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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
32nd Legislative Day  
Thursday, April 20, 2017

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

Prayer by Honorable Denise A. Tepler, Topsham.

National Anthem by Hallie Pike, Jay and Sawyer Zundel, Farmington.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Jessica Richmond, M.D., Sebec.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act Regarding Community Corrections Funds"

(S.P. 519) (L.D. 1490)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Control Electricity Transmission Costs through the Development of Nontransmission Alternatives"

(S.P. 516) (L.D. 1487)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Authorize the Revocation, Suspension or Denial of a Guide License under Specified Circumstances"

(S.P. 518) (L.D. 1489)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce"

(S.P. 521) (L.D. 1492)

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

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Bill "An Act To Require That Landowners with Property Enrolled in the Tree Growth Tax Program Receive Timely Notice of Changes in Valuation of That Property"

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1488)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Provide for Safety, Quality and Transparency in the Retail Marijuana Industry"

(S.P. 520) (L.D. 1491)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

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**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools"

(H.P. 988) (L.D. 1433)

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in the House on April 13, 2017.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 293)

**STATE OF MAINE**

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**1 STATE HOUSE STATION**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

April 11, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine

State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th 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 97, "An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing."

This bill allows the Department of Transportation and the Maine State Police to establish speed limits within the private property of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick and the Loring Development Authority of Maine in Limestone.

I am very concerned about the precedent this bill will set. The state should not be responsible for establishing speed limits on private property. If this bill becomes law, what process in the future will be used to determine which private ways will have the privilege of speed limits established by the state? Please consider this carefully as you vote on this veto.

For this reason, I return LD 97 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

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

The accompanying item An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 45) (L.D. 97)

In Senate, April 19, 2017, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after

reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

30 voted in favor and 1 against, and 30 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 41V**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casás, Cebra, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Dillingham, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Connor, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker

NAY - Austin, Guerin, Haggan, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney, Lockman, Lyford, Ordway, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, White

ABSENT - Chace, Farnsworth, Fredette, Grignon, Malaby, Seavey, Sirocki, Timberlake, Turner, Winsor

EXCUSED - Doore  
Yes, 123; No, 17; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

123 voted in the affirmative and 17 in the negative and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

Truman J. Slocum of Phippsburg for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine Maritime Academy.  
Pursuant to P&SL 1975, Chapter 771 §428, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely,  
S/Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 135)

**STATE OF MAINE  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
2 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 20, 2017  
Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

- Judiciary
- L.D. 63 An Act To Ensure Complete Investigations by Guardians Ad Litem
- L.D. 362 An Act To Allow Relative Caregivers Standing in Court
- L.D. 363 An Act To Make a Child Living with a Custodial Relative Caregiver Eligible for State-paid Legal Services
- L.D. 536 An Act To Protect Homeowners from Debt Collectors
- Taxation
- L.D. 26 An Act To Lower the Maine Motor Vehicle Excise Tax
- L.D. 74 An Act To Realign the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Distribution
- L.D. 77 An Act To Exempt from Maine Income Tax Income Earned by Members of the Armed Services While on Active Duty
- L.D. 368 An Act To Welcome Statewide Economic Investment
- L.D. 492 An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing
- L.D. 707 An Act To Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on the Purchase Price of the Motor Vehicle
- L.D. 779 An Act To Allow Aroostook County To Create Tax Increment Financing Districts
- L.D. 875 An Act To Reduce Property Taxes
- L.D. 887 An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Property Tax Payers
- L.D. 904 An Act To Require the County Commissioners To Adjust the Assessed Value of a Municipality When They Grant an Abatement Request
- L.D. 1071 An Act To Modify the Tax Increment Financing Laws

Sincerely,  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of House

The Following Communication: (H.C. 133)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

April 20, 2017  
Honorable Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On April 18, 2017

Honorable Richard A. Nass of Acton for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.  
Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §1002, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

On April 19, 2017

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

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The Following Communication: (S.C. 316)

**MAINE SENATE  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 18, 2017

Honorable Sara Gideon  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Gideon:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

- Amber M. Oakes of Milford for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
- Jason R. White of Rockland for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
- Robin L. Foster of Orrington for appointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
- Deborah L. Camire of Biddeford for reappointment to the School Board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
- Amy B. Arata of New Gloucester for appointment to the State Board of Education  
Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
- the Honorable Kenneth C. Fletcher of Winslow for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board
- David S. Stapp of Bremen for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board

Best Regards,  
S/Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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

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**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Enforcement of Support Orders"  
(H.P. 1026) (L.D. 1493)

Sponsored by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.  
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMPSON of Alfred, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TURNER of Burlington.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes"  
(H.P. 1027) (L.D. 1494)

Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.  
(GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Bill "An Act To Break the Generational Cycle of Domestic Violence"

(H.P. 1028) (L.D. 1495)

Sponsored by Representative HEAD of Bethel.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: COREY of Windham, DENNO of Cumberland, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, PARKER of South Berwick, PERKINS of Oakland, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEARNS of Guilford, VACHON of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Scope of the Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel"

(H.P. 1029) (L.D. 1496)

Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SIROCKI of Scarborough, TURNER of Burlington.

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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

(H.P. 1030) (L.D. 1497)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Clarify the Applicability of the Records Preservation Surcharge within County Registries of Deeds"

(H.P. 1031) (L.D. 1498)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

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**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1032) (Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: FULLER of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, HICKMAN of Winthrop, JORGENSEN of Portland, MOONEN of Portland, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland)

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH, THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Holocaust as part of a state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation program of genocide, and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism, such as the handicapped, political dissidents and many others for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated, and the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some of whom lost their lives and others of whom have experienced lifelong emotional suffering, as holding an honored place in our history; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people, remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

WHEREAS, the national community, pursuant to an Act of Congress, will be commemorating the week of April 17, 2017 to April 24, 2017 as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom HaShoah, April 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the people of the State of Maine to join in this international commemoration, marking 72 years since the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in solemn memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, rescuers and liberators; that We urge one and all to recommit themselves to the lessons of the Holocaust through the international week of commemoration; and that We express our common desire to continually strive to overcome prejudice and inhumanity through education, vigilance and resistance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine and the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Men and Women of the House. I stand before you today to remember, to remember not only the victims of the Holocaust, but to remember why we remember. It is very much within Jewish tradition to understand as we look at a memory, that that memory carries forward in our lives. In the recent holiday of Passover, we celebrate by remembering what it was to be slaves in Egypt and to be liberated by God from that slavery.

Today, we can remember what it is to have been exterminated at the hands of the Nazis, but to dedicate ourselves to a future in which that will never happen again, not only to the Jewish people but to any people, anytime, anywhere. Today is also the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, when the Jews confined to the ghetto in Warsaw rose up against the Nazis who were transporting them to death camps, concentration camps, and killing them on the streets of Warsaw. That uprising enabled a number of people to escape the ghetto through the sewer system and today there are still several survivors of that terrible incarceration. I remember them, and I remember them in the name of all who are oppressed and suffering in the United States and throughout the world today. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I grew up, I've been in Maine for 35 years, I grew up in a multi-immigrant neighborhood in New York with Jews, Irish, and Catholic Italians. And I married into a Jewish family. My kids, all three of them, have been bar and bat mitzvahed. My husband's father came over from Poland, having lived through a program in Poland and settled here before the war. But when we go over his family tree there are branches we can't identify because there are many parts of his family that were killed in the Holocaust. So, today I remember them, people I've never known but have built my husband's family, and through him, my kids identity.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative DeChant.

Representative **DeCHANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to join my voice to the remembrance of the Holocaust. It's especially poignant as my son prepares for his bar mitzvah this year. And when we are filling out our family tree, there is big branches of it that are missing, the folks who were killed in the Holocaust. So, today, I remember them, and I remember Ed Benedikt, from Bath, who had come here in previous years on this day as a survivor of the Holocaust.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Deer Isle, Representative Kumiega.

Representative **KUMIEGA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A couple of months ago, I had the honor and privilege to visit the camps at Auschwitz, and if you ever have a chance I urge you to go, because there is nothing I can show you that would come close to conveying the scale of what happened there. The numbers are pretty much that if most of the people in the State of Maine were sent to a camp and only a handful survived. It's just a massive place, and what happened there needs to be remembered and the only way you can really remember is to see it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Yarmouth, Representative Cooper.

Representative **COOPER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Those of you who have been here for three or four terms will remember that our colleague, the Honorable Mary Nelson, used to use this occasion to recite the words of a Lutheran Pastor who lived during World War II, Martin Niemoller, who I won't go into the length of that statement. But the point was that the intellectuals of his time did nothing while targeted groups who were in disfavor by the Nazis were one by one rounded up, taken away and killed, so that by the time they came for him it was too late, there was no one left. So, I rise today because the purpose of these remembrances is not merely to honor

those who perished, those who saved those who managed to survive, but also to take to heart the lesson of this terrible moment in our history. We are today, in the world, faced in many parts of the country that I never thought it would happen, with rise in a belief in authoritarianism, both in Western Europe, in parts of the United States, in the Middle East, really throughout the world. It is a discouraging, discouraging trend. I, for one, am not worried about the United States. I think we have such a strong tradition of belief in the rule of law, and in ourselves, that we will be able to resist these basest kinds of instincts. But, that may not be true in other parts of the country, in other parts of the world. So, I urge you to use this day to renew your commitment to freedom, to independence, to the rule of law, but that is the only thing that separates us from an uncivilized society. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Harvell.

Representative **HARVELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in the mid-century in Europe, anti-Semitism reached its culmination in the Holocaust. Something that had been going on for over a thousand of years, reached a heightened industrial process. I've been to Treblinka, Sobibor where the main death camps took place that had no industrial policy but to kill. And by 1943, the Germans had ended those camps, plowed up the fields and put a farm there, and there were thousands and thousands and hundreds of thousands of ashes there. But the world didn't forget it. In Sobibor there was an escape attempt where a few hundred got out and in Treblinka as well. And though the Nazis tried to hide these ashes, Ezekiel said these bones shall live again.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Handy.

Representative **HANDY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I rise today as a grandson of Poland. My grandparents emigrated from Poland in the early 1900s escaping the Soviet oppression, only to leave behind many family members who through the next two decades found themselves in places like Auschwitz-Birkenau and Sobibor. I remember my grandmother telling me the stories of how she would send money and clothing to her families who were in some of these programs, by sending money to weave it inside a coat to hide it from the oppressors. Only so that her family could continue to survive in Soviet dominated Poland. So, Madam Speaker, today I dedicate this moment to my grandparents who are among the Polish Catholics who helped many of those who were oppressed find life in a new world. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kittery, Representative Rykerson.

Representative **RYKERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise today to commend my friend and Godfather, Elio Schaechter, who was, his family was an escaped Jewish family from Nazi Germany, settled in Ecuador. Because of the nonsensical immigration laws, he was not allowed to come into the United States. My mother, from Ecuador, took it upon herself to sponsor Elio to come to the United States. This immigrant later became Dean of the Tufts Medical School. Thank you.

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At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in memory and honor of the victims of the Holocaust.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Longstaff.

Representative **LONGSTAFF**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A long time ago, when I was in graduate school in New York, I was a teaching assistant for Rabbi Abraham Heschel, who was a well-known leader in the Civil Rights movement and who helped me to learn and to understand what the Holocaust was all about. I returned to Maine and taught at Colby for 33 years. One of the things I taught was Jewish Studies and, for a time, became Director of the Jewish Studies Program. One of my sons has converted to Judaism and his family is very active in their community. I myself have been to Israel, I don't know, about 30 times or more, and what I'd like to do now is to ask you to use your imagination. One of the most awesome places I have ever been in my life, and I mean that, is at the Holocaust Museum in Israel. And if I describe, just use your imagination and think for a moment, at the Holocaust Museum in Israel, I entered this room which was in the shape of a globe, a complete circle. To take us through the room there was a bridge that was transparent, like glass. The room was totally dark and there were spots of light because the room was completely mirrors. The inside of the room was entirely mirrors and as we walked across the glass bridge, there were spots of light and no matter whether you looked ahead of you, behind you, you looked up, you looked down, the spots of light went on until infinity. And this was to remember the children who died in the Holocaust. That's an awesome, just let it sit in your memory, that's an awesome testimony to what the Holocaust really meant for many families and many children. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED**. Sent for concurrence.

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On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 31)

ORDERED, that Representative Martin J. Grohman of Biddeford be excused April 13 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused March 14, 16 and 28 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lloyd C. Herrick of Paris be excused April 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jonathan L. Kinney of Limington be excused March 30 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Victoria P. Kornfield of Bangor be excused April 4 and 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David Harold McCrea of Fort Fairfield be excused April 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Andrew J. McLean of Gorham be excused April 6 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative John Alden Spear of South Thomaston be excused April 11 for health reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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**SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR**

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

**Recognizing:**

Mary Cady, of Orono, on her retirement as Director of the Eastern Maine Indoor Track League after nearly 3 decades of service. Ms. Cady also has worked with area high schools and youth summer events, is a Master Certified Official for USA Track & Field and has directed Maine Principals' Association championship meets. Ms. Cady was recently awarded the 2017 Distinguished Service Award by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. We extend to her our appreciation for her work with young athletes in the State and our congratulations on her retirement;

(HLS 264)

Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot, Representative FREY of Bangor, Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TIPPING of Orono, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Tipping.

Representative **TIPPING**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise with pleasure today to speak to a sentiment for an outstanding Orono resident. Mary officiates track and cross country meets for 30 years, mostly as an announcer or a Meet Director. She is a Master Level USA Track and Field Certified Official. She was the League and Meet Director for the Penobscot Valley Conference of Maine indoor track for 25 years. She still directed meets for Orono High and Middle School, Old Town High School, PBC and the University of Maine, as well as the Maine Principals' Association's state meets. And she's in charge of the Maine USA Track and Field Group D for summer track for children 15 and under. She also coordinates the PVC Area Recruiting and Training of New Officials and continues to work with the Brewer Town and Services Track and Cross Country Meets throughout the state and New England. She's an expert in the computer program for taking entries, seeding meets, and compiling result files. If anyone has been involved in the track and field world in the state, they have probably met Mary Cady. It has been said that she runs these meets with military precision which makes sense, she did four years' active duty and six years in the reserves and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Army Reserves. She was also recently awarded, as the Clerk said, 2017 Distinguished Service Award by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Now, Madam Speaker, you may look at me and think the Representative from Orono does not necessarily have a track and field physique and that's true, I did not meet her through the track and field world. I have to say as a freshman in high school when I signed up for the golf team, Coach Cady was my coach. Although, she doesn't play a lot of golf she volunteered her time to make sure that we had a golf team at all at Orono High School for the four years I was there. Even though her son, who was one of the best golfers Orono High ever had, had already moved on the year before I was a freshman at Orono High. She is an incredible asset to the state and we are proud to call her an Orono resident and I am glad that she and her family were able to make it here today to accept this sentiment.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Ellsworth, Representative Luchini.

Representative **LUCHINI**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I'm pleased to rise and recognize my good friend Mary Cady on her retirement and congratulate her on receiving Distinguished Service Award. I think as somebody who's personally spent my, pretty much my whole life, around track and field and growing up in Ellsworth, I ran in basically every track meet that I could. I've known Mary since, as long as I can remember. And she's always been a major part of Maine's running community and we've been able to benefit from her participation. As was just said, if you've been to a track meet, it's likely Mary that you've heard over the loud speakers, she's literally become the voice of some of these track and field meets across the state and especially in Eastern Maine, but I think it's her work behind the scenes that have been most valuable to Maine's running community. She's really helped to develop youth programs, build-up programs, as well as the high school level meets, USA track and field meets, and as anybody involved in sports knows, that pipeline is so important in developing athletes. As was just mentioned, her meets are run with the high efficiency, likely from her military background, and I think it's fair to say she sometimes ran meets like a drill sergeant and I don't think she'd mind my saying. The kids certainly love her, but they're also kind of afraid of her. I'm still kind of afraid of her. But, in addition to that, she really took the time to encourage kids and support them throughout, you know, regardless of their ability, throughout their careers in the sport. And, really, I just can't overstate the important impact she's had on Maine's running community from youth all the way up through high school. We've certainly appreciated it and it's been great to work with her over the years so, thank you, Mary. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Westbrook, Representative Bates.

Representative **BATES**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I would simply, although I was never quite as fast as the Representative from Ellsworth, but I would echo his sentiments. Track and field has been a huge part of my life and it continues to be. The understatement of kind of terrified of Mary Cady has been made. I spent the time from when I was 14 to about when I was 25, completely terrified of her and my first memories, in a good way, my first memories are of walking into my first ever track meet in high school and hearing a slightly muffled PA system but one with a lot of authority barking out instructions. Mary was a constant, constant fixture throughout my high school track career, my college track career. She trained me as an official, which I worked in later, and she's been a wonderful steward for the sport. The sport of track is so, so incredible in that it provides an avenue for anyone, regardless of their physique, to participate in a sport that has wonderful comradery and really incredible personal gain and she is one of the influences. Sadly, I coach in Class A, which is not overseen by Mary anymore, but she is one of the inspirations for why I continue to be involved in the sport as a coach. And, I just wanted to add my voice to the thanks to Mary for all that she has done for high school sports and youth sports, but also for the sport of track and field in the State of Maine. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bar Harbor, Representative Hubbell.

Representative **HUBBELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have had the pleasure to work with Mary Cady a number of times on track and track events. Anyone who's been involved with track and field, knows that every meet is just a series of



chaotic events and that every moment the overall structure is just about to go off the rails. I think it's fair to say that for decades, Mary Cady has held these critical meets together and kept them from going off the rails. You've heard enough from the various speakers to get an idea of Mary's personality, so in that context I just want to say that I imagine you will understand why, to the athletes I was associated with, it was entirely out of respect but irresistible regularly to rhyme the name Mary Cady with the chorus from PSY's Gangnam Style, of *Sexy Lady* and I want to thank her for many years of conscientious dedicated service on behalf of the state's running community.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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**In Memory of:**

Wesley Lewis Johnson, of Long Island. Mr. Johnson served the City of Portland and the Town of Long Island as a police officer for a combined 30 years and served on Long Island as a Cumberland County Deputy Sheriff and Public Safety Officer for 10 years. He also worked part-time as a lobsterman. Mr. Johnson will be long remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 59 years, Barbara, and by his family and friends;

(SLS 194)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COOPER of Yarmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

On motion of the same Representative, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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**In Memory of:**

Leonard Lookner, of Camden. Mr. Lookner served as Vice Chairman of the Camden Select Board. Having served on the select board in the 1990s, he was most recently elected in 2012 and reelected in 2015, and over the years he served on various town committees. He was owner of the Waterfront Restaurant for decades before he retired. Mr. Lookner will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

(HLS 265)

Presented by Representative CASÁS of Rockport.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative CASÁS of Rockport, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockport, Representative Casás.

Representative **CASÁS**: Thank you. Madam Speaker and Women and Men of the House, I rise today to say a few words on my friend Leonard Lookner, who passed away February 5<sup>th</sup> of this year. So, Leonard Lookner was a lion and there is just no two ways about that. If you ever had an interaction with Leonard, then you were likely to remember that interaction as the highlight of the day or possibly even the week and maybe even the year. This past Monday would have been Leonard's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday and what a life Leonard had. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and had frequent contacts with an idol of mine, the late and great Hunter S. Thompson. Now Leonard and Hunter had a lot of similarities yes, they were both a bit eccentric in various different ways,

but they were also both very politically active and out-spoken in their views. During my time on the Rockport Select Board, I had many opportunities to discuss public policy with Leonard as he was serving on the Camden Select Board. Leonard's passion for the environment, social inclusion, and his greater Camden community could not be downplayed, especially considering the lasting efforts that his civic work will have on our area. Most recently, Leonard very much embraced his work on the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation's Board of Directors, where we served together. He was actively and consistently advocating for young people to get involved and for policies that would have given this youth a healthy and clean planet to call home. Now, I could go on and on for hours with stories about Leonard, his days being a farmer, some of the interesting things I saw him do about town. What makes all that interesting is I only knew him for the last 5 years of his life. So, those who knew him for the majority of it, have far more stories than I do. But, I will leave you all with just two thoughts that I learned from Leonard and things that I associate with him. First, no matter how frequently or severely he and I disagreed on an issue, and we disagreed on a lot of issues, I had a huge amount of respect for that man. What was also interesting was he started reflecting that respect back towards me. The other thing was that Leonard always made me smile. I can vividly remember this face of a 70-something-year-old man cruising around Camden and Rockport with no helmet on, on his Triumph motorcycle, with this massive smile on his face. His sheer enjoyment for life was enough to bring about a smile on nearly anyone's face. So, let us remember these two thoughts as we move forward with our work: respect one another, and enjoy life because life is worth enjoying. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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**In Memory of:**

Robert G. Crockett, of Augusta. Mr. Crockett served in the United States Air Force, and he worked for the United States Postal Service for 37 years. Mr. Crockett served for 14 years on the Augusta City Council, was Postmaster and Sergeant at Arms for the Maine State Senate and served as Kennebec County Treasurer. He was a president of the Augusta South Little League, a past president of the Cony High School Boys Ice Hockey Boosters Program, a member of the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees, a lifetime member of the Kennebec Historical Society and a longtime member of Green Street United Methodist Church of Augusta. Mr. Crockett will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues;

(HLS 266)

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec, Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Representative DOORE of Augusta.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative POULIOT of Augusta, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Augusta, Representative Pouliot.

Representative **POULIOT**: Madame Speaker, Men and Women of the House, it is my distinct honor to be able to present this Legislative Sentiment in Memoriam for a truly great public servant, Robert Crockett. I first met Bob in 2012 when I decided to run for the Legislature. I was very nervous

as I extended my hand to shake his. His wife of over 58 years, Patsy, was my opponent, and I remember thinking, this man probably doesn't think too highly of me for challenging his wife. But I remember being pleasantly surprised, when he instead greeted me with a warm smile and said nice to meet you, young man, best of luck to you. Bob really was a man truly dedicated to public service in a dignified and humble manner. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and while many of us in this chamber know the trials of dodging barking dogs and going up sketchy stairways, or getting drenched in a sudden rain storm, Bob dealt with this and these challenges and persisted through them for years as a postal worker at the United States Postal Service, receiving numerous awards for his professionalism on the job. But Bob didn't only work hard on the job; Bob's life will be defined by love of his family, his friends, his country, and his community. He was committed to making his community a better place for all of us to live in. Bob was a long-time supporter of youth athletics, serving as president of the Augusta South Little League and he was a mentor to many. Bob served on the City Council in Augusta for 14 years while I was still in grade school. And I'm told that Bob really embodied what we all seek in our elected officials. He was civil in his discourse and committed to finding solutions that were good for Augusta. In addition to this service on the council, Bob served as Sergeant at Arms in the Maine State Senate and was elected and served as County Treasurer for Kennebec County. You know the Augusta community really lost a great man with the passing of Robert Crockett. His life was lived with a certain spark. I think that's something that we should all aspire to. My deepest condolences go out to Bob's wife, Patsy, who's here today, her son, Jim, and the rest of the family. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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**In Memory of:**

Irene Dysart, of Bangor. Mrs. Dysart, with her husband David, established Dysart's of Bangor, one of the most well-known and respected family businesses in the Bangor area. Mrs. Dysart will be long remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends;

(HLS 267)

Presented by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn. Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representative FREY of Bangor, Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, Representative CARDONE of Bangor.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative GUERIN of Glenburn, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Glenburn, Representative Guerin.

Representative **GUERIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm pleased to honor the memory of Irene Dysart today. Irene was a loving wife and mother and founder, with her husband, of the iconic Dysart's of Maine. The Dysarts opened their restaurant back in 1967 with, by the way, food service equipment from my business, R.M. Flagg. From that time on, they have kept a commitment to buying local whenever possible, even picking strawberries at local farms and freezing them for winter pies. Irene was a hardworking Mainer and you're all going to love this story, so listen up. She proved how hard a worker and Maine work ethic she had when on her first day in the restaurant industry, 50

years ago this year, on Mother's Day. Dysart's opened for their first day of business on Mother's Day, 50 years ago. They knew basically nothing about the restaurant industry and they did not know that Mother's Day was the busiest day of the year. They had no one other than their family scheduled to work that day. When the crowds arrived, Irene's mother, Daisy, announced she would wait on only the people she knew. That left Irene to wait on everyone else in the entire restaurant. Irene will be fondly remembered by all that knew her.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing Matthew Cote, of Sidney

(HLS 146)

TABLED - March 16, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative PERKINS of Oakland.

PENDING - **PASSAGE.**

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oakland, Representative Perkins.

Representative **PERKINS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. I wish to take just a minute and say how proud and pleased I am with Matthew Cote. But also, there's another young fellow up there that also has just recently obtained his Eagle Scout too, and that's Mr. Aaron Young. Both of these young fellas worked exceptionally hard. I've known them through their high school years. They are great young men in the Town of Sydney, and their parents should be exceptionally pleased and proud of both of them. Aaron's project for his Eagle Scout was reconstruction of the James H. Bean Baseball Field and the backstop. So, it gives me great pride and pleasure to stand for both of these young men today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Change of Committee**

Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Abolish the 5-year Cap for Retired State Employees Who Return to Work"

(S.P. 336) (L.D. 1029)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.**

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.**

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill and accompanying papers were **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools"  
(S.P. 44) (L.D. 96)

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock  
MAKER of Washington  
MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor  
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick  
FARNSWORTH of Portland  
FULLER of Lewiston  
GINZLER of Bridgton  
McCREA of Fort Fairfield  
PIERCE of Falmouth  
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Signed:

Representatives:

STEWART of Presque Isle  
TURNER of Burlington

Came from the Senate 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" (S-28)**.  
**READ.**

Representative KORNFELD of Bangor moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending the motion of Representative KORNFELD of Bangor to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law Regarding Insurer Privacy Notices to Federal Law"

(S.P. 220) (L.D. 658)

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset  
CARSON of Cumberland  
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

LAWRENCE of South Berwick  
COLLINGS of Portland  
CRAIG of Brewer  
FOLEY of Wells  
MELARAGNO of Auburn  
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield  
PRESCOTT of Waterboro  
SANBORN of Portland  
WALLACE of Dexter

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

BROOKS of Lewiston

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.  
**READ.**

On motion of Representative LAWRENCE of South Berwick, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Require a Game Warden's Certificate To Kill Wild Animals Causing Damage to Crops or Orchards and Notification to Nearby Residents"

(H.P. 209) (L.D. 276)

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec  
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson  
HARLOW of Portland  
MASON of Lisbon  
NADEAU of Winslow  
REED of Carmel  
STEARNS of Guilford  
THERIAULT of China  
WOOD of Greene

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ALLEY of Beals  
LYFORD of Eddington

**READ.**

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor" (H.P. 382) (L.D. 538)

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland  
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray  
BATES of Westbrook  
LOCKMAN of Amherst  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
STETKIS of Canaan  
VACHON of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford  
HANDY of Lewiston  
SYLVESTER of Portland

**READ.**

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Improve Productivity in Authorized Municipal Shellfish Conservation Areas with Predation Protection Measures in Place" (H.P. 276) (L.D. 370)

Signed:

Senators:

MAKER of Washington  
BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

ALLEY of Beals  
BATTLE of South Portland  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor  
SIMMONS of Waldoboro  
SUTTON of Warren  
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

KUMIEGA of Deer Isle

BLUME of York  
DEVIN of Newcastle

**READ.**

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

Six Members of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49)** on Bill "An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine" (H.P. 350) (L.D. 487)

Signed:

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford  
BATES of Westbrook  
HANDY of Lewiston  
MASTRACCIO of Sanford  
SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland  
LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray  
LOCKMAN of Amherst  
STETKIS of Canaan  
VACHON of Scarborough

**READ.**

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of either Report and later today assigned.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(H.P. 263) (L.D. 357) Bill "An Act To Create a Penalty for the Discharge of Septic Waste from Watercraft into the Inland Waters" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)**

(H.P. 399) (L.D. 557) Bill "An Act To Revoke the Hunting License of a Person Charged with Defacing Property Posting Signs" Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-55)**

(H.P. 401) (L.D. 559) Bill "An Act To Standardize the Law Concerning Property Transfers and To Protect Water Quality" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)**

(H.P. 633) (L.D. 905) Bill "An Act To Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the House Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Operate Beano or Bingo  
(S.P. 148) (L.D. 446)  
(C. "A" S-21)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 139 voted in favor of the same and 6 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5: Maine Disaster Recovery Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency  
(H.P. 409) (L.D. 569)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 141 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Require National Banks To Cooperate in the Administration of the General Assistance Program  
(S.P. 85) (L.D. 239)  
(C. "A" S-24)

An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge of Bond Issues  
(H.P. 232) (L.D. 299)  
(C. "A" H-27)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Prior Employees of the Workers' Compensation Board  
(S.P. 101) (L.D. 313)  
(C. "A" S-23)

An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Child Support  
(H.P. 270) (L.D. 364)

An Act To Waive Background Checks for the Parent of a Child Who Is the Subject of an Adoption Proceeding  
(H.P. 271) (L.D. 365)

An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from Being Used on Post-election Parties  
(S.P. 135) (L.D. 408)  
(C. "A" S-20)

An Act To Except from the Freedom of Access Act Certain Information in the Possession of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System  
(S.P. 137) (L.D. 410)

An Act To Ensure Direct Dialing of 911 from Multiline Telephone Systems

(S.P. 271) (L.D. 825)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment yesterday, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

**HOUSE REPORT - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise"

(H.P. 384) (L.D. 540)

TABLED - April 13, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.** (Roll Call Ordered)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from York, Representative Blume.

Representative **BLUME**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm a little bit surprised to be speaking in the chamber on this bill as it was passed unanimously out of committee. I encourage my colleagues to respect the committee process and endorse the Committee Report. This bill is just good public policy and will help protect our citizens, our infrastructure, and save the state money in the long run without any mandate. I ask the Clerk to please read the Committee Report.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it obviously, we're very cognizant of the committee process, and, however, there are times when new information comes to light and such an opportunity I think arose in our caucus in discussing this particular bill. I think, at this point in time, certainly, I'm going to be voting against the bill and ask that you follow my light. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newcastle, Representative Devin.

Representative **DEVIN**: Yes, Madam Speaker, I request permission to ask a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The member may proceed.

Representative **DEVIN**: Thank you. I'd like to know what new information has arisen regarding LD 546.

The SPEAKER: A roll call having been previously ordered, the pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Unanimous Committee Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

**ROLL CALL NO. 42**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Harlow, Harrington,

Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Perry, Pickett, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Vachon, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Guerin, Haggan, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Chace, Farnsworth, Farrin, Grignon, Hymanson, Turner.

Yes, 88; No, 56; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Unanimous Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)** - Minority (5) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month"

(H.P. 293) (L.D. 402)

TABLED - April 18, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative BRYANT of Windham.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**.

Subsequently, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sinclair, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, LD 402, "An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month." This bill is a fine example of what this legislative body can do to help small businesses in the State of Maine. More so now when a lot of consumers and folks, to my left and to my right, buy a lot of products online. This bill designates November as Maine Buy Local Month and directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to encourage buying from local businesses and increase awareness of the economic effect of buying from local businesses. Again, Madam Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a fine example of what we can do this morning for our family-owned small businesses in the State of Maine. I urge the members of this body to vote for the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I did it again, Madam Speaker. I promoted you again. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I think it goes without saying that everyone wants to do more to help Maine businesses prosper and become more successful, but I also think we must be wise in doing so. This bill encourages the Department of Economic and Community Development to engage in doing more toward promoting business. Well, they already are engaged in doing what is called for in the bill and more. They are helping to promote the concept of this legislation to buy local, not just for one month but throughout the entire year. The Department of Economic and Community Development is also responsible for the Maine Made program. Maine Made is open to all qualified Maine producers free of charge. The legislation has a fiscal note of more than a quarter of a million dollars for fiscal years 2017-18, right straight through 2020 and 2021. Those funds are to be used for the creation of one Development Project Officer position as well as research, marketing, advertising, and other costs to promote the Maine Buy Local Month Program. The bottom line is that we already have efforts such as Small Business Saturday and Maine Craft Weekend, just to name a couple, that are underway across Maine year-round to promote Buy Local. I would encourage you to follow my light and vote no on the pending motion. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As a small business owner, I oppose the pending motion. I currently participate in the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry's "Get Real. Get Maine!" program. It is a year-round program. The logo is placed on all of my products so that it's something that people will see when they're purchasing my products at stores throughout the State of Maine. They know it's a Maine product. Maine Produces is another organization within the state that produces Maine produced products year-round. I also attend the New England Made Show in Portland every year and the aforementioned groups support and take our Maine products and put them on display at this particular wholesale event, so that the buyers know that they're buying Maine products to sell in their retail shops throughout the year. Having just one month, I don't think is appropriate. I think we should be promoting Maine businesses year-round and Maine products year-round rather than just one month out of the year. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, did you know that every dollar spent at an independent business returns three times more money to the local economy than a dollar spent at a chain? Did you know that a dollar spent at a local small business returns almost 50 times more to the local economy than buying from an online mega retailer? Money spent locally generates a lasting impact in the local economy. And, don't forget about the multiplier effect. That's the extra benefit when a dollar makes its way from a consumer's wallet,

to the cash register, to the businesses bank account, to taxes, to an employee's paycheck, to more taxes, to a local charity the business chooses to support, and so on and so on through the regional economy. And, it all comes full circle when the business purchases more goods and services from stores nearby when they source materials. Like a farmer in your community buying equipment and materials from a local hardware shop. Especially under this roof, I think we'd have trouble finding anyone who doesn't support our locally owned small businesses. But here's the challenge. Consumers are increasingly choosing online retailers and national chains over local shops. As consumers migrate to the out-of-state chains with rational consumer motivations like price, convenience, incentives, coupons, local businesses are struggling to achieve the sales they need to stay afloat and thrive. The impact of that economic shift can be felt on main streets throughout our state where vacant downtown storefronts serve as a perpetual reminder that consumer choices have consequences. Ask any bookstore owner trying to compete with a giant like Amazon. In fact, the idea for this bill came from a conversation I had with a bookstore owner in my district. He confided in me about the strain of losing business to Amazon as people chose the online retailer instead of the local store up the street who pays rent on his storefront. Who pays his taxes. Who hires members of our community. Who sponsors the local little league team. As consumers choose to buy online or as they buy from one of the mega retailers instead of a local business, Maine's economy loses. Maine small businesses lose. Mainers lose. And Maine loses out on an opportunity to drive our economic growth through consumer activity. So, instead of losing, I want us to win. Our independently owned local small businesses are facing unprecedented challenges. While there are many economic factors beyond our control, driving the consumer trend toward national retailers, as Legislators, I believe we have a duty to step up to the plate however we can to support Maine's small business community. In that spirit, I presented this bill. The bill establishes the month of November as Maine Buy Local Month. But far more importantly, it supports a public awareness marketing campaign to serve as a tangible reminder to consumers that a dollar spent locally stays local. To reverse the mass exodus of consumer dollars out of state, and to be clear it sounds like there might be some confusion about the bill. It's not simply to market for one month out of the year, it establishes that month to be the focal point of a marketing campaign, but it's actually intended to be a yearlong marketing campaign. Throughout the year, the state would promote the buy local message with the goal being this, when buy local month comes around in November, and consumers are planning or beginning their holiday shopping, they'll have this message front of mind as they decide where to shop. So, if I want to buy my nephew a video game for Christmas, maybe I'll go to the local video game store up the street to buy it instead of hopping online, because the owner of the video game store, is a member of the community, and donates to a local charity and supports local nonprofits. He's a member of our community. If I spend a dollar at one of these independent retailers, it will return more than 3 times as much money to the local economy than if I bought the video game from a chain. Fifty times more than if I bought the game online. I want to empower Maine consumers by educating and reminding them of the impact of their buying choices in an effort to foster greater support for the local business economy, business community.

While the committee heard testimony that the DEC awarded a small one-time grant several years ago, not only

has this funding dried up, but it was inadequate to execute an effective marketing campaign on behalf of all of Maine's small businesses. Now let's be clear, they did some great work with the grant, and ran some wonderful regional buy local events in Freeport, Brunswick, Camden, and a couple other coastal and southern Maine towns. But what about Calais? What about Sanford? What about Dexter or Dover-Foxcroft? What about Rumford? Shouldn't these communities benefit too? During the hearing when he was praised about the great work he did with the grant money from a few years ago, and he did do great work, the grant recipient said, "We would like to do more" even though that one time funding has long since expired. Well that's what this bill is. This bill is the opportunity to do more for all of our local small businesses, in every corner of the state. It's an opportunity to support the struggling downtown storefront in your community, Madam Speaker, by educating the public about the economic value of patronizing a local store and to routinely remind them of why that's important. Here's the bottom line. This bill is intended to provide an opportunity for the state to engage in a comprehensive statewide multichannel marketing campaign on behalf of independently owned local businesses that are the backbone of Maine's economy. And they need our support. If this Buy Local Month campaign, this year long Maine Buy Local Month campaign, can move the needle even just a little bit on the multimillion dollar exodus of consumer dollars to out-of-state retailers, the impact on our state's revenue will be huge. If we can help out our small businesses and keep millions of dollars in the state, then it's well worth our investment and worthy of this body's support. Men and Women of the House, I urge you to vote green in favor of the pending motion in support of your Main Street storefronts to market our local businesses to our local consumers and grow our local economy. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterboro, Representative Prescott.

Representative **PRESCOTT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if the people of Maine really cared about small businesses, they would not have jacked them up with a 3 percent income tax hike and a minimum wage hike —

The SPEAKER: The member will defer. The member's debate will be confined to the subject of the bill. The member will defer. The member will confine his statements to the scope of the bill before us.

Representative **PRESCOTT**: Promoting small...oh, I see where this is going. I think the point's made. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Harvell.

Representative **HARVELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Einstein said time is relative. Human beings have found ways to categorize time over the years, they had lunar calendars, and then solar calendars, and then there was a huge debate between the Julian calendar and the Gregorian calendar. But now, we find out what a government calendar would look like. We have made so many days and so many months that they certainly go beyond the 12 pages of the Gregorian calendar that we're all used to. If I thought for one minute that passing this piece of legislation would do anything more than make me feel good for a smidgen of a moment, I would dive my head into the green light but I suspect I don't believe that and I will be going red.

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

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and my Colleagues in the House. I am also a small business person. I rent golf carts to the tourists who come out to Peaks Island. But in an earlier incarnation, I led a group in Portland that had offices and businesses in the Old Port, where we used to go to the neighborhood association meetings for the city and the only neighborhood that didn't have an association was the Old Port. And so, when we asked why we were told well that's because there's more businesses than residence in the Old Port. And so, we started a group of businesses to start a business association that would be a neighborhood association for businesses to help small businesses. Now that effort, turned into the very popular and successful Buy Local program, in Portland, and now that I have a small business of my own, I can tell you that I advertise on, that I'm on Yelp, that I'm on TripAdvisor, AAA has recommended me. I talked to hotel concierges, I'm on my Ferry website, I talk to local residents all the time and if there was an avenue, if the state said we want a program that would allow that would say that renting a golf cart on an island helps you lose weight, I would put that sticker on my business as well. Because, as a small business person, any avenue, and I repeat, any avenue that allows you to put yourself in front of customers, that is an avenue that the state should be in the business of particularly when it builds community within our own communities. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from East Machias, Representative Tuell.

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Reluctantly, I'm going to be voting against the pending motion. Not because I don't believe in what is being tried to be done. Rather because I feel we have many crushing needs in rural Maine. Last week, we had a discussion about broadband, we're going to be having a discussion about education funding, trying to get a bipartisan biennial budget and I just, I don't, I think we have higher priorities in those realms. I think we have a need for public health nursing that people have put forward and I've been hearing about. We have many needs and I think we have some real high priority needs that we all know what they are and I would like to support this but given those needs, I don't feel as though I can.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise in response to something that was suggested. I would say that a \$250,000 marketing campaign to support locally owned small businesses in our communities is far from a feel-good measure. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis.

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to remind the folks here that \$250,000, a majority of that money is going to come from the small businesses here in the State of Maine. We're going to confiscate that money from them, we're going to hire some administration to run that program. I would favor the idea of letting them keep their own money and run their own campaigns without the added administrative costs. Thank you.

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

### ROLL CALL NO. 43

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrema, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Casas, Cebra, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Chace, Farnsworth, Grignon, Malaby, Turner.

Yes, 78; No, 67; Absent, 5; Excused, 1.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)** and sent for concurrence.

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

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### SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 522)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Modernize Data Collection and Reporting and Information Access for the Department of Labor"

(S.P. 525) (L.D. 1500)

Bill "An Act To Increase Success and Promote Growth among Maine Small Businesses"

(S.P. 526) (L.D. 1501)

Bill "An Act To Amend Criteria for Issuing a Certificate of Approval for Certain Projects under the Finance Authority of Maine Act" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 528) (L.D. 1503)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Transfer Responsibility for Licensing of Land-based Aquaculture from the Department of Marine Resources to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry"

(S.P. 527) (L.D. 1502)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Better Regulate Marijuana"

(S.P. 524) (L.D. 1499)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

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

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On motion of Representative CASÁS of Rockport, the House adjourned at 12:16 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 522) and in honor and lasting tribute to Leonard Lookner, of Camden; Robert G. Crockett, of Augusta; and Irene Dysart, of Bangor.