dollar to ensure funding for the basics, such as quality roads, safe bridges and prosperous ports. No longer do we spend millions of dollars planning projects that we know we will never build.

We must scrutinize the Highway Fund Budget to ensure we are directing as much funding as possible to core infrastructure. Paying per diems for legislators to meet in the summer, funding cold case squads or computer crimes do not result in better roads and bridges. Moreover, the Constitution of the State of Maine mandates that highway fund dollars be spent solely on highway fund activities. I took an oath to uphold the Constitution, and I intend to honor that oath.

Early this month, I exercised my authority to line-item veto those items in the Highway Fund Budget that were not related to transportation. The Legislature decided to override those vetoes and the Constitution. Therefore, I am compelled to veto the underlying bill. I ask each one of you to honor your oath to uphold the Constitution as I have and sustain this veto.

For this reason, I return LD 1080 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 Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 740 L.D. 1080

Comes from the House, 143 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#386)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senator: BRAKEY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine

H.P. 936 L.D. 1381
(C "A" H-495)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 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.

Act

An Act To Amend the State Election Laws

S.P. 552 L.D. 1449

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-336) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-336), in NON-CONCURRENCE.

Ordered sent down forthwith 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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Study Order, Establishing the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee

S.P. 533

In Senate, May 19, 2015, **READ** and **PASSED**.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-501), in NON-CONCURRENCE.**

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

The following Joint Order: H.P. 992

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the following specified matters be held over to any special and/or regular session of the 127th Legislature.

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

H.P. 532, L.D. 783 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food

S.P. 311, L.D. 866 - An Act To Ensure Efficiency and Safety in the Bureau of Forestry

H.P. 686, L.D. 991 - An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law

H.P. 811, L.D. 1178 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maple Syrup Task Force

S.P. 478, L.D. 1326 - An Act To Require Labeling of All Genetically Modified Products

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

S.P. 81, L.D. 212 - An Act Concerning Cost-of-living Adjustments for Certain Retirees

S.P. 186, L.D. 518 - An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits

H.P. 646, L.D. 927 - An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at Institutions That Are Closing

H.P. 690, L.D. 995 - An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Participating Local Districts in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

H.P. 703, L.D. 1020 - An Act To Make Certain Necessary Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations

H.P. 704, L.D. 1021 - An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

H.P. 715, L.D. 1032 - An Act To Implement the Combination Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Retirement Plan Described in a Report Submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in March 2012

S.P. 547, L.D. 1447 - An Act To Authorize Increased Borrowing by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority To Support the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

S.P. 70, L.D. 195 - An Act Regarding County Jails

S.P. 169, L.D. 440 - An Act To Create a Secure, Therapeutic Mental Health Unit

H.P. 436, L.D. 655 - Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of a State Firefighter Training Facility

S.P. 386, L.D. 1114 - An Act To Protect Maine's Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

S.P. 513, L.D. 1387 - An Act Regarding the State Board of Corrections

Education and Cultural Affairs

S.P. 120, L.D. 305 - An Act To Authorize Circus Conservatory of America To Grant Baccalaureate Degrees

H.P. 243, L.D. 356 - An Act To Permit the New England School of Dental Technology To Grant the Degree of Bachelor of Science

H.P. 678, L.D. 981 - An Act To Establish a Veterinary School

S.P. 359, L.D. 1033 - Resolve, To Assist the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Reduce the Need for Remedial Education

S.P. 502, L.D. 1370 - An Act To Improve the Quality of Teachers

H.P. 944, L.D. 1394 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula

Energy, Utilities and Technology

H.P. 191, L.D. 273 - An Act To Encourage and Enhance the Future of Waste-to-energy Facilities by Establishing a Portfolio Requirement for Electricity from Waste Energy Resources

H.P. 305, L.D. 466 - An Act To Increase Competition and Ensure a Robust Information and Telecommunications Market

H.P. 560, L.D. 826 - An Act To Promote Maine's Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet

H.P. 598, L.D. 879 - An Act To Ensure High-quality Telecommunications Services for Maine Consumers and Businesses

H.P. 600, L.D. 881 - An Act To Allow the Public Utilities Commission To Contract for Liquefied Natural Gas Storage and Distribution

S.P. 376, L.D. 1073 - An Act To Lower Energy Costs and Increase Access to Solar Energy for Agricultural Businesses

S.P. 378, L.D. 1075 - An Act To Amend the Charter of the Canton Water District

S.P. 467, L.D. 1302 - An Act To Increase Competition and Ensure a Robust Information and Telecommunications Market

H.P. 893, L.D. 1315 - An Act To Amend Maine's Restructuring Laws

S.P. 484, L.D. 1339 - An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Ratepayers

S.P. 511, L.D. 1382 - An Act To Assist Low-income Electricity Consumers

S.P. 519, L.D. 1398 - An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses

Environment and Natural Resources

H.P. 207, L.D. 313 - An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State

H.P. 260, L.D. 394 - Resolve, To Lower the Department of Environmental Protection's 5-point Odor Intensity Referencing Scale for Odor Control at Solid Waste Processing Facilities

H.P. 489, L.D. 713 - Resolve, To Further Protect Lake Water Quality

H.P. 544, L.D. 795 - An Act To Encourage Prudent Development along the Coast or in a Flood Zone by Considering Predictions for Sea Level Rise

Health and Human Services

H.P. 138, L.D. 180 - An Act To Allow Terminally Ill Patients To Choose To Use Experimental Treatments

S.P. 82, L.D. 213 - An Act To Ensure the Comprehensive Medical, Dental, Educational and Behavioral Assessment of Children Entering State Custody

H.P. 314, L.D. 475 - Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Services for Certain Recipients To Allow Them To Remain at Home

S.P. 215, L.D. 622 - An Act To Require Training of Mandated Reporters under the Child Abuse Laws

S.P. 226, L.D. 633 - An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine by Providing Affordable Market-based Coverage Options to Low-income Uninsured Citizens

S.P. 256, L.D. 726 - An Act To Increase Patient Safety in Maine's Medical Marijuana Program

H.P. 576, L.D. 842 - An Act To Establish Peer Center Reimbursement

H.P. 604, L.D. 885 - An Act To Promote Enhanced Eligibility Verification in Maine's Welfare System

H.P. 605, L.D. 886 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services

H.P. 652, L.D. 949 - An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Commission on Independent Living and Disability

H.P. 665, L.D. 966 - An Act To Assist Patients in Need of Psychiatric Services

H.P. 713, L.D. 1030 - An Act To Better Coordinate the Work of Mental Health Crisis Agencies with Law Enforcement Agencies

S.P. 384, L.D. 1097 - An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs

H.P. 787, L.D. 1149 - Resolve, Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Report on Progress toward Meeting Healthy Maine 2020 Goals Pertaining to Reproductive Health

H.P. 827, L.D. 1209 - An Act To Increase the Effectiveness of Peer Supports in the State

H.P. 867, L.D. 1267 - An Act To Assist Working Families with Young Children

H.P. 868, L.D. 1268 - An Act To Reform Welfare by Establishing Bridges to Sustainable Employment

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

H.P. 422, L.D. 609 - An Act To Provide an Incentive to Nonresident Landowners Who Own More than 250 Acres To Keep That Land Open for Hunting

S.P. 233, L.D. 640 - Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Review the Incidental Take Permitting Process under the Endangered Species Laws

H.P. 449, L.D. 668 - An Act To Market Maine's Hunting and Fishing Opportunities

Insurance and Financial Services

H.P. 480, L.D. 704 - An Act Regarding Notice Provided by Insurance Carriers to Health Care Providers

H.P. 608, L.D. 889 - An Act To Protect Maine's Small Businesses from High Interest Rates on Commercial and Business Loans

S.P. 335, L.D. 944 - An Act Regarding Recovery of Emergency Response Costs Related to an OUI Offense

H.P. 788, L.D. 1150 - An Act Regarding Maximum Allowable Cost Pricing Lists Used by Pharmacy Benefit Managers

S.P. 470, L.D. 1305 - An Act To Encourage Health Insurance Consumers To Comparison Shop for Health Care Procedures and Treatment

H.P. 896, L.D. 1318 - An Act To Promote Individual Private Savings Accounts through a Public-private Partnership

Judiciary

H.P. 11, L.D. 8 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

H.P. 153, L.D. 221 - An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Service Animal Housing Accommodations

H.P. 185, L.D. 267 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

H.P. 186, L.D. 268 - An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013

H.P. 528, L.D. 775 - An Act To Streamline Judicial Review of Certain Land Use Decisions

H.P. 531, L.D. 778 - Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Eligibility Requirements for Specialized Case Types, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

H.P. 609, L.D. 890 - An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children

H.P. 654, L.D. 951 - An Act To Restore Judicial Discretion in the Administration of Fines

H.P. 734, L.D. 1065 - An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Temporary Powers of Attorney over Minors and Incapacitated Persons

H.P. 797, L.D. 1163 - An Act To Amend the Garnishment Laws of the State

H.P. 809, L.D. 1177 - 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. 814, L.D. 1181 - An Act To Limit Liability for Certain Successor Corporations under Specific Circumstances

H.P. 832, L.D. 1214 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Mental Health Working Group

H.P. 842, L.D. 1224 - An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Laws

S.P. 446, L.D. 1241 - An Act To Increase Government Efficiency

H.P. 889, L.D. 1311 - An Act To Establish the Patient Compensation System Act

H.P. 900, L.D. 1322 - An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission Concerning the Probate Code

S.P. 540, L.D. 1433 - An Act To Create the Office of the Public Defender and Amend the Duties of the Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

S.P. 158, L.D. 429 - An Act To Modify the Disbursement from the Maine Economic Improvement Fund

H.P. 455, L.D. 674 - An Act To Support Maine's Working Families

S.P. 248, L.D. 690 - An Act To Ensure the Safety of Home Birth

S.P. 406, L.D. 1137 - An Act To Promote Reemployment of Unemployed Workers

S.P. 445, L.D. 1240 - An Act To Phase Out the Payment of Subminimum Wages to Workers with Disabilities

H.P. 937, L.D. 1384 - An Act To Improve Workplace Safety by Simplifying and Improving Employers' Substance Abuse Policy Requirements

S.P. 515, L.D. 1389 - An Act To Conform Maine Law to Federal Law Regarding Closings and Mass Layoffs and To Strengthen Employee Severance Pay Protections

Marine Resources

H.P. 271, L.D. 405 - An Act To Support Expanded Capacity for Breeding Wild Atlantic Salmon in Downeast Rivers

H.P. 294, L.D. 427 - An Act To Address and Mitigate the Effects of Marine Debris

H.P. 332, L.D. 493 - An Act To Create the Ocean Acidification Council

State and Local Government

H.P. 124, L.D. 166 - An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services

S.P. 417, L.D. 1190 - An Act To Amend the Androscoggin County Charter

H.P. 824, L.D. 1206 - An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

S.P. 461, L.D. 1286 - An Act To Ensure the Use of Environmentally Responsible Insulation Materials in Taxpayer-funded Building Projects

H.P. 884, L.D. 1298 - An Act Relating to the Creation of Public-private Facilities and Infrastructure

H.P. 903, L.D. 1325 - An Act To Ensure a Public Process When Discontinuing or Abandoning a Public Road

S.P. 480, L.D. 1328 - An Act To Clarify the Ownership of and Access to Ancient and Family Burying Grounds

Taxation

H.P. 43, L.D. 49 - An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Certain Vehicles Used by Persons with a Disability

S.P. 239, L.D. 646 - An Act To Provide Incentives for Municipal Cooperation and Shared Services

H.P. 670, L.D. 973 - An Act To Ensure That Nicotine Products Are Taxed Equally

H.P. 854, L.D. 1254 - An Act To Implement and Fund an Integrated Beach Management Program

H.P. 967, L.D. 1421 - An Act To Establish a Tax-free Savings Program for Individuals with Disabilities

Transportation

H.P. 159, L.D. 227 - An Act To Remove Barriers to Job Opportunities for Young Truck Drivers

H.P. 205, L.D. 287 - An Act To Improve Traffic Safety during Political Campaign Seasons

H.P. 468, L.D. 687 - An Act To Expand Classification Categories for Motor Vehicles in the State

H.P. 771, L.D. 1110 - An Act To Modernize Road User Fees

Veterans and Legal Affairs

H.P. 554, L.D. 805 - Resolve, Authorizing Certain Individuals To Bring Suit against the Department of Health and Human Services

H.P. 623, L.D. 904 - An Act To Increase Fairness in Campaign Financing

H.P. 692, L.D. 997 - An Act To Streamline Licensing Requirements for and Payments from Veterans' Organizations

H.P. 875, L.D. 1279 - An Act To Authorize Advance Deposit Wagering for Horse Racing

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

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act To Enact an Interim Budget" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 993 L.D. 1450

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**, in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Strengthen the Protections for Senior Citizens in the State

S.P. 454 L.D. 1272
(S "A" S-320 to C "A" S-277)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 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 Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation
H.P. 917 L.D. 1348
(C "A" H-196; S "A" S-318)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 34 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.

Mandate

An Act To Ensure That Schoolchildren with Dyslexia Receive the Assistance Needed

H.P. 163 L.D. 231
(S "A" S-327 to C "A" H-279)

This being a Mandate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 33 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.

Mandate

An Act To Encourage the Redevelopment of Upper Floors of Buildings in Downtowns and on Main Streets

H.P. 930 L.D. 1372
(S "A" S-329 to C "A" H-311)

This being a Mandate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 27 Members of the Senate, with 7 Senators having voted in the negative, and 27 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.

Acts

An Act To Prohibit the Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images

H.P. 460 L.D. 679
(S "A" S-331 to C "A" H-430)

An Act To Provide Tax Credits for Adult Day Care and Respite and Hospice Care

H.P. 536 L.D. 787
(C "A" H-95; S "A" S-328
to S "A" S-72)

An Act To Increase Conservation District Funding

H.P. 573 L.D. 839
(C "A" H-88; S "A" S-325)

An Act To Allow Secondary Schools To Grant Certificates of Academic Proficiency

H.P. 587 L.D. 853
(S "A" S-324 to C "A" H-294)

An Act To Strengthen the Right of a Victim of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence To Take Necessary Leave from Employment and To Promote Employee Social Media Privacy

H.P. 640 L.D. 921
(S "A" S-323 to C "B" H-240)

An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability

S.P. 332 L.D. 941
(S "A" S-322 to C "A" S-296)

An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

H.P. 800 L.D. 1166
(S "A" S-321 to C "A" H-170)

An Act To Strengthen Laws Regarding the Manufacture and Sale of Methamphetamine and Other Drugs

S.P. 451 L.D. 1246
(S "A" S-337 to C "A" S-280)

An Act To Promote Food Self-sufficiency for the People of the State

H.P. 877 L.D. 1291
(S "A" S-330 to C "A" H-447)

An Act To Fund the Family Caregiver Support Program

H.P. 909 L.D. 1337
(S "A" S-319 to C "A" H-173)

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.

Resolves

Resolve, To Reduce MaineCare Spending through Targeted Prevention Services

H.P. 565 L.D. 831
(S "A" S-326 to C "A" H-281)

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

H.P. 920 L.D. 1350
(S "A" S-317 to C "A" H-371)

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors"

H.P. 823 L.D. 1205

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)**.

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford
KATZ of Kennebec
VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston
FREY of Bangor
GATTINE of Westbrook
GRANT of Gardiner
JORGENSEN of Portland
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
NUTTING of Oakland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

SIROCKI of Scarborough
TIMBERLAKE of Turner
WINSOR of Norway

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-503)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **BURNS** of Washington, Senate Amendment "A" (S-340) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) **READ**.

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 wanted to very briefly mention what this amendment is about. As you know, the bill would provide seniors affordable housing in various counties in the state. The amendment that we just passed took away the requirement that each county would get at least one of those projects because the amount of money that's being recommended here, \$15 million. This amendment that I just introduced would require that at least four of these projects, or four of these homes, go into counties that have less than 100,000 persons in populations in those and the remainders could go elsewhere. That's simply what the amendment provides and this will assure that some of the more needy counties will get these senior homes, as well as the construction jobs. Thank you, Mr. President.

On motion by Senator **BURNS** of Washington, Senate Amendment "A" (S-340) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-340) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-503) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-340)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans

H.P. 497 L.D. 721
(S "A" S-335 to C "A" H-255)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 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, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

H.P. 624 L.D. 905
(S "A" S-334 to C "A" H-204)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 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, To Create the Task Force on School Leadership

S.P. 368 L.D. 1042
(S "A" S-332 to C "A" S-162)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 34 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 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.

Resolve

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Develop Solutions To Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel

H.P. 339 L.D. 500
(H "A" H-418; S "A" S-333 to C "A" H-376)

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

ENACTORS

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

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize Two General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities

S.P. 530 L.D. 1415
(C "A" S-339)

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 32 Members of the Senate, with 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 553 L.D. 1451

Presented by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston and Senators: BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, JOHNSON of Lincoln, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, HOBBS of Saco. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

(See action later today.)

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation"

S.P. 554 L.D. 1452

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

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

On motion by Senator **BURNS** of Washington, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** the following:

Bill "An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 553 L.D. 1451

On further motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 503

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE**

June 30, 2015

Honorable Heather Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Secretary Priest:

Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (I) (a), I have reappointed Representative Linda Sanborn of Gorham to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; furthermore, I rescind the temporary appointment of Representative Drew Gattine of Westbrook effective immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Senate at Ease.

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: S.C. 498

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

29 June 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 862, "An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 862 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground

S.P. 307 L.D. 862

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#387)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 499

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

29 June 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 1119, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Filing of Wage Statements and Other Laws under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1119 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Filing of Wage Statements and Other Laws under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

S.P. 391 L.D. 1119

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#388)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 500

STATE OF MAINE 127TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

29 June 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 1410, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Fisheries Laws."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1410 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Fisheries Laws

S.P. 525 L.D. 1410

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#389)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 501

**STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

29 June 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 1439, "An Act To Establish a Secure Internet-based Background Check Center for Providers of Long-term Care, Child Care and In-home and Community-based Services."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on

both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

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Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1439 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Establish a Secure Internet-based Background Check Center for Providers of Long-term Care, Child Care and In-home and Community-based Services

S.P. 541 L.D. 1439

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#390)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 553 L.D. 1451

Tabled - June 30, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In Senate, June 30, 2015, on motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**. On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **RECONSIDERED**.)

READ ONCE, without reference to a Committee.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**, without reference to a Committee, and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation"
S.P. 554 L.D. 1452

Tabled - June 30, 2015, by Senator **BURNS** of Washington

Pending - **REFERENCE**

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

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE**, without reference to a Committee, and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

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.C. 300

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 560, "An Act Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act."

This bill, which attempts to prevent providers from using the medical marijuana portal to transmit identifiable information, is dangerously overbroad. The language of the bill does not limit the application of the law to the medical marijuana patient portal, and therefore, this bill could be construed to prevent other departmental functions that are conducted over the internet. The Department of Health and Human Services has voluntarily addressed the issue of data transmission using the medical marijuana certification portal, and so, on top of being overbroad, this law is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I return LD 560 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 Regarding Patient Information Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

H.P. 384 L.D. 560

Comes from the House, 120 members having voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#391)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BRAKEY, BREEN, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LIBBY, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, VALENTINO, VOLK, WILLETTE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGEComb, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, and 20 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 301

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 834, "An Act To Clarify the Use of "M.D." To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 834 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Clarify the Use of 'M.D.' To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine

H.P. 568 L.D. 834

Comes from the House, 107 members having voted in the affirmative and 40 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#392)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: WILLETTE, WOODSOME

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 302

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 851, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Standards for Qualifications of Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 851 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Resolve:

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Standards for Qualifications of Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 582 L.D. 851

Comes from the House, 146 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#393)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 305

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 955 "An Act To Make Changes to Laws Governing Condominiums Regarding the Display of Signs."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 955 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Make Changes to Laws Governing Condominiums
Regarding the Display of Signs

H.P. 658 L.D. 955

Comes from the House, 97 members having voted in the affirmative and 45 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#394)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME

29 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 6 Senators having voted in the negative, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 306

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1059, "An Act Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities."

This bill would allow for public or private laboratories to test marijuana for chemical profiles and potency. The Medical Marijuana Program has existed for years without these marijuana labs. This bill simply intends to set up a system of testing labs for labeling, giving certain companies a running start if legalization prevails with the voters in 2016. I do not support legalization of marijuana, and I cannot support bills that aim to set up the infrastructure to accomplish legalizing the drug.

For these reasons, I return LD 1059 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 Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities
H.P. 728 L.D. 1059

Comes from the House, 106 members having voted in the affirmative and 36 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to briefly say that I think this is a very important bill that we had a near unanimous report on in the Health and Human Services Committee. We spoke about this, so I'll just keep it to just a few sentences. This bill, essentially, is a patient safety bill. All it does is allow for labs in the state to be able to test medical cannabis so that patients can have access to proper dosage information, information to make sure that there are not other chemicals in their medicine like pesticides that could be damaging. When we voted on this previously we had 25 members in support. I certainly hope we will see the same level of support. I know that some of my colleagues support the Maine Medical Marijuana Program and some do not. I completely respect both sides of that. It's also my hope that regardless of any individual's view on the program itself everyone can support increasing patient safety within that program. The program exists and we should at least be making sure that patients have access to information to make sure that they are making safe choices. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'd just like to say on lab testing, you talked about proper dosage. How do we know the proper dosage? There is no FDA proof that it even works. In the last e-mails I've been getting from Colorado, from the American Medical Association, they said that there's no proof that medical marijuana even works. If not, it's going to be very serious problems later on in life, and the effects. The question here is you're doing a lab testing and it's supposed to help you for proper dosage when you don't even know what the proper dosage is. That's kind of questionable to me. I think this bill really should go from FDA proper dosage and then do the lab testing through FDA, not through a lab that's going to be actually basically given authorization to do a grow operation. I think that this certainly is a bad bill and I'd appreciate it if you went against this bill. Thank you.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#395)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BRAKEY, BREEN, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, VALENTINO, VOLK, WILLETTE

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGEComb, HAMPER, MCCORMICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, and 21 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED**.

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 307

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1092, "An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Practices."

This bill would prohibit a debt collector from initiating a civil lawsuit on a time-barred debt. Under current law and rules promulgated by the Board of Bar Overseers, Maine-licensed lawyers are already prohibited from such actions pursuant to the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct.

Additionally, this bill allows a debtor to forego paying on a debt while waiting for a copy of a written payment schedule.

Credit reporting agencies still may note a late payment from a debtor during this timeframe, however. This bill unfairly implies to a consumer that there will be no ill effect from nonpayment at certain times.

For these reasons, I return LD 1092 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 Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Practices
H.P. 753 L.D. 1092

Comes from the House, 105 members having voted in the affirmative and 36 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#396)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senator: BRAKEY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 309

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1263, "Resolve, To Create Sustainable Growth in Maine's Distributed Energy Sector That Uses Market Forces To Fairly Compensate Energy Producers."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1263 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Resolve:

Resolve, To Create Sustainable Growth in Maine's Distributed Energy Sector That Uses Market Forces To Fairly Compensate Energy Producers

H.P. 863 L.D. 1263

Comes from the House, 119 members having voted in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#397)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BURNS, DAVIS, WILLETTE

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 310

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1317, "An Act To Provide Expedited Court Review of Child Visitation Provisions for Military Personnel on Duty out of State."

This bill provides an expedited process for people serving in the United States armed forces who are deployed or stationed out of state to move for enforcement of visitation provisions of a child custody determination. It allows the deployed person to move for enforcement of visitation provisions of a child custody determination with only 2 days' notice (or less if the court orders it) to a custodial parent.

While I support the concept of this bill and appreciate the need for an expedited hearing in some situations like this, 2 days

or less notice can be very disruptive to both the custodial parent and the children. I recognize the need to be flexible for our service members, but when granting exceptions in a process such as court hearings, the law must also take into account the rights and interests of the other parent and the children. This bill fails to do that.

For this reason, I return LD 1317 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 Expedited Court Review of Child Visitation Provisions for Military Personnel on Duty out of State
H.P. 895 L.D. 1317

Comes from the House, 146 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#398)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 311

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1342, "An Act To Prohibit Unauthorized Custody Transfers of Children."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1342 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Prohibit Unauthorized Custody Transfers of Children
H.P. 911 L.D. 1342

Comes from the House, 145 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#399)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, and 35 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 337

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

June 30, 2015

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
127th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

House Paper 83, Legislative Document 111, "An Act To Ensure That Defendants Receive Proper Notification in Foreclosure Proceedings," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

85 voted in favor and 58 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 628, Legislative Document 909, "An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

89 voted in favor and 54 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 639, Legislative Document 920, "An Act To Require Mortgage Servicers To Act in Good Faith in Dealings with Homeowners," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

81 voted in favor and 61 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 796, Legislative Document 1162, "An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

94 voted in favor and 52 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Amend the State Election Laws

S.P. 552 L.D. 1449
(S "A" S-336)

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

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide Income Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming Opportunities"

H.P. 876 L.D. 1280

Report "A" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-491)** (7 members)

Report "B" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-492)** (2 members)

Report "C" - **Ought Not to Pass** (2 members)

Report "D" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (H-493)** (1 member)

Report "E" - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "D" (H-494)** (1 member)

In House, June 23, 2015, Report "A" **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-491)** READ and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-491)**.

In Senate, June 23, 2015, Report "C" **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** READ and **ACCEPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, Bill **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **CYRWAY** of Kennebec, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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

Off Record Remarks

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:

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation

S.P. 554 L.D. 1452

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

Ordered sent down forthwith.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

RECESSED until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/22/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Establish a Fund for the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Animal and Plant Disease and Insect Control Laboratory"

H.P. 759 L.D. 1099
(C "A" H-458)

Tabled - June 22, 2015, by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by same Senator to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458)**, in concurrence.

(In House, June 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458)**.)

(In Senate, June 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458)**, in concurrence.)

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458)**, in concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

Same Senator moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-458), in concurrence.

Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin requested a Roll Call.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

Senator **SAVIELLO** of Franklin requested and received leave of the Senate to withdraw his request for a Roll Call.

On motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (H-458), in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-314) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-458) **READ**.

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

Senator **CUSHING:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I present for your consideration an amendment to the bill which would establish a fund for the operation and outreach activities at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service. Very simply, there is one change in this that I would like the Body to consider, that would be a sunset date of May 1, 2017 on the fee that would be established by this law. My intent in that is to direct the Legislature to look at the result of what items provided to consumers that are falling

under the taxation and the amount of money that goes into the fund. The fund, as I understand it, currently before us in legislation would be under the control of the Cooperative Extension Service. It would be the animal and plant disease and insect control fund. These funds would be used for testing and education at the lab, which I fully support. My concern is that we are turning over authority to this money to the Cooperative Extension Service. This sunset would require that that action be looked at on a hard date by the legislative committee of jurisdiction. They would receive a report back. My concern, Mr. President, is related to the fact that there is a universe of 11,000 products that currently could be considered for this 20¢ fee. This is on top of a 5.5% sales tax already assessed by the State of Maine and also a registration fee that is paid to the Pesticide Control Board for the items that would be in this universe. That is three levels of taxation on a consumer product. I realize that industrial and agricultural products are not considered in this, but there is the potential that common household cleaners that would have a pesticide labeling would be considered in this. Each of these is required to pay a registration fee based upon its composition. For example, Mr. Clean, in its different flavors, lemon flavored, unflavored, and so forth, each pay the fee to the Pesticide Control Board. Additionally, the consumer will pay a fee on top of that to this new fund. While the fund goes to a noble purpose, and I recognize that my colleague has been a diligent advocate for this activity at the University, I think it is needed, I think it is appropriate for us within this Body to ask for legislative review and a hard and firm date at which we decide whether the universe of products is restricted, or perhaps the funds that come from this that may be in excess of what is anticipated for the need of the lab be directed to other purposes. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your consideration of this and for the courtesy of allowing me to put this forward at this late hour.

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

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to try to clarify what this amendment will do to the bill. Of course, as stated by the good Senator from Penobscot, it would stop the bill, basically, the fee, after one year of it being in existence. The bill, as written, actually has a date in there, a little earlier than that, and what it says is that the Board of Pesticide Control must review this whole procedure of collection of funds, how it is going, implementation, the whole nine yards. They, in turn, will report back to the Legislature committee of jurisdiction to amend the bill in any fashion that needs to happen so that there isn't a windfall. If there was a windfall, as I've heard some folks say, then it's corrected after the first year, just as this does, but it continues on. Why we want the funding to continue on, there are several reasons for this. One of the first reasons is that at the University, and some of you may be familiar, we're grant driven. By being grant driven that means that you're always soliciting grants. In this case, a lot of the grants that we get for this lab are federal grants. You cannot use federal money to match for other federal grants. This new lab, which will be unique in the country, this is the first time that any university will have animal diseases, plant diseases, insects, ticks, and testing for tick

borne diseases in one lab. This uniqueness will be that as we move forward we can get grants such as NIH grants or National Science Foundation grants. Those grants are often 4, 5, 6, 7 years in length and \$1 million each, but you have to match those grants, depending on where they are and where you apply for them. You can't use federal grants. If a state matching like this, often it's a 3 to 1, meaning that if we put up \$200,000 or \$300,000 we can get \$1 million a year. By having this matching funds this can move us forward in a unique situation. I believe this lab, as we get it up and running, which I do not benefit from, I'm just one of 16 employees who will be in this lab run by the Director of Extension, this will give us a unique qualification to have, if not the best, one of the best labs, especially in the northeast, that will rival such places as Cornell and Penn State.

As for the number of products, there are 11,000 pesticide products registered in the State of Maine. Just over half of those would be consumer registered products. We're talking somewhere around 6,000. That's still a lot of products, but the fiscal note on this is \$340,000 that would be realized by the University. Whether that's a good strong note, I don't know, but after one year, if there is a problem there, then we actually will move on. Products impacted, as mentioned like Mr. Clean, only if it has an EPA registration number on it. There are products, cleansers like that, some have EPA registrations and others don't. Thank you, Mr. President. That's all I have to say.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **LIBBY**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cushing to Adopt Senate Amendment "B" (S-314) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-458). A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#400)

YEAS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, BURNS, CUSHING, EDGEComb, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: ALFOND, BREEN, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CUSHING** of Penobscot to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "B" (S-314) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-458) **FAILED**.

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#401)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, WILLETTE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, CUSHING, HAMPER, LANGLEY, MASON, ROSEN, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-458)**, in concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 312

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1379, "An Act To Establish Transportation Network Company Insurance."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1379 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Establish Transportation Network Company Insurance
H.P. 934 L.D. 1379

Comes from the House, 138 members having voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#402)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 318

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 946 "Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment of Large Volume Consumers by Gas Utilities and To Evaluate Cost-effective Natural Gas Conservation and Efficiency Improvements for Large Volume Consumers."

The bill attempts to postpone a natural gas fee on manufacturers that the Legislature just passed into law in 2013. The postponement of a fee does not provide certainty for our largest employers and is not the business climate that we need to move our state forward. Sappi testified that this fee would amount to \$125,000 annually on their Somerset Mill. While investing in efficiency is a good thing, Sappi is in a competitive market and this fee puts them at a competitive disadvantage.

The Administration opposed this provision in 2013 and I continue to oppose increased fees on natural gas consumption. Instead of postponing the fee the Legislature should eliminate this natural gas fee on our manufacturers.

For these reasons, I return LD 946 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 Resolve:

Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment of Large Volume Consumers by Gas Utilities and To Evaluate Cost-effective Natural Gas Conservation and Efficiency Improvements for Large Volume Consumers

H.P. 649 L.D. 946

Comes from the House, 147 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#403)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senator: WILLETTE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 839 L.D. 1221

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-387)** (6 members)

In Senate, June 23, 2015, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-386) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" (H-499)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion by Senator **WOODSOME** of York, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 313

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1413, "An Act To Allow an Attorney To Speak or Provide a Written Statement for a Victim at Sentencing."

Current law allows a victim to speak at the sentencing hearing. As the title suggests, this bill would allow an attorney to speak for a victim. This bill is too restrictive. If the Legislature wants to allow others to speak on the victim's behalf in a sentencing hearing, there is no need to limit it to attorneys. I am sure it is not unusual for a victim to have a hard time speaking at

a sentencing hearing, but I see no legitimate reason for not allowing a father, mother, sibling or other relative to do it as well. In fact, many crimes – even if perpetrated against one victim – have rippling effects on other members of the family. Likewise, family members will likely be much more familiar with the impact the victim has suffered and may be more effective at conveying that impact than an attorney. I see no cause to create more ways for attorneys to make more money.

For these reasons, I return LD 1413 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 Allow an Attorney To Speak or Provide a Written Statement for a Victim at Sentencing
H.P. 960 L.D. 1413

Comes from the House, 140 members having voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#404)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Following Communication: H.C. 314

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 423, "An Act To Require Child-resistant Packaging for Nicotine Liquid Containers."

This bill makes it a civil violation for a person to sell, furnish, or give away a nicotine liquid container unless in child-resistant packaging. The bill also makes it a civil violation to even offer to do any of these things. Fines can be up to \$5,000.

First, I find it shocking that we would impose serious fines on average Maine e-cigarette users, including those who do not have children in their homes, for even offering such an e-cigarette container to another person. Second, it is ironic that at the same time we are imposing huge fines on this behavior, we are consenting to the sale of dangerous products that naturally appeal to children, such as marijuana candy.

For these reasons, I return LD 423 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 Require Child-resistant Packaging for Nicotine Liquid Containers

H.P. 290 L.D. 423

Comes from the House, 147 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#405)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, CUSHING, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BURNS, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGEComb, HAMPER, WILLETTE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

27 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 7 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 27 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 315

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 600, "An Act To Prohibit a Person Convicted of a Crime of Domestic Violence from Possessing a Firearm for a Period of 5 Years and To Better Align Maine Law with Federal Law Regarding Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms."

This bill provides that a person convicted and adjudicated of a Class D crime of domestic violence is prohibited from possessing a firearm for 5 years from the date of the conviction or adjudication. The prohibition would expire at the conclusion of

the 5-year period of time unless the person is convicted of a subsequent crime during the prohibition.

I have been amazed to find how many Democrats are soft on illegal drug traffickers who prey on our weakest citizens. I am similarly astounded how many Democrats are soft on the issue of domestic violence. A person convicted of a domestic violence crime should be prohibited from possessing a gun for much longer than 5 years. Therefore this bill does not go far enough. Domestic violence and illegal drugs plague our society and until the Legislature starts getting tough on those issues, our public safety will be severely jeopardized.

For this reason, I return LD 600 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 Prohibit a Person Convicted of a Crime of Domestic Violence from Possessing a Firearm for a Period of 5 Years and To Better Align Maine Law with Federal Law Regarding Persons Prohibited from Possessing Firearms

H.P. 413 L.D. 600

Comes from the House, 103 members having voted in the affirmative and 43 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#406)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 316

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 763, "An Act To Change the Budget Approval Process for Alternative Organizational Structures."

Government is best when it is closest to the people and the people are able to hold it accountable. There are few matters more important for public accountability than budget approval, a process that residents of Maine take quite seriously. This bill seeks to enable budgets for alternative organization structures (AOS) to be approved in a specially called election rather than during a regularly scheduled statewide election, lowering the threshold for public scrutiny and accountability.

Current law requires that these changes be made at the ballot box during a statewide election. This protects the involvement of Maine citizens by putting issues of importance squarely before them on Election Day. Deciding who should approve the budget that directly affects their property taxes is one such important issue. I cannot support a bill that guarantees fewer members of the public will have their voices heard on how their hard earned dollars are spent.

For these reasons, I return LD 763 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 Change the Budget Approval Process for Alternative Organizational Structures

H.P. 516 L.D. 763

Comes from the House, 125 members having voted in the affirmative and 22 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#407)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, CYRWAY, DAVIS, MCCORMICK, WILLETTE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

29 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 29 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 319

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 24, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1180, "An Act To Require Education in Public Preschool Programs and Elementary Schools Regarding Child Sexual Abuse."

There are few things more disgusting and reprehensible in this world than the sexual abuse of a child. I urge parents, teachers, and community members to do all that they can to protect Maine's children and educate them on how to report abuse to an adult who can help.

This bill, however well-intentioned it might seem, will not solve this problem in our state. It creates an unfunded mandate for the Department of Education and local schools. It is difficult, if not impossible, to create a program that can be provided at every public school at no cost. If the Legislature truly believes this policy is necessary and requires a state law, the bill should be resubmitted with a reasonable estimate of total cost to our schools rather than another unfunded mandate that stretches thin the limited resources of local schools.

The bill also seeks for government to parent Maine's children. There is no substitute for good parenting. No government can ever play the role parents need to, and I will not sign legislation that confuses that plain fact.

For this reason, I return LD 1180 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 Require Education in Public Preschool Programs and Elementary Schools Regarding Child Sexual Abuse
H.P. 813 L.D. 1180

Comes from the House, 147 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#408)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, CUSHING, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, BURNS, COLLINS, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGECOMB, MCCORMICK, WILLETTE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 26 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 320

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 26, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1321, "An Act To Expand the Landowner Relations Program at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife."

This bill seeks to create a new program to be administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as well as rearrange the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board. The Department already administers eleven legislatively mandated programs under 12 MRSA § 10108, including the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program" and the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program." The Department does not need another legislatively created program designed to appease some special interest group to take time and attention away from the Department's core mission. This is particularly true when, as in the case of this bill, the Legislature decides to create a program without providing the Department with the resources necessary to carry out the program. This is yet another unfunded mandate by the Legislature on the Executive Branch.

The primary thrust of this bill is to rearrange the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board. This is one of a half dozen Boards that the Department is expected to staff in order for various stakeholders to provide their input to the Department. I question the need for a statutorily constituted advisory board, when the Department is accessible and open to receiving public input. The Legislature regularly, however, mistakes the creation of more bureaucracy as a proxy for actually solving a problem, so I am not at all surprised that it continues to tinker with this advisory board. In reworking the composition of this advisory board, the Legislature has now decided to further erode the Governor's powers by taking the power of appointment of this advisory board away from the Chief Executive. While this is not exactly legislation to sell the Blaine House, it is just another

example of the Legislature diminishing the role of the Chief Executive; that is an action by which I will not abide.

For these reasons, I return LD 1321 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 Expand the Landowner Relations Program at the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
H.P. 899 L.D. 1321

Comes from the House, 146 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#409)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 324

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 893, "Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State, Maine State Library and Law and Legislative Reference Library To Make the Articles of Separation of Maine from Massachusetts More Prominently Available to Educators and the Inquiring Public."

This bill is just one more in the long list of resolves requiring resources but passed as an unfunded mandate. It began as a proposal to amend the Maine Constitution to require that the text of Article X, Section 5 of the Constitution be included in any printed copies of the Constitution included with the laws of the State. The text is actually that of the Massachusetts act providing for Maine's statehood. A 1876 constitutional amendment took this section out of the printed version but provides that section 5 is in full force. Rather than simply oppose the bill as proposed, the Legislature chose, instead, the "feel-good" compromise amendment that pushes obligations onto the Executive Branch without appropriating any money to get the job done.

The new version of this bill requires the Secretary of State, State Library and Law and Legislative Reference Library to make this text "more prominently available" without spending any money to do it. If the Legislature believes that making Article X, Section 5 of the Maine Constitution "more prominently available" is important enough to pass a resolve requiring it, then it should appropriate the funds for the publication.

For these reasons, I return LD 893 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 Resolve:

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State, Maine State Library and Law and Legislative Reference Library To Make the Articles of Separation of Maine from Massachusetts More Prominently Available to Educators and the Inquiring Public
H.P. 612 L.D. 893

Comes from the House, 118 members having voted in the affirmative and 27 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#410)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 325

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1005, "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Medical Examiners."

This bill seeks to mandate that medical examiners serve five-year terms. The bill also specifies that medical examiners may serve an indefinite amount of terms. Medical examiners would have to be sworn-in before each renewed five-year term.

This bill is a classic example of legislation that does nothing more than makes government more inefficient by creating layers of red tape and meaningless procedures. We in government need to do away with such bureaucratic waste, not create more of it.

For these reasons, I return LD 1005 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 Amend the Law Regarding Medical Examiners
H.P. 700 L.D. 1005

Comes from the House, 128 members having voted in the affirmative and 18 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#411)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: BRAKEY, MCCORMICK, WILLETTE

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 3 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 326

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1063, "An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1063 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine
H.P. 732 L.D. 1063

Comes from the House, 146 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#412)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1112, "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Acts of 1999 and 2013."

I am uncomfortable with the idea of registrants from other jurisdictions having to register in Maine as if they were convicted in Maine with not enough attention paid to the different public safety threats of each separate jurisdiction. Other jurisdictions have crimes specific to their state and their own penalties that are specific to their crimes.

A closer look should be given to the length of time registrants convicted in other jurisdictions have to register in Maine. This determination should be based on the penalties given out in other states, as well as the egregiousness of the offense.

For these reasons, I return LD 1112 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 Make Technical Changes to the Sex Offender
Registration and Notification Acts of 1999 and 2013
H.P. 773 L.D. 1112

Comes from the House, 146 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#413)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 321, "An Act To Protect Consumers against Residential Real Estate Title Defects."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 321 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Protect Consumers against Residential Real Estate Title Defects

H.P. 215 L.D. 321

Comes from the House, 137 members having voted in the affirmative and 10 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#414)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFsky, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

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June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 360, "An Act To Clarify That the Information Gathered during Investigations of Attorneys by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services is Confidential."

Current law already provides that when an attorney is being *evaluated* by the Commission, the information gathered is confidential. This bill would add that information gathered during an *investigation* is also confidential. While I recognize the need to keep investigatory information confidential for various reasons, I

am concerned about creating a statutory bar to disclosing such information to other officials where appropriate and necessary.

My main concern with this bill is that it does not have an exception for disclosing investigatory information to the Board of Overseers of the Bar ("the Board") or to law enforcement authorities should it be appropriate. Because the bill distinguishes between "evaluation" and "investigation," it is fair to conclude that the additional language is directed at the scrutiny of alleged misconduct, some of which should be reported. The bill should contain an exception for reporting to the Board upon the discovery of information that suggests violations of bar or ethics rules. Likewise, there should be disclosure exceptions for the discovery of criminal misconduct. While I appreciate wanting to protect attorneys who are willing to serve the indigent population, the law must also take care not to overly protect these attorneys from the natural consequences of their own misdeeds.

For these reasons, I return LD 360 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 Clarify That the Information Gathered during Investigations of Attorneys by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Is Confidential

H.P. 247 L.D. 360

Comes from the House, 145 members having voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#415)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGECOMB, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 34 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 330

**STATE OF MAINE
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June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 557, "An Act To Provide Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children Certified for the Medical Use of Marijuana."

This bill goes to extreme lengths to require local schools to permit marijuana on their premises. Not only is this bill an affront to local control by school boards, it leaves unanswered concerns that noncompliance with federal law might impact the federal funds that our schools rely on. This legislation would mark a significant departure from current drug-free school practices and deserves far greater consideration than this bill has received to date.

No state has yet adopted a similar provision to permit marijuana possession and use in schools. Even Colorado, a state that prides itself in allowing marijuana anywhere it possibly can, is only now voting on its own measure that would permit medical marijuana in school. New Jersey is close to passing a similar measure, but again, there is no precedent. No state has yet had experiences that we can learn from. What liabilities are we subjecting our Maine schools, students and parents to? What implications do the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act trigger? In the past we have seen State non-conformance with federal law result in an obligation for the State to return funds to the federal government, and I do not support legislation that creates the same risk for the future. While lawmakers in those states may be willing to put their constituents and finances at risk, it would be irresponsible to allow Maine to be the guinea pig in this uncharted territory.

For this reason, I return LD 557 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 Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children Certified for the Medical Use of Marijuana
H.P. 381 L.D. 557

Comes from the House, 112 members having voted in the affirmative and 35 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Brakey.

Senator **BRAKEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll do my best to keep my comments very brief, but I just wanted to speak very quickly about the importance of the vote we're about to take as a Body and how this affects some very real people. When this bill came up I shared a story with this Body of a constituent of mine. Her name is Cyndimae Meehan. She has a condition called Dravet Syndrome. She was diagnosed with this at 10 months old and has struggled with it for her entire life. It has caused her, throughout her life, to have upwards of hundreds of seizures a day. It's prevented her from living a normal life, from being able to have the normal, carefree life that we would hope all our children are able to experience, and her family has really struggled. No pharmaceuticals that are on the market worked for her. In fact, many of them made her situation worse and led to further damage. The only thing that has worked for her has been the medical cannabis program. Unfortunately, because of laws that are in place in the state, her mother has to make some very difficult decisions. For example, when the question comes up as to whether or not Cyndimae can attend school or go to a hospital for a condition because of areas where there are restrictions around medicinal cannabis as opposed to other forms of medicine. This becomes a life or death decision because her child has to be separated from the only medicine that works for her and her condition.

We make a lot of very difficult decisions in this Body. We take a lot of very difficult vote. Today, especially, we've made a lot of very difficult votes. For me, today, the hardest thing for me to do was to contact my constituent, Susan Meehan, and let her know that this situation they've had with the hospitals is not going to be resolved and that's going to continue to be a life or death decision for them. I just really hope that when we put lights up on that board that we think of Cyndimae and I would really, really love to not have to call Susan Meehan today and let her know that not only is her child not going to be able to go to a hospital without risking her life but she also can't attend school. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I hear what Senator Brakey's saying, but I also spent most of my life dealing with drug addictions and also trying to deter drug addictions with children through the years and I've also worked with the Thumbs Up Program. It's a first time offender program for drug use for children in their teen years. I've received, just in this week, several e-mails from the Medical Association from Colorado. One says here, "Little evidence supports marijuana for medical use." The Epilepsy Society President says, "Side effects of aerosol CBD oils can be so severe no Colorado pediatric neurologist will recommend them." If we can't listen to our professionals who do we listen to? I respect the doctors and what the FDA has done and all our experimentation, whatever, and I have seen the results of drug abuse from marijuana use. They're saying that there may not be and may show good signs of the marijuana uses that Senator Brakey's saying at this point in that child's life, but later on the results can be very serious side effects. This is where the testing and all the results comes down to it. We really don't want to see our children harmed. I'm saying that this, when we're allowing it to be put into the schools, we're making a big change here. We really want to have the research to show this evidence to be really making the difference. We set precedence when we say that this is okay. Now we're saying that it's a medicine that's okay to use in schools. Now you're going to give the message to kids that this is a medicine. It really isn't. It's not. In the medical field, it's not a medicine. There may be one or two chemicals out of the 400 harmful chemicals that's in marijuana that might be able to be used, but let's use those and not say marijuana is okay. That's the problem. I just want to try to reason this and make sure that you make a good decision when you push that button. Thank you.

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, just very briefly. I'm thinking that this is a veto we should not override. We've heard many times before the reasons that marijuana has to be further studied at the federal level. The recent edition of JOAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association, actually has an editorial and, as just stated, pediatric neurologists, the people who really know about this, have written their articles in there. Specifically, the data that we have is really very low quality. You cannot practice medicine based on anecdotal evidence. There are great inconsistencies in the data that does come out. There are 150 to 400 different kinds of chemical within marijuana. They have not been well categorized. As you well know, interactions between medicines are very, very important and the long-term side effects are simply not known at this time. I think this is not something we should be promulgating in our society and we should uphold this veto. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, we keep having folks rise and say that we don't have evidence to support the healthy aspects of cannabinoids, but they're willing to say that we shouldn't use them based on no evidence. We had a chance to vote for testing to

make sure that there's at least no impurities and they vote against the testing facilities to get more evidence. They say that these medical associations determine certain things but without any testing or evidence available except policy that was set 70 or 80 years ago by a hysterical Hollywood film that we still cite today for our anecdotal and hysterical lack of evidence for this. What we do have is a child. By the courage and wisdom of certain legislators and legislatures to step up and say that the U.S. policy is madness, that they're importing it around the world has created madness, and that there are numerous benefits to marijuana that have been proven in the few tests that have been done in countries that don't subscribe to hysteria and madness for setting policy or imprisoning people for life for making small purchases of marijuana in certain circumstances that we now determine to be okay. We have people constantly step up and say we shouldn't do it. Here's a student, here's a person, here's a child that has been put on this when nothing else worked and it worked. We don't need more proof than that. It works in that case. It works for some of these kids and it works for some of the adults and that's the only testing we're getting because we get such stonewalling about getting testing, about getting past the hysteria and ignorance. This is the kind of thing we can start to step up. The drug industry has taken over the allopathic medical world. These doctors have no problem prescribing drugs that take four pages in National Geographic to put all the side effects up. We have no evidence that the 400 compounds are dangerous. We just don't have the evidence. Let's help this kid. Let's help all these kids and provide a chance for them to go to school, to go to the hospital, and not suffer. Thank you.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I was not planning on rising, but I feel like a number of our colleagues are debating a law that we've already passed. Maine has passed the Medical Marijuana Bill. The bill that's before us today is about allowing children who are subject to very harmful effects of fits of epilepsy on a daily basis. I want to assure everybody in this room that the Education Committee recognized the importance of this bill. We worked it very cautiously over numerous work sessions. We worked with Representative Sanderson to come to a position where here, in the Education Committee, we could feel comfortable with the fact that we were going to help children be able to obtain the education that they deserved and need. I, myself personally, have a lot of concerns about marijuana and the recreational use of it. I have not supported it, but this bill I support because these children are struggling. They're suffering and they need our help. This bill is a compromise. It's been worked on hard and I hope you will vote to override the veto. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#416)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFISKY, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, VALENTINO, VOLK, WILLETTE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, EDGEComb, GRATWICK, MASON, SAVIELLO, WHITTEMORE, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 23 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 331

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June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 752, "An Act To Permit Medical Marijuana Cultivation by Incapacitated Adults."

Currently, the law allows for adults in the medical marijuana program, except incapacitated adults, to grow six plants for themselves. Incapacitated adults are allowed to have other individuals grow marijuana for them. This irresponsible bill would allow for incapacitated adults to cultivate their own medical marijuana. An incapacitated adult is defined in the Adult Protective Services Act as one:

who is impaired by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability to the extent that that individual lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning that individual's person, or to the extent the adult cannot effectively manage or apply that individual's estate to necessary ends.

22 M.R.S.A. § 3472(10). It is bizarre that we are encouraging adults with insufficient ability to make responsible decisions to grow marijuana. These individuals are at high risk of abuse and exploitation, and yet we are doing our best to promote

their keeping a street valued drug in their home? Our elderly and disabled already are having their prescription drugs stolen from them, and here we are just adding another unnecessary risk for them.

For these reasons, I return LD 752 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 Permit Medical Marijuana Cultivation by Incapacitated Adults

H.P. 505 L.D. 752

Comes from the House, 104 members having voted in the affirmative and 43 in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#417)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BRAKEY, DAVIS, DILL, DUTREMBLE, GERZOFKY, GRATWICK, HASKELL, JOHNSON, KATZ, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, VALENTINO, WILLETTE

NAYS: Senators: BAKER, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DIAMOND, EDGEComb, HAMPER, HILL, LANGLEY, MASON, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

EXCUSED: Senator: LIBBY

16 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and 16 being less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **SUSTAINED.**

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

The Following Communication: H.C. 333

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June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1365, "An Act Regarding Licensed Children's Programs."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1365 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act Regarding Licensed Children's Programs
H.P. 927 L.D. 1365

Comes from the House, 145 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **GERZOFSKY**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#418)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: GERZOFSKY, LIBBY

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 334

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1409, "An Act To Clarify and Simplify the Licensing and Registration Provisions of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1409 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Clarify and Simplify the Licensing and Registration Provisions of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws
H.P. 958 L.D. 1409

Comes from the House, 145 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#419)

YEAS: Senators: BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

ABSENT: Senator: ALFOND

EXCUSED: Senators: GERZOFKY, LIBBY

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being absent and 2 Senators being excused, and 32 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Following Communication: H.C. 335

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1432, "An Act To Consolidate the Investigation of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect."

Far too many legislators make solemn-sounding promises to the voters who elect them, then sweep them aside as soon as they step foot into the exclusive, club-like atmosphere of the State House. Their giddy eagerness to get along with colleagues on both sides of the aisle swiftly supersedes their sworn duty to the people who sent them to Augusta.

This Legislature delayed its responsibilities for five months, negotiated a last-minute budget deal behind closed doors and is now passing bills at breakneck speed, just so they can pack up and go home for the summer. While they are busy high-fiving each other for hastily passing bills they haven't even read, the Maine people are left disenfranchised and without true representation.

Maine voters in last November's election clearly endorsed tax and welfare reforms, but this Legislature has denied them their Constitutional right to debate the issues at the ballot box.

Mainers deserve to know how their elected officials voted on public policies that could affect the future of our state. Therefore, to ensure each piece of legislation gets the widest possible representation in Augusta, legislators will have to follow the procedure for reconsideration of a veto, which requires two-thirds support of the Legislature and a roll call.

For this reason, I return LD 1432 unsigned and vetoed.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying Bill:

An Act To Consolidate the Investigation of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect

H.P. 977 L.D. 1432

Comes from the House, 147 members having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the veto of the Governor was Overridden and it was the vote of the House that the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, of the Constitution, the vote will be taken by the Yeas and Nays. A vote of yes will be in favor of the Bill. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#420)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DIAMOND, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: GERZOFKY, LIBBY

33 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senator having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the members present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN** and the Bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

Emergency Measure

An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation
S.P. 61 L.D. 186
(C "A" S-304)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - June 23, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 22, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-304).**)

(In House, June 23, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**)

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-304).**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES.**

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-304).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "B" (S-341) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-304) **READ** and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-304) as Amended by Senate Amendment "B" (S-341) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-304) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-341) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE.**

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

ENACTORS

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

Act

An Act To Upgrade the Concealed Handgun Permit Law
H.P. 557 L.D. 823
(H "A" H-385 to C "A" H-309)

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 556

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business, or consider possible objections of the Governor.

READ and **PASSED.**

Sent down for concurrence.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Improve Retirement Security for Retired Public Employees" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 69 L.D. 86

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Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-502).**

Signed:

Senators:

KATZ of Kennebec
VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston
FREY of Bangor
GATTINE of Westbrook
GRANT of Gardiner

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives:

NUTTING of Oakland
SIROCKI of Scarborough
TIMBERLAKE of Turner

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-502).**

Reports **READ.**

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

READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-502) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED**, in concurrence.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 321

June 24, 2015

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

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby executing line-item vetoes of allocations contained within LD 1185, "An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund." The line-item vetoes are reflected in the enacted bill.

In order for Maine's economy to move forward, part of what we need is reliable, affordable broadband internet access across more of our state. A few weeks ago I attended a launch event for a company whose goal is to ultimately deliver this type of service to 90 percent of Maine by the end of next year. That is just one company. It should come as no surprise; the private sector is already way ahead of Augusta politicians in identifying a business opportunity and implementing a strategy to deliver a needed product and service.

LD 1185 only muddies the water and complicates the process. It provides an allocation of \$500 for municipalities to access a fund that doesn't exist, delivering no tangible results. This is yet another "feel good" bill that will not deliver any benefit to hard-working Mainers.

Therefore, I am executing line-item vetoes of allocations in LD 1185 and urge the Legislature to sustain them.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage
Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A, the accompanying line item vetoes on:

An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund

H.P. 818 L.D. 1185
(S "A" S-257 to C "A" H-288)

The accompanying line item veto:

**CONNECTME AUTHORITY
Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185**

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2015-16

All Other ~~\$500~~ \$0

Comes from the House, the veto of the Governor Overridden.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Section become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A, of the Constitution, a vote of yes will be in favor of the Section. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Chair ordered a Division. 26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN**.

LD 1185 - the accompanying line item veto:

CONNECTME AUTHORITY
Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2016-17
All Other \$500 \$0

Comes from the House, the veto of the Governor Overridden.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Section become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A, of the Constitution, a vote of yes will be in favor of the Section. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Chair ordered a Division. 26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN**.

LD 1185 - the accompanying line item veto:

CONNECTME AUTHORITY
Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL 2015-16
\$500 \$0

Comes from the House, the veto of the Governor Overridden.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Section become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A, of the Constitution, a vote of yes will be in favor of the Section. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Chair ordered a Division. 26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN**.

LD 1185 - the accompanying line item veto:

CONNECTME AUTHORITY
Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund N185

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL 2016-17
\$500 \$0

Comes from the House, the veto of the Governor Overridden.

The President laid before the Senate the following: "Shall this Section become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? In accordance with Article IV, Part Third, Section 2-A, of the Constitution, a vote of yes will be in favor of the Section. A vote of no will be in favor of sustaining the veto of the Governor."

The Chair ordered a Division. 26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 5 Senators having voted in the negative, it was the vote of the Senate that the veto of the Governor be **OVERRIDDEN**.

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

ENACTORS

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

Bond Issue

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors

H.P. 823 L.D. 1205
(S "A" S-340 to C "A" H-503)

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator **WILLETTE**, and the Senator from Hancock, Senator **ROSEN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

This being a Bond Authorization Act, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with 3 Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department Employees

S.P. 553 L.D. 1451

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senator having voted in the negative, and 31 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.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 339

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

June 30, 2015

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
127th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

House Paper 517, Legislative Document 764, "Resolve, To Impose a One-year Delay on the Use of Standardized Tests To Evaluate Teachers," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

95 voted in favor and 52 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

House Paper 751, Legislative Document 1090, "Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

91 voted in favor and 56 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

ORDERS

Joint Order

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 555

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the following specified matters be held over on the Special Appropriations Table to the next special or regular session of the 127th Legislature:

H.P. 9, L.D. 6 - Resolve, To Implement Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Strengthen the Ethics Practices and Procedures for Executive Branch Employees

H.P. 73, L.D. 90 - Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities

S.P. 84, L.D. 215 - An Act To Improve Student Retention in Maine's Postsecondary Institutions

S.P. 87, L.D. 249 - An Act To Enable Seniors To Remain in Their Homes

H.P. 199, L.D. 281 - Resolve, To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Madison To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the Madison Paper Company and To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Skowhegan To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the S.D. Warren Company

H.P. 252, L.D. 365 - An Act To Provide a Tax Reduction for Modifications To Make a Home More Accessible for a Person with a Disability

H.P. 286, L.D. 419 - An Act To Promote Academic Opportunities for Maine Youth during Summer Months

H.P. 337, L.D. 498 - An Act To Restore the Super Credit for Substantially Increased Research and Development

H.P. 376, L.D. 552 - An Act To Provide Funding for Home Visiting Services

H.P. 442, L.D. 661 - An Act To Fund HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Viral Hepatitis Screening, Prevention, Diagnostic and Treatment Services

H.P. 579, L.D. 845 - An Act To Address Unmet Public Transportation Needs

S.P. 304, L.D. 860 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Dental Services under the MaineCare Program

S.P. 312, L.D. 867 - An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

H.P. 617, L.D. 898 - An Act To Reduce Student Loan Debt through an Expansion of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit

H.P. 695, L.D. 1000 - An Act To Define Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices for Purposes of the Sales Tax Law

H.P. 697, L.D. 1002 - An Act To Appropriate \$500,000 for the Electronic Monitoring Fund

H.P. 699, L.D. 1004 - An Act To Provide Incentives To Foster Economic Growth and Build Infrastructure in the State by Encouraging Visual Media Production

H.P. 705, L.D. 1022 - An Act To Protect the Future of Harness Racing

H.P. 731, L.D. 1062 - An Act To Support Housing for Homeless Veterans

H.P. 780, L.D. 1142 - An Act Regarding the Taxation of Out-of-state Pensions

H.P. 853, L.D. 1253 - An Act To Improve the Evaluation of Public Schools

H.P. 886, L.D. 1300 - An Act To Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives

H.P. 906, L.D. 1331 - An Act To Provide Enhanced Enforcement of the Laws Governing Alcoholic Beverages

H.P. 912, L.D. 1343 - An Act To Increase Access to Postsecondary Education for Maine National Guard Members

H.P. 959, L.D. 1412 - An Act To Fund a Training Partnership between Riverview Psychiatric Center and the University of Maine at Augusta

READ and PASSED.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 506

June 30, 2015

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
287-1540

Dear Secretary Priest:

The Committee of Conference on LD 1430, "*An Act To Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Hunter Orange Clothing To Instead Wear Red*," could not find agreement on the issues at hand. We write to inform you that we have abandoned the conference.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Paul Davis
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Roland Martin
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: H.C. 340

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

June 30, 2015

The Honorable Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate
127th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Secretary Priest:

The House voted today to insist on its previous action whereby Bill "An Act To Enhance Energy Cost Reduction and Facilitate Heating Alternatives in furtherance of the Omnibus Energy Act" (H.P. 839) (L.D. 1221)(EMERGENCY) was Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-386) as Amended by House Amendment "D" (H-499) thereto.

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford, the Senate removed from the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** the following:

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits for the Town of Berwick and the City of Sanford
H.P. 76 L.D. 93
(C "A" H-128)

Placed on the Special Appropriations Table - May 20, 2015, by Senator **HAMPER** of Oxford

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, May 14, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-128)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, May 19, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

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:

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation

S.P. 61 L.D. 186
(S "B" S-341 to C "A" S-304)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 24 Members of the Senate, with 7 Senators having voted in the negative, and 24 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.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Improve Retirement Security for Retired Public Employees

H.P. 69 L.D. 86
(C "A" H-502)

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.

Off Record Remarks

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order S.P. 556, until the call of the President of the Senate.