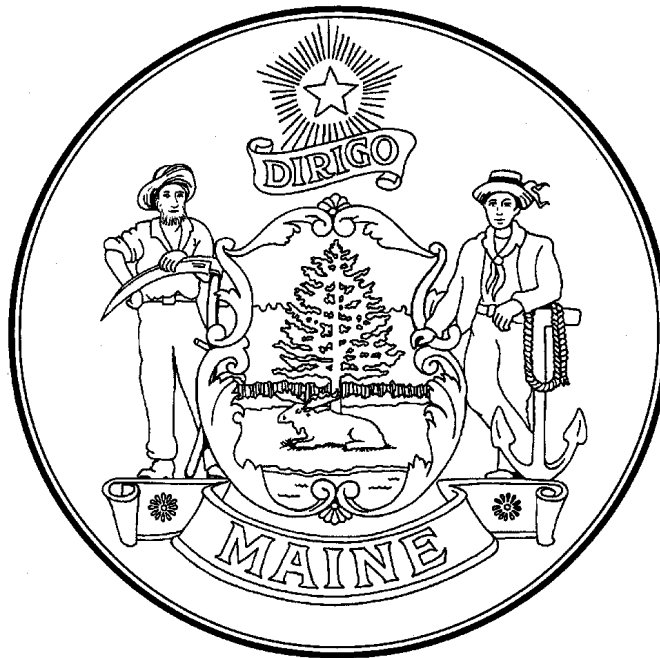


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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
36th Legislative Day
Thursday, May 4, 2017

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

Prayer by Honorable Philip A. Curtis, Madison.

National Anthem by Honorable Deane Rykerson, Kittery and Honorable Joan W. Welsh, Rockport.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Rob Struba, M.D., Belfast.

The Journal of Tuesday, May 2, 2017 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Regarding Advertisements by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

(H.P. 571) (L.D. 791)

Majority (7) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ and ACCEPTED** in the House on April 18, 2017.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 350)

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

April 28, 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 444, "An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates."

This bill increases the maximum gross weight allowed for vehicles with disabled veterans or special veterans registration plates from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds. I understand the purpose of the bill and appreciate it is an attempt to help our veterans. But I have concerns about creating carve-outs in statute for one group of special license plates and not others. There are other plates that would still have this 10,000-pound vehicle limit, such as the "We Support Our Troops" plate and the "Breast cancer support services" plate. All of these special plates are important and should have consistent requirements in law.

For this reason, I return LD 444 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

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

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

The accompanying item An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates

(S.P. 146) (L.D. 444)

In Senate, May 2, 2017, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

34 voted in favor and 0 against, and 34 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 67V

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Battle, Beebe-Center, Black, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Cebra, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Craig, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fredette, Fuller, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Haggan, Hamann, Hanington, Harlow, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Ordway, Parker, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pierce T, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sampson, Schneek, Seavey, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Stewart, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, Warren, White, Winsor, Wood, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Bickford, Dillingham, Guerin, Hanley, Herrick, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, O'Connor, Reed, Sanderson, Stetkis, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Turner.

ABSENT - Bates, Berry, Casas, Devin, Frey, Grohman, Handy, Herbig, Hubbell, Johansen, Lawrence, Marean, Sanborn.

Yes, 120; No, 17; Absent, 13; Excused, 1.

120 having voted in the affirmative and 17 voted in the negative, with 13 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Veto was **NOT SUSTAINED** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 149)
MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 18, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

I am notifying you that, pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, I have forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the following nomination made to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by the Washington County Commissioners on April 13, 2017:

Elizabeth Fitzgerald of Machiasport

The County asks that this nomination be considered to fill the four-year term that begins on July 9, 2017 which is scheduled to be filled by Washington County.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA §683-A, this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Maine Senate after review by the committee having jurisdiction over conservation matters.

Sincerely,

S/Grant T. Pennoyer

Executive Director

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 150)

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

May 4, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Berry of Bowdoinham, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 873 An Act To Adopt Tiny House Standards in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 151)

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

May 4, 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:"

Education and Cultural Affairs

L.D. 353 An Act To Reduce Absenteeism in Students from Kindergarten to Third Grade

L.D. 573 Resolve, To Audit Standardized Testing in Maine's Schools

L.D. 826 An Act To Prioritize the Renovation of Existing Underutilized Schools in Conjunction with the Closing of Nearby Schools Due to Declining Enrollment

L.D. 863 An Act To Create a Standard Kindergarten Entry Assessment

L.D. 1156 An Act To Address Administrative Shortages in Maine Schools by Amending the Law Regarding the Salaries of Retired Public School Administrators Who Return to Service

L.D. 1160 Resolve, To Require a Study of Wages and Working Conditions for Child Development Educators and Staff

L.D. 1288 An Act To Promote Computer Science and Efficient Communication between Schools and the Department of Education

Health and Human Services

L.D. 232 An Act To Establish an Exemption to the 30-day Supply Limitation on Certain Pain Medication

L.D. 335 An Act To Expand Child Care Options for Children Placed with Older Kinship Guardians

L.D. 478 Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Implement the Department's Study of Ambulance Services

L.D. 652 An Act To Provide Drug Price Relief

L.D. 655 An Act To Lower the Price MaineCare Pays for Prescription Drugs

L.D. 1110 An Act Concerning Medicaid for Incarcerated Persons about To Be Released

L.D. 1111 Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Causes of and Solutions to the Epidemic of Childhood Obesity in Maine (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1325 An Act Regarding Opioids and Palliative Care

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 484 An Act To Allow Ice Fishing in Seboomook Lake Township on Baker Lake and on Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John Ponds

L.D. 728 An Act Regarding Management and Stocking of Inland Fisheries

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

L.D. 913 An Act Regarding Workers' Compensation Insurance Rates for Small Businesses

L.D. 962 An Act Regarding Unemployment Compensation for Workers Involved in Certain Seasonal Occupations

L.D. 1036 Resolve, To Study Repeal of Occupational Licensing Requirements for Certain Occupations

L.D. 1464 An Act Regarding Unemployment Compensation for Full-time Seasonal Workers

Transportation

- L.D. 494 An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation
- L.D. 989 An Act Regarding Towed Vehicle Charges and Notice to the Secretary of State of Towed and Abandoned Vehicles
- L.D. 1250 An Act To Ensure That Handicapped Parking Is Properly Enforced
- L.D. 1252 An Act To Permit the Operation of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Public Ways
- L.D. 1351 An Act Regarding the Length of Time a Temporary Sign May Be Placed in a Public Way
- L.D. 1394 An Act Regarding Certain License Plates for Veterans and Providing for a Breast Cancer Support Services Disability Plate

Veterans and Legal Affairs

- L.D. 122 An Act To Allow Schools To Operate Nonprofit Bingo Events for Children and Families
- L.D. 714 An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly Workplaces
- L.D. 975 An Act Regarding Licensing of Cribbage Tournaments
- L.D. 1256 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting
- L.D. 1357 An Act To Authorize Multiparty Candidate Nominations for State Offices

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 369)

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

May 2, 2017

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised the Senate today adhered to its previous action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report from the Committee on State and Local Government on Bill "An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month" (H.P. 293) (L.D. 402), in non-concurrence.

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 Amend and Add Consistency to the Maine Weights and Measures Law"

(H.P. 1086) (L.D. 1579)

Sponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Educational Standards for Maine Students"

(H.P. 1085) (L.D. 1578)

Sponsored by Representative TUELL of East Machias.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERRISH of Lebanon, KINNEY of Knox, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

(H.P. 1087) (L.D. 1580)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Greene.
Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Simplify Maine Income Tax by Repealing or Terminating Certain Tax Credits and the Charitable Contribution Checkoff"

(H.P. 1088) (L.D. 1581)

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.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

(H.P. 1084) (L.D. 1577)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CEBRA of Naples, GILLWAY of Searsport, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: MIRAMANT of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 33)

ORDERED, that Representative Kevin J. Battle of South Portland be excused April 11 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Heidi E. Brooks of Lewiston be excused April 4 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Paul B. Chace of Durham be excused April 20 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Kathleen R. J. Dillingham of Oxford be excused April 25 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard R. Farnsworth of Portland be excused April 18, 19, and 20 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Chad Wayne Grignon of Athens be excused April 18, 19 and 20 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused April 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Scott M. Hamann of South Portland be excused April 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Craig V. Hickman of Winthrop be excused April 6 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative MaryAnne Kinney of Knox be excused April 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Mark W. Lawrence of South Berwick be excused April 4 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peter A. Lyford of Eddington be excused April 25 and 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Roland Danny Martin of Sinclair be excused April 18 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Andrew J. McLean of Gorham be excused April 19 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Anne C. Perry of Calais be excused April 25 and 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Beth Peloquin Turner of Burlington be excused April 19, 20, 25 and 27 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

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

On motion of Representative KINNEY of Knox, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1089) (Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BLACK of Wilton, CRAIG of Brewer, GILLWAY of Searsport, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS WILLIAMS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Williams syndrome is a genetic disorder that remains virtually unknown to the general public, educators and many doctors; and

WHEREAS, Williams syndrome affects one in 10,000 people worldwide, including an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Williams syndrome is characterized by medical and developmental delays, cardiovascular disease and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, despite these problems, people with Williams syndrome often have unique abilities, including advanced verbal skills, highly sociable personalities and an affinity for music; and

WHEREAS, children with Williams syndrome need costly ongoing medical care and early interventions, such as speech or occupational therapy, that may not be covered by insurance or state funding; and

WHEREAS, as adults, most people with Williams syndrome need supportive housing to live to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Syndrome Association sponsors activities that work to increase community awareness and provide financial support for critical research and programs, leading to further insights about the disorder and new treatments for the future; 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, take this opportunity to recognize May 2017 as Williams Syndrome Awareness Month and encourage citizen participation in volunteer activities to increase local community awareness of Williams syndrome and its effects.

READ.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I am proud to present this resolution to bring awareness to Williams syndrome on behalf of my friend, Bryce Hubbard, who never ceases to amaze me in his abilities. Despite living with this syndrome, he is an amazing young man. He's very outgoing, friendly. Many of you have met him in the halls this morning. He will come up to you and give you a hug at the moment he meets you. And, I've also had the opportunity to be able to play music with him. I play the bass guitar and a little bit of guitar, and he plays the drums and he's really, he can keep the beat better than any drummer I've ever met, which is saying something. I've been in many bands that the drummers are usually picked on, but he can keep that beat and I'm very proud to be able to present this resolution on his behalf. Thank you.

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

The House recessed for the purpose of conducting Welcome Back Day Ceremonies.

(After Recess)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Zachary Boyd, of Auburn, who has been named the Maine Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine Auburn/Lewiston Clubhouse. We extend to Zachary our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 306)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative SHEATS of Auburn.

On OBJECTION of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Gloria Bila, of Westbrook, who has been named the Maine Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine Portland Clubhouse. We extend to Gloria our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 307)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator DION of Cumberland, Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Representative GATTINE of Westbrook, Representative BATES of Westbrook.

On OBJECTION of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Naumu Charles, of Portland, who has been named the Maine Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine Riverton Park Clubhouse. We extend to Naumu our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 308)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator DION of Cumberland, Representative HARLOW of Portland, Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, Representative MOONEN of Portland, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative JORGENSEN of Portland, Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Representative SANBORN of Portland.

On OBJECTION of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Tia Fleischman, of South Portland, who has been named the Maine Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine South Portland Clubhouse. We extend to Tia our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 309)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland, Representative RECKITT of South Portland, Representative HAMANN of South Portland, Representative BATTLE of South Portland.

On OBJECTION of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Jada Lin, of Pittston, who has been named the Maine Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gardiner. We extend to Jada our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 310)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec, Representative GRANT of Gardiner.

On OBJECTION of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ and **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Alexander Roy, of Winslow, who has been named the Maine Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Waterville Alford Youth Center. We extend to Alexander our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 311)

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representative NADEAU of Winslow.

On OBJECTION of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. For more than a century, Boys and Girls Clubs have played a vital role in helping transform the lives of millions of young people across this country, through positive interactions with caring adults and potentially life-enhancing programs. Since 1947, the Youth of the Year program has been the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program providing the highest honor any member can receive. The Youth of the Year program offers these promising club members an opportunity to hone in their leadership skills, make valuable connections, and gain access to more than a \$1 million in scholarship funds. These six youth will compete for Maine Youth of the Year. The winner will compete in the Northeast Youth of the Year competition in New York City in June. And the winner of that will compete nationally for the highest honor of Youth of the Year in Washington, D.C., in September. Please join me in extending our greatest thanks to them and recognition.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Grant.

Representative **GRANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise for a moment. I have many years' experience with the Youth of the Year program and it would be wrong if I didn't speak on this. The Youth of the Year program is more than just recognition, it allows these young people to hone their leadership skills and build their confidence. And I think it's entirely fitting that we should have this recognition at the same time as we have Welcome Back Day, because we've seen now and recognized the past leaders of our great state. Many of us are here because we aspire to be the present leaders of our great state. And I think the Youth of the Year at the Boys and Girls Club are the future leaders of this great

state. And I just want them all to know that we're keeping their seats warm for them.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, May 2, 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 Spruce Mountain High School Girls Alpine Ski Team, of Jay

(HLS 202)

TABLED - April 11, 2017 (Till Later Today) by Representative RILEY of Jay.

PENDING - **PASSAGE**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Jay, Representative Riley.

Representative **RILEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to the exceptional performance of these seven young women from Spruce Mountain High School and their coach, Bill Acritelli. They skied competitively throughout the season but finished the first day of the two-day state meet in fourth place, down 23 points out of first place. As the coach said at their banquet, he's a three-sport coach and a lifelong skier. At the banquet he said, it took every racer on the team to create their improbable comeback. He spoke to the persistence and growth of each member of his team individually. With his words, he demonstrated the kind of individual attention to each member that makes him such a phenomenal coach. I salute this team, their skill, their persistence, and their devotion to their sport and to each other. Thank you.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

**Refer to the Committee on Taxation
Pursuant to Statute**

Representative MASTRACCIO for the **Government Oversight Committee** on Bill "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Legislative Reviews of Tax Expenditures"

(H.P. 1083) (L.D. 1572)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 1001, subsection 2.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Foraging on Private Land without Permission"

(S.P. 47) (L.D. 128)

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DILL of Penobscot

Representatives:

DUNPHY of Old Town
ACKLEY of Monmouth
BLACK of Wilton
CHAPMAN of Brooksville
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft
KINNEY of Knox
MARTIN of Sinclair
McELWEE of Caribou
O'NEIL of Saco
SKOLFIELD of Weld

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

SAVIELLO of Franklin

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

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Source of Funding for Drug Abuse Resistance Education"

(S.P. 42) (L.D. 94)

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representative:

NADEAU of Winslow

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

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-47)** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Funding for Landfill Closure Costs"

(S.P. 191) (L.D. 576)

Signed:
Senators:

SAVIELLO of Franklin
GRATWICK of Penobscot
VOLK of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick
CAMPBELL of Orrington
DUCHESNE of Hudson
FAY of Raymond
KINNEY of Limington
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
STROM of Pittsfield
ZEIGLER of Montville

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

Signed:
Representatives:

HARLOW of Portland
PIERCE of Dresden

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-47)**.
READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allocate at Least 10 Percent of Antlerless Deer Permits Available in Each Wildlife Management District to Hunters 70 Years of Age and Older"

(S.P. 170) (L.D. 509)

Signed:
Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
CARPENTER of Aroostook
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford
THERIAULT of China

WOOD of Greene

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:

ALLEY of Beals

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

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Creation of a Firearms Owner Registry"

(H.P. 10) (L.D. 9)

Signed:
Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
MAREAN of Hollis

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

Signed:
Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Make Exposing a Law Enforcement Officer to a Disorienting Substance a Crime"

(H.P. 19) (L.D. 18)

Signed:
Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
COREY of Windham
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
MAREAN of Hollis
NADEAU of Winslow
RECKITT of South Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

GERRISH of Lebanon
GROHMAN of Biddeford

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)** on Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Weapons at Municipal Public Proceedings and Voting Places"

(H.P. 257) (L.D. 351)

Signed:
Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
GROHMAN of Biddeford
HERRICK of Paris
LONGSTAFF of Waterville
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:
Senator:

DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
GERRISH of Lebanon
MAREAN of Hollis

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-94)** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Creation of the Maine Water Trust To Regulate and Protect Maine's Water Supply and To Ensure the Quantity and Quality of Maine's Drinking Water"

(H.P. 302) (L.D. 422)

Signed:
Senators:

WOODSOME of York
DION of Cumberland

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
COOPER of Yarmouth
DeCHANT of Bath
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery
SANBORN of Portland

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

Signed:
Senator:

CUSHING of Penobscot

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston
HARVELL of Farmington
O'CONNOR of Berwick
WADSWORTH of Hiram

READ.

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

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 Portland, Representative Sylvester.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, when I submitted LD 422, renamed by amendment, "An Act To Create the Water Resources Planning Committee," I was trying to solve a problem that I think we can all agree on. I wanted to make sure that Maine had clean and plentiful groundwater, not just five years from now, but 500 years from now when all of us here are nothing more than a dusty photograph. What we ended up with, in Amendment "A," is what I think is a good first step and good government. You see, clean water was the reason I decided to run for this body. I met my beautiful bride 20 years ago, working in Flint, Michigan. Flint was part of my territory and my job involved knocking on doors and talking to people in their homes. I was a long way from Lewiston, but I met a lot of nice people who were having an awful time after their auto plants had closed down, people who reminded me and who were not too dissimilar to the people in the towns devastated by our own mill closings. So, when I heard a

couple of years back about the lead poisoning of all those children in Flint through the pipes that were bringing their water, I did the math, and I realized that the kids who were playing on the floor, while I talked to their moms and dads were now the parents of these children who'd been irreparably harmed. We talk a lot about lead in this building, so I don't have to dwell on the tragedy that those parents and those children are facing, but it made me want to do something. So I tried to come up with a solution. I talked to folks, I researched, I went to town meetings, and I came up with what I thought might be a good idea. I explained it at the public hearing and had some really smart folks say, "Hey, that's not terrible." Then, luckily, I took my *mémère's* sage advice, that "Tu apprends plus en utilisant vos oreilles près ta bouche," which the good Representative Martin tells me is close enough to "You learn more using your ears than your mouth." Now, in my short time here in this august institution, Madam Speaker, I have discovered that this building works best when we listen to each other, not looking to score some rhetorical point, but rather really listen to the words and advice and life's experiences of one another. So, I listened at the hearing as carefully, if not more so, to those opposing my bill as to those patting my back. I talked in the hallway with the folks from the water boards, who explained that they were doing a lot of the work I was talking about with pipes. But no one knew about it because the information was in boxes somewhere and not where anyone could get at it. We agreed that that was a problem that needed solving. Then clearly, when the DEP and state hydrologist spoke, my ears perked up. While testifying they said that there used to be a group, a Groundwater Advisory Group, that did exactly what the core of my bill was trying to do. They said this group had been done away with by accident, in statute, when departments had been realigned, and how helpful that group had been: so helpful that the state hydrologist still reached out to the old members to seek advice from time to time. So Senator Woodsome and Representative Berry and I tried to do some good government. We put our heads together and came up with Amendment "A," reinstating the group as the Water Resources Planning Committee, with almost the exact same language as the original authorizing statute. This was the heart of what I was originally setting out to do, and it's a great first step forward. LD 422 puts all the best heads in the room in a very Maine way, to get all the thoughts at the table, to lay out all the science, all the solutions, the potential worries, the potential benefits, and all the points of view. We want to have scientists and environmental groups and the folks from the DEP and farmers and our hydrologist and well users and water board members and regular citizens strategizing together to help the state develop a sound water strategy. We want to know that we have enough water, that it's clean, and that it is coming safely to our home. Just as importantly though, we want the Maine people getting this information. LD 422, I feel, does this and the good Representative from Canaan, my colleague on the LCRED Committee, Representative Stetkis will be pleased to know that it does so with almost no fiscal note, Madam Speaker. The Department has offered to absorb any small costs that might be incurred in reforming the group, and the state hydrologist said at the work sessions that he already has a list of things for the group to do. I ask, therefore, that you support the passage of LD 422, and that we let these good folks get to work doing what Maine does best, putting our heads together and solving problems. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hiram, Representative Wadsworth.

Representative **WADSWORTH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to oppose the pending motion. We do not need to reinstate the Water Resources Planning Committee. As a conservative, I cannot support the creation of more committees, boards and commissions, especially since many of these players have already been meeting on their own to keep our water clean. Thank you.

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

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise very briefly, you know, sometimes on this side of the aisle when I hear someone say it's a good first step, I start to get a little bit concerned about what's the next step and what's the step after that. And I think given my concerns about this particular bill, I'll be opposing it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Monmouth, Representative Ackley.

Representative **ACKLEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Every state in our union has its God-given gifts. Here in Maine, what we have been given, and what our parents and grandparents have preserved for us, is fresh air, open space, vast forests, and clean groundwater. This bill addresses the latter, but it's important for us to recognize that clean water is only possible if we pay attention to all of those gifts. This bill restores public involvement, data collection, and planning for our water resources across the state. You know, dad taught me as a young man that a failure to plan is a plan to fail. I support this measure because it makes our state stronger. It gives us the opportunity to leave our children this clean groundwater gift a little better than it was than when we inherited it. That is common sense.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lincoln, Representative Hanington.

Representative **HANINGTON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I was not going to stand up and testify on this, but I'm going to oppose the pending motion. We heard in committee that this may put a two-year moratorium. We heard that this was going to affect the water table. Let me tell you, right now, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we, in Lincoln, when the mill was running with five machines, 100 percent capacity, supplying water to Lincoln, supplying water to Howland, we were pulling 700 gallons a minute off of the aquifer. And today it's pumping well over 1,000 gallons a minute and 800 gallons a minute and going to the Penobscot. So, I look at this as an antibusiness bill. Yes, we are all good stewards of the environment, but if we neglect the business --

The SPEAKER: Will the member defer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Sylvester, and inquires as to his Point of Order.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Madam Speaker, with all humility, I believe that the good Representative may be speaking about the bill as it was originally presented and not the bill that is in the amendment here today.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland asked the Chair if the remarks of Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln were germane to the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The member will defer. Though the bill in front of us is the bill as originally presented, we haven't gotten to Committee Amendment "A" yet. The member may proceed.

The Chair reminded Representative HANINGTON of Lincoln to stay as close as possible to the pending question.

Representative **HANINGTON**: I do apologize, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I will stand with my convictions of this as being an anti-business bill. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Athens, Representative Grignon.

Representative **GRIGNON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to just say that as a water well driller for the past 30 years, I'd like to assure everyone that water is plentiful in the State of Maine. We do have clean water and I'd like to say that when you extract water from the earth, the meaning of "clean" is without minerals or with minerals. We have naturally occurring minerals in the earth here, we do filtration all the time, and I'd like to say that the Maine Groundwater Association is your best defense and your best place for information on groundwater. The State of Maine is in very good shape on our water resources. I oppose this bill. I don't see that it's necessary, and we have many outlets that have information between our geologists and our Maine Groundwater Association and our 110 master drillers in the State of Maine that know this inside and out. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise simply to state that the opposition to LD 422 as amended actually was the source of the amendment that I hope we will soon be able to vote on. It was suggested in testimony by Robert Marvinney, the State Geologist and Director of the Maine Geological Survey, in his testimony in opposition to the original bill, that we should consider reestablishing the Water Resources Planning Committee, an entity that had assisted him enormously in providing stakeholder input from industry, from agriculture, from utilities in planning for the appropriate, and wise, use of water in Maine. And that testimony was reinforced by the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine and their testimony, also in opposition to the original bill, but they laid out in very clear language how the Water Resources Planning Committee had been helpful "on improving watershed information where the potential existed for water use conflicts." It listed committee members of the original planning committee: the Agriculture Council of Maine, the Maine Potato Board, the Maine Water Utilities Association, the Maine Rural Water Association, the Maine Groundwater Association, Ski Maine, H₂O for Maine, Nestle Waters North America, the Maine Geological Survey, the Maine DEP, the Maine Drinking Water Program, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine IF and W, and the Land Use Planning Commission. "The list of participants is representative," they went on, "of the diverse stakeholders, whose voices should all be heard in water policy development." Madam Speaker, we listened to that testimony. There is no opposition, at this point, on record to the motion before us. I ask that you follow my light. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Representative Bear.

Representative **BEAR**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to tell you about a turtle that I met the other day. In fact, it was the same turtle, I'm pretty sure, because it looked like it was so big, it must have been at least 100 years old and it was on Route 2 coming down through the good Representative from Lincoln, his territory, and I recognized the turtle. It was beside the road

and I thought it might be run over by a logging truck or some truck. It was right there at the white line and looking to cross and I had met this turtle some years ago riding a motorcycle with my wife and I had assisted it across the road and I was so happy. And I knew it was going from one side of the road to the other because there was water on both sides. With that in mind, I stopped and I did it again, I lifted him from the white line and walked him across. He seemed to recognize me. I couldn't speak his language, but he seemed to look at me and recognize me. The first time he hissed at me, this time he didn't. So, my point is this, and I'm a fisherman and I fish the streams and the water, of course, is at issue. The report, the summary, indicates that this is a mechanism to set up a way to study and keep track of the impacts on economic development. So, I think that's a pretty, it's nonthreatening to business, but it is a reminder that we need to, as our friend mentioned about having a plan, that we should have such a plan, in my view, and I urge it for those who can't speak our language that the body does that, that they vote to pass this fairly modest bill. 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. 68

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, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, 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, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Cebra, Frey, Grohman, Herbig, Johansen, Marean.

Yes, 75; No, 69; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 69 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-94) 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-94)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sundays by Licensed Hunters Using a Shotgun"

(H.P. 48) (L.D. 61)

Signed:
Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
ALLEY of Beals
HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:
Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representatives:

THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

READ.

Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson 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 Farmington, Representative Harvell.

Representative **HARVELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It has been a confusing week for me here. Knowing our Puritan roots, I was surprised on Tuesday to learn that we were going to allow shopping on Sundays. And then I remember reading de Tocqueville's Democracy in America years ago, when this outsider watched the energy of a new republic and decided that, in fact, commerce was the religion of this republic, and it took us a mere 200 years to leave our Puritan roots and discover that Tuesday. Now, I wake up in a fog to realize that tradition dies hard, and here we are reasserting that Puritan past and, in effect, saying, it's okay to defile the Sabbath to shop, but not to hunt.

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. 69

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Dillingham, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Lockman, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C,

Madigan J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Sirocki, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Warren, White, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Black, Chace, Craig, Farrin, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Kinney J, Malaby, Martin J, McCrea, McElwee, Monaghan, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Sampson, Sanderson, Sherman, Simmons, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Turner, Ward, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Cebra, Frey, Grohman, Herbig, Johansen, Marean.

Yes, 98; No, 46; Absent, 6; Excused, 1.

98 having voted in the affirmative and 46 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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting by Landowners and Those with Landowner Permission"

(H.P. 77) (L.D. 109)

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
CARPENTER of Aroostook
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
ALLEY of Beals
HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

READ.

Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson 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 China, Representative Theriault.

Representative **THERIAULT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's interesting that we don't realize that Sunday hunting is so important to this state. It represents \$130 million worth of business. But that being

aside, the 18 businesses that are going out of business because they can't attract enough hunters to come to this state. It's a sad state; but yet we do allow hunting in this state. The Passamaquoddy and the Penobscot are allowed to hunt on Sundays. This bill is doing the same thing. They are allowed to hunt on their own land; we should be allowed to hunt on our own land. Madam Speaker, I request a vote against the pending motion please. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Warren, Representative Sutton.

Representative **SUTTON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. May I pose a question through the Chair please?

The SPEAKER: The member may proceed.

Representative **SUTTON**: Does anybody know if any other states prohibit Sunday hunting?

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Warren, Representative Sutton, has posed a question through the Chair. If there is anyone -- The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fort Fairfield, Representative McCrea.

Representative **McCREA**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Having researched the previous bill, there are 39 states in this country that have no prohibition, whatsoever, on Sunday hunting. There are another 10 that allow it under quite strict restrictions; and, one state, where we reside, where there are no Sunday hunting laws, permitting it. Thank you.

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

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think that it's fairly easy to understand the economic value, the different pros and cons to this bill, but one thing that is unique in the lower 48 is the way that we are able to use other people's land in this state. That's unique in the United States, that we have the ability to walk across somebody's land and hunt and fish, and I think people need to consider that as we move ahead, when they make the decision on this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Strom.

Representative **STROM**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in opposition of the motion. This was my bill. I was the sponsor of it, and I think what makes this different than other Sunday hunting bills is this is only for your property or to allow your friends, your family members, to join you in hunting on your own property. It does not give anybody permission to go hunting on anyone else's property without that owner's permission. That's why I supported this one more than any other Sunday hunting bills. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hudson, Representative Duchesne.

Representative **DUCHESNE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Men and Women of the House. I applaud, I think, the remarks of the Representative from Guilford, Representative Stearns, because he put his finger right on it: 94 percent of the land that we can hunt on is in private hands. And so, we as a committee, I think, and the state, in general, have been very concerned about the opinions who, actually, of the people who allow us on their lands to pursue the game we cherish so much. Some of the people who own land are in associations. Those associations were unanimous in their request to us not to pass this. They include the Maine Farm Bureau, Maine Potato Board, Maine Woodland Owners, Maine Forest Products Council, North Maine Woods Association. Those are the landowners, the people who have landowner relation programs like Maine Snowmobile Association, and even the Maine Professional Guides, who count on private land to take

their clients, also were in opposition. So, it's pretty unified in this state that we're just not ready for this yet. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Representative Bear.

Representative **BEAR**: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. For health reasons, I opposed the marijuana legalization in the past and believed that the doctors, Madam Speaker, being the gatekeepers of legalized marijuana usage and possession was real good law. But, that's no longer the case. Now, marijuana has been legalized. Similarly, with this bill, it would seem that for health reasons, if people need because they are either in need of low-fat protein or they're hungry, they should be allowed to hunt on Sunday as is being proposed generally. But I think it should be, like other states may also have similar provisions, that if you're hungry or if your diet requires low protein that moose and deer can provide you, then you should be accommodated; maybe an amendment to that affect could be provided in this bill. But otherwise, it should be looked at real close. 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. 70

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perry, Pierce T, Reed, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Timberlake, Tipping, Tucker, Wadsworth, Wallace, Warren, White, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Black, Chace, Craig, Dillingham, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reckitt, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Ward, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Cebra, Frey, Grohman, Herbig, Johansen, Marean.

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 Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sunday in Aroostook County and Unorganized Townships in Western Maine"

(H.P. 145) (L.D. 189)

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
ALLEY of Beals
HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)** on Bill "An Act To Expand Disabled Veteran Eligibility for Complimentary Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses"

(H.P. 208) (L.D. 275)

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
ALLEY of Beals
MASON of Lisbon
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford
THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
NADEAU of Winslow

READ.

Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson 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: 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. 71

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

NAY - Campbell, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Guerin, Hanley, Harlow, Head, Lockman, Lyford, Nadeau, Perkins, Reed, Sirocki, Stetkis, Sutton, Timberlake.

ABSENT - Cebra, Frey, Grohman, Herbig, Johansen, Marean, Wadsworth.

Yes, 126; No, 17; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

126 having voted in the affirmative and 17 voted in the negative, with 7 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-97)** 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-97)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Extend the Big Game Season in Coastal Wildlife Management Areas"

(H.P. 304) (L.D. 424)

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
CARPENTER of Aroostook
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

DUCHESNE of Hudson
ALLEY of Beals
HARLOW of Portland
LYFORD of Eddington
MASON of Lisbon
NADEAU of Winslow
REED of Carmel
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

THERIAULT of China
WOOD of Greene

READ.

Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dresden, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I oppose this motion and wish to speak to it. The Sunday hunting or extending the big game season in Coastal Wildlife Management Areas only. These areas are our islands and our coastal towns that are overrun with deer. Last year, we issued 369 depredation permits. Each permit consisted of being able to take three deer, any time of the night, Sundays, whenever you wish. We don't have big private landowners in the Coastal Wildlife Management districts. We have a lot of public land, land that we bought through Lands for Maine's Future on the premise that we would be able to hunt, fish, and use this. There are 49 other states that allow Sunday hunting in some form or another. People are able to interact with the hunters in those lands if they choose to walk. Why is it that the hunters are extirpated from Sunday hunting on these public lands? Why is it that you can get a depredation permit from the Department of IF and W to hunt anytime, day or night, and take three deer? We are being overrun by with deer. We need to solve this problem so we don't have disease issues, and that people know that when there is a shot in the middle of the night, that it's not their neighbor being killed. 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: 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. 72

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Austin S, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Bradstreet, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Duchesne, Dunphy, Espling, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Lyford, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Reed, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Wallace, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Ackley, Black, Casas, Chace, Craig, Devin, Dillingham, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Lockman, Malaby, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Rykerson, Sampson, Sanderson, Sheats, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Turner, Vachon, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Cebra, Frey, Grohman, Herbig, Johansen, Marean, Wadsworth.

Yes, 87; No, 56; Absent, 7; Excused, 1.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 7 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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Double the Number of Moose Permits Available for Auction by Conservation Organizations"

(H.P. 486) (L.D. 695)

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

CARPENTER of Aroostook

Representative:

ALLEY of Beals

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Insurance Coverage in School-based Health Centers"

(H.P. 550) (L.D. 770)

Signed:
Senators:

WHITEMORE of Somerset
CARSON of Cumberland
DOW of Lincoln

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representatives:

BROOKS of Lewiston
COLLINGS of Portland
MELARAGNO of Auburn

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Cancellation of Subscription Services"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 943)

Signed:
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 Gray

LOCKMAN of Amherst
STETKIS of Canaan
VACHON of Scarborough

READ.

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

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought 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 Brunswick, Representative Daughtry.

Representative **DAUGHTRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the pending motion. This is my bill. I want to give a very quick explanation of it. This actually came from many constituents, and actually an intern I had who was a student at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, in Limestone, and she and her friends are really passionate about this and researched it and brought it to me. What it is, it says if you sign up for something, you should be able to cancel it in the same manner you signed up for it. So, if you signed up for something online, you should also be able to sign up for it online. We're seeing a lot of issues, especially with cell phones, with kids being able to sign up for an app and purchasing an in-app subscription, and your parents turn around and, all of a sudden, they've got a \$75 cell phone bill, and they're not quite sure where it's coming from and they can't quite cancel it. This would say they need to be able to cancel it the same way they signed up. That's all the bill does. So it just says if you sign up one place, you should be able to cancel in the same manner.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 73

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, Foley, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Picchiotti, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Sherman, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Wallace, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Campbell, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Grignon, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Battle, Cebra, Frey, Grohman, Herbig, Johansen, Marean, Wadsworth.

Yes, 83; No, 59; Absent, 8; Excused, 1.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly 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** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms and Decrease the Number of Terms of Members of the Legislature

(H.P. 708) (L.D. 1007)

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

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-86)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

KEIM of Oxford

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.

Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston **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 Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. It's an honor to serve in the Legislature, serving being the important word in that phrase. The call to serve is something that shouldn't be taken lightly. It's a lot of work during the election season, but more importantly, it's a promise to the people of our districts that we've heard their concerns about the issues and once campaigning ends, as legislators, our minds should transition to the art and act of governing and our efforts directed toward thoughtful considerations of policy initiatives. This is why I propose that we vote against the pending motion, and we strongly consider passing this to the people, to consider changing from four two-year terms to two four-year terms.

How many times have you heard your legislative colleagues say, "It's an election year, I can't vote for that," or "If I want to get re-elected, I have to vote for this?" Sadly, in my terms here, I have heard it all too often. Not only would we be fostering greater institutional knowledge, as I mentioned above, we would be fostering more continuity and integrity into the legislative process. Another reason to consider altering our Constitution to allow two four-year terms is for economic purposes. In the last election cycle, Maine taxpayers paid almost \$3.4 million to fund Clean Election candidates who chose to use that form of funding to fund their campaigns. This was a 68 percent increase in Clean Election funds over the prior year. By changing our terms to four years, we could cut the total amount by half at the current candidate allotment levels. The opportunity to save \$1.5 million every two years and direct that funding toward other areas that are fiscally challenged is one that really can't be ignored.

Beginning in 2020, this is what the bill would do: It would have Senators be elected to four-year terms. Two years, hence, in 2022, the House of Representatives would be elected to a four-year term. By serving four-year terms, each elect of the Legislature would have the time to immerse themselves more fully into the policy and fiscal initiatives that come before our committees. While some committees are more complex than others due to the sheer size and volume of the department which they oversee, all have steep learning curves. So by allowing a new legislator to serve four years versus our current two-year terms, the net result would be greater institutional knowledge before they were required to undergo the stresses of running for office again. And because the legislative process is important, offering this resolve for your consideration is one that I thought long and hard about. Changes to our state Constitution should be thoughtful and only brought forward if there is a strong belief that the change will provide better outcome for the citizens of our state. I believe this proposal has that potential. By alternating re-election to each chamber every two years and having legislators serve two four-year terms, we can hopefully get to a place where the art of governance becomes the main focus again, not the next election. And, an estimated \$1.5 million every two years can be reallocated to other areas or services, services which I'm sure will be much more useful to the citizens of our state than lawn signs and flyers. I hope you will support voting no on the pending motion and turn and then again vote yes on this. By doing so you will give the citizens of our state to weigh in on how we can offer better fiscal management, more continuity, and better governance by changing our elections process. Thank you.

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

Representative **HARVELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today we had Welcome Back Day and those of us that are in the 128th Legislature are in the 128th Legislature. But, if you times that by two, that comes out to 256 years and yet our country is only 230, and our state is not even that old. Why is that? It's because the first 60 years, we met every one year. And, if I'm incorrect about this, the good Representative from Eagle Lake stood up so often I began to assume he might have been there. By 1880, all bodies then became two years. By the 1950s, it was decided that the Chief Executive would be every four years, and this was at a time when our budget was a mere \$500 million, half a billion dollars. Today, we're at nearly \$7 billion. One of the problems that term limits has done, is that power historically doesn't know a vacuum, it never does. So,

ignorance of us when we all show up, or even eight years later like myself, we find ourselves at the mercy of a bureaucracy and lobbyists, and trying to find a way to combat it. At least with this bill, you'd have four years to try to figure it out, not two. And it's a bipartisan bill, because the only reason most of us want to have quicker terms is the chance to beat the other side, but that all equals out. And, if for no other reason than a sociological experiment, let's put this out to the citizens, who say they hate elections, to find out if they really want less of them or not.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to oppose the pending motion. I'm proud to have cosponsored this legislation. In my first term, I was excited to get to work for the people back home. Yet, when I got here to Augusta, I was told, "Your re-election campaign begins now." I echo Representative Sanderson's fiscal comments, as this bill would save taxpayer money through the Clean Elections campaigns. We raised the amount that each candidate can raise. And I also echo some of Representative Harvell's comments that people are tired of seeing all of our lawn signs all the time, and if they saw them half as much, I think that they would appreciate us a little bit more. Please follow my light. Thank you.

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. First of all, I would like to say I do not consider amending the Constitution of Maine to be something that should be taken lightly or made a habit of doing. I do, however, think that it should be pursued in earnest when other methods of accomplishing our common goals are thwarted by the political process, and I believe this amendment is one of those times. Making the changes that are outlined in the Legislative Document will benefit the citizens of Maine in two very specific ways.

First, as we've already heard, there will be a maximum of two election cycles compared to the potential of four, the four we have at the present time for Senators and Representatives. The maximum amount of time of office will still remain the same, 8 years if re-elected. The elections will be staggered so that the number of candidates running will be reduced. This will result in a very significant reduction in the cost of running elections, as we've heard.

Second, the lengthening of the terms from two to four years will allow both Senators and Representatives to dedicate three and a half years of each four-year term directly to accomplishing the people's business. No more continually running for re-election; more time for sessions, constituent issues, committee work, and all the other things that we're tasked to do in our jobs. Imagine the things we could all accomplish if not required by election realities to spend practically all of our time knocking on doors and passing out campaign materials. The argument for four-year terms has been made in the past. The biggest single argument against it, however, was the type of proposal has always been that two-year terms force campaigning which, by nature, requires closeness to the electorate. I would offer that this argument is dead wrong. Four years will give the public time to evaluate the honest work of each Representative and Senator. The resulting vote will be an informed decision, and every

Representative or Senator will stand for re-election based on a comprehensive three and one-half year record.

Finally, by passing this bill, we will be better able to put all of our emphasis as Representatives and Senators where it rightfully belongs, on working for our constituents. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **CASÁS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't have any prepared remarks. I was a mandatory cosponsor on this. Just wanted to voice my support. I think that this should pass, and that's it.

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

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as expected, there was considerable debate in the State and Local Government Committee on this piece of legislation, or rather this resolution, to amend the Constitution. And, quite clearly, the majority of our committee members firmly believe that limiting the number of election cycles and longer term limits would, in fact, make legislators less responsible to the public and the folks that have elected them. Also, we firmly believe that longer terms and staggered terms make it a longer wait for voters if they wish to make changes to their representations. As proposed, this resolution, as proposed, House members would be elected in off year election cycles, nonpresidential election cycles, while Senators would be elected in presidential years. Very different electorates participate in those two elections, which will influence the makeup and focus of the two chambers. Also, as you know, in the early 90s, term limits were established by way of a citizen's initiative and written in statutes. This would enshrine term limits in the Maine Constitution and, if, in fact, future legislators, future Legislatures, desire to amend or make changes to term limits, it would be very, very difficult to do so. Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, amending our state Constitution should not be taken lightly. I would ask all members to vote for the pending motion which is the Majority Ought Not to Pass. Vote green and follow my light. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I apologize for rising twice, but I just heard the good Representative Martin say that we would be less responsive to our constituencies. As we look back over time, things have certainly changed, morphed and evolved, and so have communications at this time. I think it's impossible for us to be less responsive at this time. With social media such as it is, emails, cell phones, we are constantly in touch with our constituencies and, by the same token, they are in constant touch with us. Gone are the times when you have to get in touch with your Representative by snail mail or leave a message with an office phone or leave a message at their house phone. We all have cell phones, we all have emails within our hands right now, we have Facebook, we have Twitter, we have all different kinds of things. So, I don't believe that we would be less responsive to our constituencies, especially if we are here in the true nature of why we need to be here, and that is to serve those constituents. Any legislator worth their salt will remain in touch with their constituencies throughout their term regardless of whether it's a two-year or a four-year term. Thank you.

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

Representative **LONGSTAFF**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request permission to pose a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The member may proceed.

Representative **LONGSTAFF**: As I consider this bill, is there someone who could help me to understand the logic of why we would have the Senate elected in the same year as the Presidential election and the House elected in the off year? Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Waterville, Representative Longstaff, has posed a question through the Chair, if there is anyone who would like to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you. The intent of this bill was to alternate, every two years, who got elected. You could flip a coin and decide who got elected which cycle. It really has no bearing one way or the other. But, I did want to make sure that rather than have an election every four years of both chambers in this building, I thought it would be good to alternate the chambers because that gives us, every two years, the opportunity to still exchange a balance of power in the State House or etcetera. That's why I just chose that one, could be the other, it doesn't matter. And, by the way, this bill was, also the Secretary of State's Office is in favor of this bill. Thank you.

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

Representative **MARTIN**: Madam Speaker, thank you. I apologize for rising a second time. The statement that the Secretary's Office is in favor of this piece of legislation is not correct. The Secretary of State's Office did testify neither for nor against this piece of legislation.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson, having spoken three times, requests unanimous consent to address the House for a fourth time. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Madam Speaker, I would just like to answer the good Representative Martin, just that the Secretary of State's Office, Julie Flynn was there. She did testify neither for nor against. She testified in favor of most of the bill. The only question that she had was regarding reapportionment and what was written in the bill, and if that was amended, which it was in the Minority Report, then they would be in favor.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Bryant.

Representative **BRYANT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was there in the committee and I didn't hear it that way. I do not believe the Secretary of State took any position other than neutral and did have questions.

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just add that I would consider that there may be a pool of people who are unwilling to run for a four-year term, who may want to run for two years but might not be available to run for a four-year term. I know that I would have that misgiving and I probably would not have run. I'm glad I did. I'm glad I'm here. I'm glad that this is my third year but it would have given me pause. So, I add that.

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

Representative **PICKETT**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I apologize for rising a second time. I was in that committee myself as well, and Representative Sanderson's recollection of what happened is exactly what I heard. There was a problem at the beginning that was clearly stated by the Secretary of State's representative that was there, that gave testimony. And there was a solution made that would be acceptable to them. That was taken care of through an amendment that was brought back to the committee when we worked the bill and when the motion went through, when the bill voting went through. Therefore, it's my recollection that on the day of the work session, when we got everything back, that the Secretary of State's Office was in favor of this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Sinclair, Representative Martin, having spoken twice, requests unanimous consent to address the House for a third time. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am truly sorry to have to belabor this and disagree with some of my good friends in our committee. I have a copy of the testimony and I would simply request your permission to read the first paragraph. "The Secretary of State is neither for nor against this bill, but would like to provide information for the Committee on the potential impact of increasing term limits of State Senators and State Representatives from two years to four years in staggered terms," and it goes on. There's nowhere in this piece of legislation and no oral testimony, to my knowledge or recollection, that the Secretary of State favors this piece of legislation. Thank you very much.

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. 74

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, 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, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Winsor, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

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

ABSENT - Battle, Berry, Cebra, Frey, Harrington, Herbig, Johansen, Marean, Stewart, Wadsworth.

Yes, 76; No, 64; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 10 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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Protect Voting Integrity by Establishing a Residency Verification Requirement for Purposes of Voting"

(H.P. 113) (L.D. 155)

Signed:

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-92)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

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.

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: 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. 75

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Casas, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, 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, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Pierce T, Reckitt, Riley, Rykerson, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Bradstreet, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Hanley, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Sherman, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Strom,

Sutton, Theriault, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Battle, Berry, Cebra, Frey, Harrington, Herbig, Johansen, Marean, Stewart, Wadsworth.

Yes, 76; No, 64; Absent, 10; Excused, 1.

76 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 10 being absent and 1 excused, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 179) (L.D. 518) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)**

(S.P. 343) (L.D. 1037) Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2017 and 2018 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)**

(H.P. 725) (L.D. 1023) Bill "An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Baling Twine" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 28) (L.D. 27) Bill "An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Sales Tax" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-100)**

(H.P. 165) (L.D. 209) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-111)**

(H.P. 456) (L.D. 642) Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services (EMERGENCY) Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-106)**

(H.P. 915) (L.D. 1318) Bill "An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government" Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-112)**

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

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit

(H.P. 395) (L.D. 553)
(C. "A" H-68)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 117 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow the Waldo County Budget Committee To Appoint Replacement Members

(H.P. 686) (L.D. 973)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of the same and 7 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Enhance the Administration of the State's Group Health Plan

(H.P. 835) (L.D. 1198)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 121 voted in favor of the same and 6 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County

(H.P. 723) (L.D. 1021)
(C. "A" H-67)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 102 voted in favor of the same and 28 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Protect Landlords from Lawsuits for Damage or Harm Caused by Assistance Animals

(H.P. 154) (L.D. 198)
(C. "A" H-74)

Roll Call at Enactment

An Act To Improve Safety in the Disposal of Expired Marine Flares

(H.P. 185) (L.D. 252)
(C. "A" H-62)

An Act To Ensure Fair Compensation for Licensed Insurance Agents

(H.P. 267) (L.D. 361)
(C. "A" H-69)

An Act To Extend the Allowed Time for the Interchange of Educators between School Administrative Units and the Department of Education

(H.P. 354) (L.D. 491)
(C. "A" H-65)

An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise

(H.P. 384) (L.D. 540)
(C. "A" H-28)

An Act To Modify the Definition of "General Use Pesticide"

(S.P. 209) (L.D. 594)

An Act To Expand the Types of Nonprofit Organizations to Which Surplus Property May Be Sold by the State

(H.P. 462) (L.D. 648)

An Act To Remove Restrictions on the Membership of Regional Water Councils

(H.P. 477) (L.D. 686)
(C. "A" H-75)

An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Liquor Liability Act

(H.P. 601) (L.D. 852)
(C. "A" H-80)

An Act To Extend the Germination Testing Period for Cool-weather Lawn and Turf Seed from 9 to 15 Months

(H.P. 605) (L.D. 856)

An Act To Allow Learner's Permits To Be Issued by Driver Education Schools

(H.P. 626) (L.D. 877)
(C. "A" H-38)

An Act To Modernize Ballot Notices for City Elections

(H.P. 741) (L.D. 1058)

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.

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

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 558)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 10:00 in the morning.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods Procurement"

(S.P. 557) (L.D. 1584)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Transfer the Authority To Issue Nonconcealed Firearm Permits in Certain Cases from the Department of Public Safety to the Office of the Governor"

(S.P. 559) (L.D. 1585)

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 To Enable Earlier Introduction of Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools"

(S.P. 554) (L.D. 1576)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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

(S.P. 555) (L.D. 1582)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Update the Statutes Governing the Bureau of Labor Standards To Promote Clarity for Workers and Employers"

(S.P. 553) (L.D. 1575)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Electricians' Examining Board Licensing Laws"

(S.P. 556) (L.D. 1583)

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 Encourage Development in the Logging Industry by Requiring State and Local Government Agencies To Give Preference to Lumber and Solid Wood Products Harvested in the State"

(S.P. 551) (L.D. 1573)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative THERIAULT of China, the House adjourned at 12:40 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2017, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 558) and in honor and lasting tribute to Robert A. Skilling, of Gray; Cora (Leach) Skilling, of Gray; and Richard E. Dowe, of South China.