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

Prayer by Pastor Jonathan Jones, Lisbon Falls Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Messalonskee High School Mastersingers, Oakland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Samantha Deming-Berr, D.O., Hallowell. The Journal of Tuesday, April 25, 2017 was read and approved.

#### SENATE PAPERS Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention"

(H.P. 184) (L.D. 251) Majority (9) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-24) in the House on April 13, 2017.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (4) OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report of the Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The House voted to RECEDE AND CONCUR.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month" (H.P. 293) (L.D. 402)

Majority (7) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-31) in the House on April 20, 2017.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 140) STATE OF MAINE CLERK'S OFFICE 2 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

April 27, 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:" Insurance and Financial Services

L.D. 608	An Act Regulating Employee Benefit Excess
L.D. 1242	Insurance An Act To Prevent Abusive Debt Collection Tactics by Debt Buyers
Judiciary	, ,
L.D. 224	An Act Regarding Actions for Failure To Follow Condominium Association Requirements
L.D. 677	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Post- conviction Review in Order To Facilitate the Fair Hearing of All Evidence in Each Case Involving a Claim of Innocence
L.D. 1282	An Act To Provide a Definition for the Maine Condominium Act
Transportation	
L.D. 119	An Act Regarding the Display and Content of Political Signs
L.D. 1169	An Act To Exempt Temporary Categorical Signs from the Identification Label Requirement for 6 Weeks Prior to the June and November Elections
Sincerely,	
S/Robert B. Hun	t

Clerk of House

Clerk of House

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

#### The Following Communication: (S.C. 336) MAINE SENATE 128TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 25, 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

- Donna L. Talarico of North Yarmouth for reappointment to the Maine State Housing Authority
- Thomas A. Davis of Winslow for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority
- Laurence W. Gross of Portland for appointment to the Maine State Housing Authority.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

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

#### PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Establish Primary Energy Goals for the State"

(H.P. 1065) (L.D. 1547) Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HANLEY of Pittston, HARVELL of Farmington, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

Committee on **ENERGY**, **UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance to Veterans and Rental Assistance to Long-term Homeless Persons"

(H.P. 1059) (L.D. 1538)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, COLLINGS of Portland, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MADIGAN of Waterville.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Medical Marijuana Law" (H.P. 1060) (L.D. 1539)

Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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.

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

Bill "An Act To Protect Consumers' Freedom of Choice in Auto Collision Repairs"

(H.P. 1061) (L.D. 1540)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, LAWRENCE of South Berwick.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Certain Administrative Licensing Files"

(H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1541)

Sponsored by Representative GERRISH of Lebanon. Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties"

(H.P. 1063) (L.D. 1542)

Sponsored by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, HANDY of Lewiston, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Establish the Let's Grow Maine Program" (H.P. 1066) (L.D. 1548)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, JORGENSEN of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, SYLVESTER of Portland, TIPPING of Orono.

Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT suggested.

On motion of Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Tax on the Production of Electricity from Wind Resources"

(H.P. 1067) (L.D. 1549)

Sponsored by Representative STEARNS of Guilford. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: GRIGNON of Athens, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, STETKIS of Canaan, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Bill "An Act To Tax Sugar-sweetened Beverages To Fund Programs To Provide Resources for Veterans and Others"

(H.P. 1068) (L.D. 1550)

Sponsored by Representative HAMANN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, JORGENSEN of Portland, SYLVESTER of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, Senators: CHENETTE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Tax Laws"

(H.P. 1069) (L.D. 1551)

Sponsored by Representative BICKFORD of Auburn. Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Authorizing Claire Dean Perry and the Estate of William Dean To Bring Suit against the Surety Obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services in Its Capacity as Public Conservator

(H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1554)

Sponsored by Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

#### ORDERS

On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1064) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, DeCHANT of Bath, FULLER of Lewiston, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec)

#### JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to recognize the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, in the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, have fought tirelessly to realize the promise of the nation's founding and their achievements have enriched the country, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith, and Jewish Americans continue to teach us empathy and compassion, inspired by their parents and grandparents, who know how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, including in America; and

WHEREAS, our nation shares an obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists and we remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; 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, recognize May 2017 as Jewish American Heritage Month and take this opportunity to urge the citizens of the State to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

READ.

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

Representative TEPLER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A 360-year history. What I most want people to remember in recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month is that like all immigrants and all Americans, except for Native people, we have arrived in this country and become American. I would like to tell a brief story about my family because it is a little different than the immigration story you hear of most American Jews. On my mother's side of the family, our family's ancient name was Abendona. The Abendonas were from Portugal and possibly from Spain. During the Inquisition, they fled in the 1400s. They fled first to Holland and eventually to England. And they made their way to the City of Philadelphia in the 1770s at the time of the Revolution. They were founders of a synagogue there called Mikveh Israel, which was a Spanish synagogue, and my family is very proud of the heritage and the dating back of our family to the times of the Revolution. So, I would like you to join in celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month and to remember that all of us are immigrants and that our heritage is to be celebrated as an American Heritage. Thank you.

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

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 32)

ORDERED, that Representative Henry John Bear of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians be excused April 18 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Russell J. Black of Wilton be excused April 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Aaron M. Frey of Bangor be excused April 25 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused April 13 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Norman E. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft be excused April 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peter A. Lyford of Eddington be excused April 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard S. Malaby of Hancock be excused April 19 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Paul A. Stearns of Guilford be excused April 19 for health reasons.

READ and PASSED.

#### SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

#### **Recognizing:**

Harry M. "Sonny" Beal, Jr., of Columbia, who is retiring after 32 years of service as a corrections officer at the Downeast Correctional Facility. We extend to Mr. Beal our appreciation for his long service and our congratulations on his retirement;

(HLS 288)

Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington, Representative TUELL of East Machias.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ALLEY of Beals, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Beals, Representative Alley.

Representative **ALLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd be remiss if I didn't tell about Sonny Beal. He's been a big part of the Downeast Correctional Facility and is a lot more that we can say about him. He has helped make it what it is down there. Anybody that puts 32 years of their life on the line, I think they deserve credit for being there and doing what they've done. And I certainly want to thank you for what he's done and thank all the other people that are involved with it. Thank you.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also rise, as with the Representative from Beals, and recognize Mr. Beal today for his efforts at the Downeast Correctional Facility. And over the past 32 years, he has seen a lot of changes at that facility and, for lack of a better term, grown up with the facility. Every year or two, the facility appears to be on the chopping block and while I realize that's an issue for another day, it certainly puts those who work at that facility under incredible stress, strain and pressure. And, I just want to say thank you to Mr. Beal and the entire crew at the Downeast Correctional Facility for standing strong and withstanding all of the pressure and the onslaught people here in Augusta think they need to push down on them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

#### Recognizing:

Barry Goulette, of Guilford, who has closed his family's store, Goulette's IGA, and retired. The Goulette name has been associated with store ownership in the area since 1897, when the family moved to Sangerville from St-Joseph-de-Beauce, Quebec, Canada and opened a candy store. Since 1953, the Goulette family's store in Guilford has been a community landmark. We extend to Mr. Goulette our congratulations on his retirement and to him and his family our appreciation for their many years of service to their community; (HLS 289)

Presented by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative STEARNS of Guilford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar. **READ**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Guilford, Representative Stearns.

Representative STEARNS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Goulette's IGA has been a landmark in Guilford for many years. March 13, 2017 was their final day of business in the same location since 1960 and the store was reopened as Whitney's Family Supermarket. The Goulette name has been synonymous with store ownership in the area since 1897, when the family moved to Sangerville from St.-Joseph-de-Beauce, Quebec, Canada and opened a candy store. Eventually, that store expanded and became Goulette's Market at Water Street in Dexter for 43 years. In 1953. Gene Goulette opened a grocery store in Guilford. Fire and growing clientele caused the business to move twice in the early years before constructing Goulette's Foodliner, in 1960, which is the present location. In 1977, Gene sold the store to his older brother, Gerald, and the store retained the family name. After renovating from extensive damage caused by the flood of '87, Gerald operated the store until his retirement in '91, at which time he sold it to his sons, Barry and Allen. In 1999, Allen sold his share to Barry who continued to run the store until March 13<sup>th</sup>, marking the end of an era. Folks in the Guilford area have been fortunate to have such a dedicated community partner for so many years and thank the Goulette family for their many years of serving their community and congratulate Barry on his retirement.

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

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 Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 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 the Messalonskee High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team, of Oakland

(HLS 144)

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**: Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to speak on my great students from Oakland. 22-0, what a record. I just want to say these girls have worked hard. I have some bad news for the rest of you folks though. There's only three seniors, so we'll probably see them back again next year. Thank you to the girls. Awesome job.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belgrade, Representative Hilliard.

Representative **HILLIARD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm proud to have this team here today. I'd like to congratulate them on winning the Class A Girls State Championship under the direction of Keith Derosby. The coach did a great job and they are a great representative of their community. Thank you.

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

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to welcome the girls' team and say congratulations ladies and keep it going. Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Messalonskee High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, of Oakland

(HLS 145)

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 once again, Madam Speaker, for letting me rise to say congratulations to the Boys and Girls of Messalonskee High School. They went in fifth into the tournament, no one gave them much or half of a chance to make it to the top and they did it. I'm proud of them, thank you so much. I feel like I'm bragging every time I stand up here because all of my great kids. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Belgrade, Representative Hilliard.

Representative **HILLIARD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I want to say congratulations to the Boys Class A North Basketball Team under the direction of Coach McLaughlin. Another great job and a great tribute to the community. Thank you very much.

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

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to congratulate the Boys Team as well. They really did quite well. Thank you, guys.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Carmel, Representative Reed.

Representative **REED**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanted to stand this morning and offer my congratulations to the Messalonskee Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and their coaching staffs on their great seasons. What they've accomplished is not easy, and it is a direct result of tremendous dedication and work. Every team starts out with the hope of winning a championship, but only a few are fortunate to see it come to fruition. When it does happen, knowing how hard it is, I just wanted to say congratulations to all the players and coaches that made it possible for their community and high schools. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Change of Committee

Representative HYMANSON from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act for Providers across Multiple Sectors To Inquire of Clients and Customers about Former Military Service"

(H.P. 204) (L.D. 271) Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative MOONEN from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Resolve, To Require the State's Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Agreement To Include the Use of Maine-generated Nonfossil Fuel Sources

(H.P. 704) (L.D. 1003) Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

Sent for concurrence.

Representative FECTEAU from the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Provide Alternative Repayment Methods to Employees Overcompensated through an Employer Error"

(H.P. 935) (L.D. 1345) Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

Sent for concurrence.

## Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-33) on Bill "An Act To Carry Out the Will of the People of the State of Maine by Ensuring the Issuance of Bonds To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 278) (L.D. 832)

Signed: Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland KATZ of Kennebec

**Representatives:** 

GATTINE of Westbrook FREY of Bangor HUBBELL of Bar Harbor JORGENSEN of Portland MARTIN of Eagle Lake TEPLER of Topsham

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

Signed:

Senator:

HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives: SEAVEY of Kennebunkport SIROCKI of Scarborough TIMBERLAKE of Turner WINSOR of Norway

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-33). READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Sex Offender Registry" (S.P. 57) (L.D. 138)

Signed: Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock CYRWAY of Kennebec DIAMOND of Cumberland

**Representatives:** 

COREY of Windham GERRISH of Lebanon GROHMAN of Biddeford HERRICK of Paris LONGSTAFF of Waterville MAREAN of Hollis NADEAU of Winslow RECKITT of South Portland

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

Signed:

Representative:

WARREN of Hallowell

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-37).

READ.

On motion of Representative WARREN of Hallowell, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)** 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" (S-37)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-30) on Bill "An Act To Require Permits for Wildlife in Captivity and Notification of the Escape of Exotic Wildlife in Captivity" (S.P. 91) (L.D. 305)

Signed: Senators:

> CYRWAY of Kennebec CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson ALLEY of Beals LYFORD of Eddington REED of Carmel STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HARLOW of Portland MASON of Lisbon THERIAULT of China WOOD of Greene

Came from the Senate with the Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

READ.

On motion of Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Increase Consumer Protection for Time-share Owners"

(S.P. 114) (L.D. 348)

Signed: Senators:

> KEIM of Oxford HILL of York WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland BABBIDGE of Kennebunk BRADSTREET of Vassalboro CARDONE of Bangor GUERIN of Glenburn JOHANSEN of Monticello McCREIGHT of Harpswell RECKITT of South Portland SHERMAN of Hodgdon

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

Signed:

Representative: BAILEY of Saco

Came from the Senate with the Majority OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report READ and ACCEPTED. READ.

On motion of Representative MOONEN of Portland, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration"

(S.P. 273) (L.D. 827)

Signed: Senators:

> COLLINS of York MIRAMANT of Knox ROSEN of Hancock

**Representatives:** 

McLEAN of Gorham AUSTIN of Skowhegan BRYANT of Windham CEBRA of Naples GRANT of Gardiner PARRY of Arundel PERKINS of Oakland SCHNECK of Bangor SHEATS of Auburn

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

Signed:

Representative:

GILLWAY of Searsport

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 McLEAN of Gorham, 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 **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 366) (L.D. 522)

Signed: Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford BREEN of Cumberland

KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook FREY of Bangor HUBBELL of Bar Harbor JORGENSEN of Portland MARTIN of Eagle Lake SEAVEY of Kennebunkport TEPLER of Topsham WINSOR of Norway

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

SIROCKI of Scarborough TIMBERLAKE of Turner

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)** on Bill "An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State"

(H.P. 417) (L.D. 601)

Signed: Senator:

MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD of Bangor DAUGHTRY of Brunswick FARNSWORTH of Portland FULLER of Lewiston McCREA of Fort Fairfield PIERCE of Falmouth

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

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock MAKER of Washington

Representatives:

GINZLER of Bridgton SAMPSON of Alfred STEWART of Presque Isle TURNER of Burlington

#### READ.

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

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **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: 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. 51

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, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Hanington, Harlow, Harrington, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Lawrence. Lonastaff. Luchini. Madigan C. Kumiega. Madigan J, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Neil, Parker, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Sherman, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns,

Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Ward, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Guerin, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 92; No, 52; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

92 having voted in the affirmative and 52 voted in the negative, with 6 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-73) 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-73)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Simplify the In-service Days Requirement in Education" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 691) (L.D. 978)

Signed: Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

DAUGHTRY of Brunswick FARNSWORTH of Portland FULLER of Lewiston GINZLER of Bridgton McCREA of Fort Fairfield PIERCE of Falmouth SAMPSON of Alfred STEWART of Presque Isle TURNER of Burlington

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting  $\mbox{Ought to}$   $\mbox{Pass}$  on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MAKER of Washington

## READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Parentage Act"

(H.P. 105) (L.D. 147)

Signed:

Senators:

KEIM of Oxford HILL of York WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland BABBIDGE of Kennebunk BAILEY of Saco BRADSTREET of Vassalboro CARDONE of Bangor GUERIN of Glenburn McCREIGHT of Harpswell RECKITT of South Portland SHERMAN of Hodgdon

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

Signed:

Representative:

JOHANSEN of Monticello

#### READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Prescriptive Property Rights Claims of Property Owned by Nonprofit Organizations"

(H.P. 426) (L.D. 610)

Signed: Senators:

> KEIM of Oxford HILL of York WHITTEMORE of Somerset

Representatives:

MOONEN of Portland BABBIDGE of Kennebunk BAILEY of Saco CARDONE of Bangor GUERIN of Glenburn McCREIGHT of Harpswell RECKITT of South Portland SHERMAN of Hodgdon

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro JOHANSEN of Monticello

## READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) on Bill "An Act To Protect Earned Pay"

Signed:

(H.P. 405) (L.D. 563)

(H.P. 159) (L.D. 203)

Senator:

BELLOWS of Kennebec

**Representatives:** 

FECTEAU of Biddeford **BATES of Westbrook** DUNPHY of Old Town HANDY of Lewiston MASTRACCIO of Sanford SYLVESTER of Portland

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

Signed:

Senators:

VOLK of Cumberland LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Grav 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.

Majority Report of the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) on Bill "An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone"

Signed: Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis DESCHAMBAULT of York KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair **BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland BRYANT** of Windham HARRINGTON of Sanford HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach MADIGAN of Rumford SPEAR of South Thomaston

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to** Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-77) on same Bill.

Signed: Representatives:

**GRIGNON** of Athens **ORDWAY of Standish** 

#### PICKETT of Dixfield

## READ.

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

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester 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 Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This bill comes out of committee with two amendments, Amendment "A" and Amendment "B." Amendment "A" is the one we're looking at right now, I rise in opposing to that pending motion. The two bills pretty much mirror each other except there is a referendum involved in Amendment "A." I would ask that you would follow my light and vote against the pending motion and vote and bring the Minority motion up for vote so that we will not have to go through the expense of a referendum. It would automatically go into the time zone if Massachusetts and New Hampshire go ahead and do it, we'd already be in a position to go right into it at that time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative MARTIN: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would urge you to support the pending motion as the good Representative, the previous speaker just mentioned. Our amendment, Amendment "A," requires a referendum by the voters of Maine and that's the right thing to do. As I expressed a little earlier to some of you, there was considerable opposition to this piece of legislation and the only way that the majority of the committee members could move forward was if, in fact, it went to the voters of Maine for ultimate passage. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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. 52**

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

NAY - Austin S, Bailey, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Casas, Cebra, Chace, Chapman, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Fuller, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Grohman, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hymanson, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, 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 - Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 72; No, 72; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 72 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

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

Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **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: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL NO. 53

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin S, Bailey, Battle, Berry, Bickford, Bradstreet, Campbell, Casas, Cebra, Chace, Chapman, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, Denno, Devin, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Fay, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hymanson, Johansen, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kumiega, Lockman, Malaby, Marean, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Sylvester, Theriault, Tipping, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Wood, Zeigler.

NAY - Austin B, Babbidge, Bates, Beebe-Center, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Collings, Cooper, DeChant, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Hamann, Handy, Harrington, Herbig, Hogan, Hubbell, Kornfield, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Neil, Parker, Pierce T, Pouliot, Sanborn, Schneck, Spear, Stanley, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tucker, Warren, White, Winsor, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 85; No, 59; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "B"** (H-77) 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 "B" (H-77) and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, Authorizing the Mount Hunger Area of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process

(H.P. 434) (L.D. 618)

Signed: Senators:

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DAVIS of Piscataquis DESCHAMBAULT of York KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair BRYANT of Windham GRIGNON of Athens HARRINGTON of Sanford HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach MADIGAN of Rumford ORDWAY of Standish PICKETT of Dixfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland SPEAR of South Thomaston

#### READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, Authorizing the Area of the West Side of Little Sebago Lake of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process

(H.P. 435) (L.D. 619)

Signed: Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis DESCHAMBAULT of York KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair BRYANT of Windham GRIGNON of Athens HARRINGTON of Sanford HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach MADIGAN of Rumford ORDWAY of Standish PICKETT of Dixfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland SPEAR of South Thomaston

#### READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Establish Indigenous People's Day"

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 914)

Signed: Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis DESCHAMBAULT of York KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair GRIGNON of Athens HARRINGTON of Sanford HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach MADIGAN of Rumford PICKETT of Dixfield

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland BRYANT of Windham ORDWAY of Standish SPEAR of South Thomaston

#### READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee" (H.P. 685) (L.D. 972)

Signed:

Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland BRYANT of Windham HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach MADIGAN of Rumford SPEAR of South Thomaston

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)** on same Bill.

Signed: Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

**Representatives:** 

GRIGNON of Athens HARRINGTON of Sanford ORDWAY of Standish PICKETT of Dixfield

## READ.

Representative MARTIN of Sinclair moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay Harbor, Representative Hawke.

Representative **HAWKE**: I rise in opposition to the pending motion and wish to speak on my motion.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **HAWKE**: I object to the Ought Not to Pass on this. This has been a really hot issue in Lincoln County and it's been filled for the papers and the people want this to pass. The selectmen, the townspeople, their taxes are going skyrocketing and they want some control on it. They don't have control on the schools, so they would like to have control on the commissioners. So, if we can move this along, it's not a state thing, it's just Lincoln County. Thank you.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Dresden, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise also in opposition to this motion. This bill would give more local control to the communities in Lincoln County. Currently, right now, there's an advisory panel. Most of them don't show up, so they very rarely have a quorum. Our county commissioners are able to do what they need to do without a quorum. A lot of our select people or our town members would like to be able to weigh in and have it actually be an advisory panel, not an advisory committee. That way it would mandate that there is a quorum present to pass any budgetary item. Thank you.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the pending motion with a caveat. I believe if we're going to do this, we should do it for every county in the state and not just one or two, and do this piecemeal. I think it should be a universal right, quote unquote. I'm not for or against it, but if we're going to do it, it should be a statewide thing.

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

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This legislation that was presented to us, simply put, with the amendment that came with it, gives the opportunity for the local municipalities, through their Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee members to have an active role, not just a passive role in the process of creating the Lincoln County Annual Budget. I think we heard a lot of testimony on both sides. I just think this amendment that was in the proposed bill that we ended up with in a proposed bill is the right thing to do and I would ask you to follow my light.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

#### ROLL CALL NO. 54

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

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, 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, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 78; No, 66; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Granting of a Variance from the Dimensional Standards of a Zoning Ordinance" (H.P. 760) (L.D. 1082)

Signed: Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis DESCHAMBAULT of York KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland BRYANT of Windham HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach MADIGAN of Rumford SPEAR of South Thomaston

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting  $\ensuremath{\textbf{Ought to}}$   $\ensuremath{\textbf{Pass}}$  on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens HARRINGTON of Sanford ORDWAY of Standish PICKETT of Dixfield

## READ.

Signed:

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

Majority Report of the Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought Not to Pass on Bill "An Act Regarding Terminology in Campaign Finance Law"

(H.P. 285) (L.D. 394)

Senator:

#### CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth CASÁS of Rockport HICKMAN of Winthrop LONGSTAFF of Waterville MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth SCHNECK of Bangor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)** on same Bill.

Signed: Senators:

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MASON of Androscoggin COLLINS of York

Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford FARRIN of Norridgewock HANINGTON of Lincoln WHITE of Washburn

#### READ.

Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Warren, Representative Sutton.

Representative **SUTTON**: Yes. I rise in opposition to the pending motion and wish to speak. Good public policy is neutral in tone and without bias or prejudice. One current Maine law, the Maine Clean Elections Program, does not project a neutral tone. The name, Maine Clean Elections, implies that those not choosing to participate in the program are somehow not clean or dirty. As a traditionally funded candidate, I've experienced confusion and obvious disdain from people who didn't understand what the term "Clean Elections" really meant. Once the funding source was explained, I heard many times, "Why don't they have a better name?" My bill is very simple. It addresses the stigma and bias of the current law by changing the name of the program to the Maine Taxpayer-funded Campaign Act. Since it is the taxpayers who foot the bill so politicians can run for office, it seems only fitting that the law is accurately named. We must never forget it's the hardworking taxpayers who provide every dime the government spends. These taxpayers generally cannot take time off from work to testify in Augusta, have no paid lobbyists, and are sorely underrepresented. So, it's only proper that we remind ourselves at every opportunity where the source of funding truly emanates from. It is from the taxpayers. The proposed name, the Maine Taxpayer-funded Elections Program, more closely reflects what the program is all about. Changing names of programs is not without precedent. In the year 2000, Big Squaw Mountain, here in Maine, was forced to change its name in accordance with State law that required the renaming of all geographic features and locations in Maine called Squaw. There are also many instances nationwide where school mascots and sports teams have been renamed to avoid offending individuals and to

evolve with changing political climate and public opinion. I hope you will support this simple and commonsense measure to change the name to the Taxpayer-funded in the interest of better public policy and more transparency, and vote for the Minority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL NO. 55

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, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega. Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Neil, Parker, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, 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, Tipping, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 79; No, 65; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR First Day

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

(S.P. 172) (L.D. 511) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Domestic Violence and Setting Preconviction Bail" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass** 

(S.P. 332) (L.D. 1025) Bill "An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a Driver's License for a Minor" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass** 

(H.P. 104) (L.D. 146) Bill "An Act To Protect the Confidentiality of Local Government Employees' Private Information" Committee on JUDICIARY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)

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

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

Representative CASÁS of Rockport moved that the House **RECONSIDER** its action whereby the House voted to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report on Bill "An Act To Establish Indigenous People's Day"

(H.P. 642) (L.D. 914) The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECONSIDER** whereby the House voted to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a Point of Order. My understanding is that the Item 6-1 went under the hammer, and for the motion to reconsider is a motion to essentially back that up. And there's a pending vote if you wish to oppose the motion to Reconsider, you'd vote red, is that correct?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would answer in the affirmative. Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be voting red.

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

Representative **DEVIN**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I appreciate the good Representative from Newport asking a question. I'm still confused. Could you explain what we are voting on? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: If you are in favor of Reconsideration of this item, vote green. If you are not in favor of Reconsideration of this item, you vote red. The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I just want to rise to explain the reason that we're Reconsidering. This is my bill and I wanted to have the opportunity to say a few words. I looked away for a quick moment and the bill went under the hammer, so I'd just like to say a few words on behalf of Maine's indigenous people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. As you well know, I made the motion to Ought Not to Pass, but I would certainly support the pending motion which is Reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Reconsideration whereby the House voted to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL NO. 56

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Neil, Parker, 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, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, 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 - Haggan, Harvell, Herbig, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 77; No, 65; Absent, 8; Excused, 1.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

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

Representative HAMANN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to speak to my motion. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in support of this bill and in opposition to the pending motion. This is a bill that reimagines Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate the heritage of our indigenous people. Today, there are many thousands of Native Americans living in Maine. They are descendants of the people who called Maine soil home long before Europeans came to these shores. This was their hunting land, these were their fishing waters, yet we all know the sad chapter and the prologue of the story of America's founding when everything changed after European contact. However, today I want to focus not on past atrocities well-documented by historians, but rather in the reasons why we should celebrate Maine's indigenous people, their culture and traditions, and languages, the beautiful century's old heritage that persists to this day. By voting red on the pending motion, we will establish the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day in Maine. This day will provide an opportunity to honor our indigenous people and reflect upon what their contribution means to our state's This bill displaces Columbus Day. Christopher history. Columbus is an historical figure we learned about from grade school; 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue. He discovered America, but did he? Surrounding this holiday and the legend of its namesake, we're raised on the myth that simplify and sometimes distort the history of European origins in North America. Christopher Columbus's legacy as an explorer is irrefutable. But at the end of the day, we truly celebrate him for the folklore and whitewashed history that his legend is built upon. Yet, every year on the second Monday in October, we memorialize this myth...

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: I guess I would just inquire as to the Chair. Representations are being made by the good speaker in regards to, I guess there's some questions of fact, as regards to what he, in fact, is asserting. And so if, I think, if he wants to talk about the bill and the need to recognize a certain day, I think that's fine, but to go back and try to retrace the history of Christopher Columbus and what's fact and what's not is, I think, a little bit beyond the scope of the bill. The SPEAKER: The Chair's understanding regarding the bill is that it is a renaming of a holiday named after Christopher Columbus. To rename it as a holiday recognizing indigenous people, as such, the Chair would rule that the member's comments are in order at this time. The member may proceed.

Representative HAMANN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Although this history is very well-documented by historians, I'm not interested in rehashing the history of Christopher Columbus and all of the controversies surrounding that and like I said. I'm here to talk about the value of indigenous people in the State of Maine. Christopher Columbus's legacy as an explorer is irrefutable but at the end of the day, we truly celebrate him for the folklore and whitewashed history that his legend is built upon. Yet every year on the second Monday in October, we memorialize this myth and these stories with a state holiday. Meanwhile, our indigenous people who called our ancestors immigrants have no holiday, even though their roots in Maine run deeper than ours. So, let's take this day, one day per year, to honor our indigenous people, their culture, their sacrifice, and their contribution to the American story. Their ancestors hunted in Northern Maine long before it was known as the North Maine Woods. They fished the Allagash, they harvested crops from this soil, they raised children, buried loved ones, created art, built community. They called this earth their home. It was their home. And it's still home for thousands and thousands of Mainers who are their descendants. We all come from immigrants, except for Maine's indigenous people. They deserve this one day per year to be a day where we can all reflect on their struggle, their resiliency, their culture and customs. Their history is worth memorializing. Let's honor the people whose heritage is woven into our national fabric. like the thread that fastens the stars and stripes to our flag. Please join me in voting red on the pending motion. Let's honor Maine's indigenous people by recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will note there are six people in queue. The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Madam Speaker. The good news is I don't have written remarks, so I'll be brief. I just want to say that, to me, this bill, which has been surrounded around the periphery with controversy in one school after another as we change mascots here and there, to me, represents a message to the indigenous people in this state, from those of us who are not those people, that we value their contributions to this state. We understand the history here and we appreciate their presence, and we hope to continue to honor that presence in any and every way that we can. This is a bill that costs us nothing and would, in my mind, give us a way to make that message clear to the indigenous people who live here in the state. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **DEVIN**: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, this chamber is short three Representatives: The good Representative from Penobscot, the good Representative from Indian Township, who represents the Passamaquoddys, and the good Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseets. We need to vote this particular bill, this particular motion down, and embrace our cultural diversity. This body is severely lacking without those three... The SPEAKER: The member will defer. The Chair will warn the member to be careful about implying any ill intentions for other members. The member may proceed.

The Chair reminded Representative DEVIN of Newcastle that it was inappropriate to imply ill intentions of other members of the House.

Representative **DEVIN**: Madam Speaker, your point is well taken, and I will just say I request a roll call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** 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 Farmington, Representative Harvell.

Representative **HARVELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We stand five, six hundred years from Columbus and I always find it that when we impugn what went before us, that we, in a way, sit in the cheap seats. If only we could have gone back in history and whitewashed them and made them have our understanding that somehow history would have been better. And, I just don't think it would be and I don't think you have to impugn Columbus to recognize the Native Americans' influence on this state. Let me just take a guess for a moment: Katahdin, Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Mooselookmeguntic, every county and every lake and river around this state are named in their honor. And I just don't think we have to insult someone with our values from five hundred years ago in order to purify this for today.

The SPÉAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Thomaston, Representative Spear.

Representative **SPEAR**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in opposition to the motion. We can't change history but we can change how it is recorded, how it is taught, and how it is celebrated. It is argued that Columbus and other European explorers must be viewed through the lens of their day. That may be true but that doesn't excuse us. We must view them through the lens of today.

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

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I apologize for rising a second time. I believe the Representative meant to say he was in favor of the pending motion. Sorry, opposition.

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

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I urge the body to vote in opposition and vote red.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL NO. 57

YEA - Austin S, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Duchesne, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grant, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Luchini, Madigan J, Marean, Martin R, Mason, McCrea, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Madigan C, Martin J, Mastraccio, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Neil, Parker, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Haggan, Hawke, Kinney M, Lyford, Malaby, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 75; No, 67; Absent, 8; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

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

#### ENACTORS Acts

An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services

(H.P. 21) (L.D. 20)

(C. "A" H-39)

An Act To Reduce Waste by Promoting the Use of Reusable Bags and Recyclable Food Service Containers

(H.P. 44) (L.D. 57)

(C. "A" H-18)

An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid (H.P. 373) (L.D. 529)

(C. "A" H-45)

An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws (H.P. 394) (L.D. 552)

An Act To Update the Licensure Renewal Provision of the Board of Licensure in Medicine

(S.P. 208) (L.D. 593)

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.

An Act To Prohibit Insurance Carriers from Charging Enrollees for Prescription Drugs in Amounts That Exceed the Drugs' Costs

(S.P. 10) (L.D. 6)

(S. "A" S-40 to C. "A" S-22) Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative LAWRENCE of South Berwick, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL NO. 58

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

NAY - NONE.

ABSENT - Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 144; No, 0; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

144 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **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 Tuesday, April 25, 2017, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (7) **Ought to Pass** as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-43) -Minority (6) **Ought Not to Pass** - Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Improve Insurance Coverage for First Responders Answering a Call to Duty"

(H.P. 54) (L.D. 67) TABLED - April 19, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

## PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

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

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

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

The same Representative **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 Newcastle, Representative Devin.

Representative **DEVIN**: Madam Speaker, thank you very much. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, as the sponsor of this bill, I understand that there's a lot of research that needs to be done, and I have worked with the good Representative from China. We have done what we can at this stage. He and I are committed to continuing to work on this and I will not speak for the good Representative from China, but I am asking that you vote against this motion and that this bill goes away so that the good Representative from China and I can bring back a stronger bill next session. Thank you very much.

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. 59

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Bailey, Bates, Berry, Brooks, Bryant, Chapman, Collings, Dunphy, Fay, Fecteau, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Hamann, Handy, Harrington, Herbig, Hubbell, Hymanson, Kumiega, Lawrence, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Parker, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sheats, Spear, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Babbidge, Battle, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Cebra, Chace, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Dillingham, Duchesne, Espling, Farnsworth, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Frey, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harvell, Hawke, Herrick, Hickman, Hilliard, Hogan, Head. Johansen. Jorgensen, Kinney J. Kornfield, Lockman, Longstaff, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McCrea, McElwee, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Sampson, Sanborn, Sanderson, Schneck, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Haggan, Higgins, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 50; No, 93; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

50 having voted in the affirmative and 93 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

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

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

(S.P. 520) (L.D. 1491) - In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.

TABLED - April 20, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

PENDING - REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**, in concurrence.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Report "A" (6) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-49) -Report "B" (6) Ought Not to Pass - Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT on Bill "An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine"

(H.P. 350) (L.D. 487)

TABLED - April 20, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.

Subsequently, Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Schneck.

Representative SCHNECK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in support of the pending motion. Non-compete contracts are agreements between workers and employers that restrict worker's ability to take new employment. Many employers require their employees to sign non-competes. Details of these contracts vary but share a common purpose: restricting the ability of the worker to compete with a current employer for some specified period of time, often in a specified geographic area. This prohibits the worker from taking employment at a rival firm where "rival" may be interpreted quite broadly to include all firms within a given industry. Many people, including members of this body, might be unaware of the existence and impact of these restrictive contracts because low wage and entry-level workers, often straddled with large amounts of student debt, lack the financial resources to advocate for their own rights. In today's job market, noncompete clauses have become all too common in the fine print employees are asked to sign. Potential workers may have accepted a position, resigning from their previous place of employment, unaware that they are required to sign a noncompete until they actually arrive for the first day of work. Furthermore, many workers sign a non-compete without fully understanding the implications. This is supported by a recent U.S. Treasury report, which estimated that 37 percent of these workers are in this position. Compared to other workers, lowwage and entry-level employees are the least likely to have access to employer's proprietary information. They often have minimal or no leverage in negotiating employment terms and do not receive any financial consideration to compensate for the reduction of future employment opportunities elsewhere. Furthermore, it's also crucial to understand that misappropriation of trade secrets is already protected under state and federal law without non-compete agreements. This bill would curb rampant misuse of non-compete agreements, which depress wages, limit economic mobility, and contribute to the plight of much needed young workers in the State of

Maine. This bill exempts low-wage and entry-level workers below 300 percent of the federal poverty level from noncompete agreements. That's about \$31,000 this year. For all other workers except physicians, employers must disclose that a non-complete agreement will be required in the job advertisement. Potential employees, who are asked to sign a non-compete, must be provided with a copy of the agreement at least three business days prior, in order to obtain legal review and have the opportunity to renegotiate terms before being required to sign the contract. In conclusion, hardworking Mainers are going to work each day trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. Forcing them to sign noncompete agreements makes it harder for affected workers to continue down their career path and stay employed. These agreements stifle fair competition and harm workers. We should take the opportunity to end this practice and protect our workers. I urge you to follow my light in support of this bill to advocate for Maine workers and their families and particularly young workers who are so vital to Maine's future economic growth. Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I request a roll call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

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 Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As most of you know, I'm an attorney and non-compete clauses are actually fairly common in negotiations in whether it be employment or buying a business or whatnot. I guess I understand the concept of what the bill purports to do, but I certainly don't think the State of Maine needs to inject itself in the relationship between employer/employee in regards to this and/or in particularly in regards to the buying or selling of businesses. I think it would only add confusion to the process and I'm going to ask that you vote against the pending motion, and Madam Speaker, I ask that the Clerk 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 Hudson, Representative Duchesne.

Representative DUCHESNE: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I'm proud to say that my radio broadcasting industry was abusing non-competes long before anyone else caught on. In fact, it was so bad that in 1999 the Legislature stepped in and passed a law to make them stop it. You can look it up. It's Title 26, Section 599. I'll wait, go ahead. Seriously. Specifically spelled out that the abuse was so bad that it was being prevented in statute. That actually saved my bacon and my entire announcing staff. We had just been purchased by a large out-of-state corporation based out of Atlanta and I was instructed to sign my entire staff to a noncompete clause with no compensation whatsoever. And we all knew what that was about. It was to depress our wages, to underpay us, and to keep us from going across town with the competition. Thanks to that law, I was able to say (raspberry) and I'm looking forward to reading the record of today's debate to see how they spell (raspberry). But, seriously, I am disappointed to see this abuse is now being forced on lowincome Mainers, and I ask this body to do what it did back in 1999 and say stop it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think I may have pressed my button in error but I'm going to speak anyway.

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: This is a really good bill and it's a good bill for two reasons. One is non-competes certainly have their place with professional employees. Professional employees that have trade secrets, professional employees who are involved in developing strategy. You know, perhaps in those venues that's important. In venues where sandwich makers, where folks who are like my employees who are renting golf carts are being asked to sign a non-compete, in most part because corporate policy just decides that if one person should sign it everybody should sign...

The SPEAKER: The member will defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dixfield, Representative Pickett, and inquires as to his Point of Order.

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the Speaker please ask the good Representative to address the Speaker and not this side of the aisle? Thank you.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative PICKETT of Dixfield asked the Chair to remind Representative SYLVESTER of Portland to address the Speaker and not turn to the rest of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind all members in this body, when speaking to please address all remarks towards the rostrum. The member may proceed.

The Chair reminded all Representatives to address their comments toward the Speaker.

Representative SYLVESTER: I appreciate my colleague's point and I suppose it's the years of standup comedy that I naturally am addressing the crowd. I'll just go on to say that, you know, for low-wage workers, the Department of Labor testified that, you know, if you brought a case to court, you would win cases where low-wage workers who do not have proprietary material are, you know, asked to sign noncompetes. But the question is here: For these low-wage workers, do they have the resources to bring their case to court and win, or should we, you know, put into law, you know, that for these types of workers making them go to court and have the law only address those who are able to have the funds to have the law address them? Is that where we want to go or do we want to protect the workers? I appreciate everyone's due consideration and I would ask that you support this Ought to Pass motion.

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

Representative **COOPER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Non-compete clauses and contracts may be common but they are not fair, particularly when we are talking about low-level employees who really do not possess the kind of information from their time during their employment that would pose a risk of any sort to the employer who imposes that restriction. What is really at stake here is that these provisions are what they call in the law, contracts of adhesion. In other words, you really are stuck with them. Because the employer has all the power and the employee has none except the right to go to court, which, in reality, is impossible given the expense of such a proceeding. So, all we're trying to do in this bill is to make the playing field more level. Thank you.

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

## **ROLL CALL NO. 60**

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, O'Neil, Parker, 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, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, 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 - Grohman, Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 76; No, 67; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A"** (H-49) 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-49)** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Better Regulate Marijuana"

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

- In Senate, **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**.

TABLED - April 20, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - REFERENCE IN CONCURRENCE.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Joint Select Committee on **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1534) (Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL** 

**RESOURCES** suggested) TABLED - April 25, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

Subsequently, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport moved that the Bill be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.**  The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Madam Speaker, I believe in the past that this particular type of bill typically would go to Ag and so I'm going to request a roll call and I'll be voting against this motion.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **REFER** the Bill to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Refer the Bill to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

## ROLL CALL NO. 61

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

NAY - Austin S, Battle, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, 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 - Grohman, Haggan, Kinney M, Lyford, Nadeau, Perry, Turner.

Yes, 75; No, 68; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE Change of Committee

Representative HYMANSON from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Increase the Permissible Size of Bed and Breakfasts

(H.P. 526) (L.D. 746) Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Sent for concurrence.

## SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 545) ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn they do so until Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 10:00 in the morning.

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

Bill "An Act To Authorize Multiple General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities"

(S.P. 543) (L.D. 1552)

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

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Language Defining Schedule W Drugs and To Add Drugs to the List of Schedule W Drugs"

(S.P. 541) (L.D. 1546) 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.

Bill "An Act Regarding Disclosure of Health Care Information of a Deceased Person"

(S.P. 540) (L.D. 1545) Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

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

Bill "An Act To Update the Maine Insurance Code To Maintain Conformance with Uniform National Standards"

(S.P. 539) (L.D. 1544)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of Public Employees To Determine Their Collective Bargaining Agent"

(S.P. 544) (L.D. 1553) 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. Bill "An Act To Simplify the Licensing Process for Off-site Catering"

(S.P. 538) (L.D. 1543) Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative TUELL of East Machias, the House adjourned at 12:17 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 545).