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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Prayer by Honorable Margaret M. Craven, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Great Salt Bay Community School Advanced Band and Advanced Chorus, Damariscotta.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, John B. McGuckin, M.D., Sanford.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 13, 2018 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 702)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, when there is a need to conduct business.

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

READ.

The Joint Order was **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery"

(H.P. 1090) (L.D. 1586) Minority (6) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-614) in the House on March 1, 2018.

Came from the Senate with the Majority (7) OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report of the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS READ and ACCEPTED in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The House voted to INSIST.

Non-Concurrent Matter

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish (H.P. 12) (L.D. 11)

Majority (9) OUGHT NOT TO PASS Report of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE READ and ACCEPTED in the House on February 20, 2018.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (4) OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report of the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE READ and ACCEPTED and the RESOLUTION PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-589) in NON-CONCURRENCE.

The House voted to INSIST.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1298) STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148

March 5, 2018 Honorable Robert B. Hunt Clerk of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Clerk Hunt: Enclosed please find my official certification to the 128th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "An Act To Establish Universal Home Care for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities". Sincerely, S/Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 64,842 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 26 and 29, 2018, requesting that the Legislature consider an act entitled, "An Act To Establish Universal Home Care for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 61,123.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the fifth day of March in the year two thousand and eighteen.

S/Matthew Dunlap

Secretary of State

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

Sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative HYMANSON of York, the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish Universal Home Care for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities"

(I.B. 3) (L.D. 1864)

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 457) STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 1 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

March 9, 2018

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 1725, "An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses."

This bill was originally intended to clarify liquor licensing law to provide more flexibility related to ownership structure for instate manufacturers that also want to operate a restaurant. Under our old law, the structure was required to be exactly the same for both entities. If a manufacturing operation was owned 60-20-20 by three business partners, that ownership split would have been required to remain the same for an associated restaurant. In the first regular session of the 128th Legislature, LD 1642 resolved ownership issues between a manufacturer and its associated restaurant, allowing more varied ownership structure of the two entities.

Rather than address any perceived problems, this bill actually creates a new problem. It would create inequity among in-state alcohol manufacturers who also have an interest in a restaurant, based solely on <u>when</u> they were licensed—holding any new licensees to a different standard than those who were licensed prior to January 1, 2018. LD 1725 does not add any further protections to manufacturers and is simply not necessary. If enacted, there would not be equal protection under the law for licensees.

For these reasons, I return LD 1725 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The accompanying item An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses

(H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1725)

(C. "A" H-585) On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 458) STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 1 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

March 13, 2018

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 1476, "An Act To Ensure Continued Coverage for Essential Health Care." This bill presupposes that we have a crystal ball with which to foresee the future of health care in Maine. Speculation, especially in health care, rarely produces good results. Moreover, without knowing what economic and federal regulatory conditions will drive health policy in the future, it would be imprudent to limit the discretion of policy makers.

In passing this bill, the legislature decided to ignore our current challenges and worry about possible future policy issues, proving—yet again—that their priorities are misplaced.

I stand by my opposition to the Affordable Care Act. I will not sign into Maine law the same provisions that have made the Affordable Care Act a disaster at the federal level.

For these reasons, I return LD 1476 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely, S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying item An Act To Ensure Continued Coverage for Essential Health Care

(H.P. 1015) (L.D. 1476) (C. "A" H-595) On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **RECONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 456) STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND

FORESTRY

March 6, 2018 Honorable Sara Gideon Speaker of the House Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau President of the Senate 128th Legislature State House Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau: Please accept this letter as the report of the findings of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture Conservation and

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from its review and evaluation of the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry under the State Government Evaluation Act, Title 3 Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 35.

The committee finds that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is operating within its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

S/Senator Paul T. Davis, Sr.

Senate Chair

S/Representative Michelle Dunphy

House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 454) STATE OF MAINE CLERK'S OFFICE 2 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 13, 2018 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:"

Energy, Utilities and Technology

- L.D. 1699 An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as New Renewable Capacity Resources
- L.D. 1732 An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from an Out-of-state Entity's Misleading Use of Instate Telephone Numbers (EMERGENCY)

Health and Human Services

- L.D. 605 An Act To Support Evidence-based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
- L.D. 1177 An Act To Create an Appeals Process for Child Care Providers
- L.D. 1474 An Act To Reduce the Regulation of Child Care Facilities
- L.D. 1712 An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services
- L.D. 1748 An Act Regarding Rules Governing Family Child Care Provider Licensing

Sincerely,

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 455) STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEAKER'S OFFICE AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 13, 2018 Honorable Robert B. Hunt Clerk of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Clerk Hunt: Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor

Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On March 7, 2018

Nils R. Whitman, Jr. of Marshfield for reappointment to the Washington County Development Authority.

Pursuant to Title 5, MRSA §13083-C, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

On March 9, 2018

Mark C. Draper of Caribou for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38, MRSA §341-C, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by

the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Beth Anne Lorigan of Brewer for reappointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-Å, MRSA §12705, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Kimberly N. Lindlof of Fairfield for appointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Dr. William H. Cassidy of Standish for reappointment to the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Title 20-A, MRSA §12705, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Sincerely,

S/Sara Gideon

Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 879) MAINE SENATE 128TH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

March 6, 2018 Honorable Sara Gideon Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Speaker Gideon: In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 128th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination: Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, the nomination of John G. Gallagher of Brunswick for appointment as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority. Best Regards, S/Heather J.R. Priest

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 Prepare All Students for Work and Life by Requiring that Students Receive Instruction in Vocational Preparation and Practical Life Skills"

(H.P. 1295) (L.D. 1860)

Sponsored by Representative MASON of Lisbon. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, HARLOW of Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, STEARNS of Guilford, WOOD of Greene, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin.

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 Increase Transparency in the Direct Initiative Process"

(H.P. 1301) (L.D. 1865)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Cosponsored by Representative: FARRIN of Norridgewock.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Pursuant to Statute Administrator of the unorganized territory

Representative TIPPING for the Administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2018-19" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1297) (L.D. 1862) Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative RECKITT of South Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1299) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BAILEY of Saco, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CASÁS of Rockport, CEBRA of Naples, CHACE of Durham, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, CRAIG of Brewer, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DeCHANT of Bath, DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DOORE of Augusta, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNPHY of Old Town, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, FREDETTE of Newport, FREY of Bangor, FULLER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GRANT of Gardiner, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHMAN of

Biddeford, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAGGAN of Hampden, HAMANN of South Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HARVELL of Farmington, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERBIG of Belfast, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LAWRENCE of Eliot, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MADIGAN of Rumford, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McELWEE of Caribou, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth, MOONEN of Portland, NADEAU of Winslow, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PARKER of South Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SANBORN of Portland, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SCHNECK of Bangor, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SHEATS of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, SPEAR of South Thomaston, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, SUTTON of Warren, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Greene, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, DION of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HILL of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, KATZ of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY Androscoggin, MAKER of Washington, MASON of of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, VOLK of Cumberland, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WOODSOME of York)

JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING IRISH HERITAGE

WHEREAS, millions of Irish people emigrated from Ireland in the 1800s to escape brutal poverty and starvation due to the Irish potato famine, and most of those people came to America to start new lives and to embrace and contribute to a new land; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Irish immigrants arrived in New England and many came to Maine, and the Irish have been and remain an important part of Maine's culture, history and society; and WHEREAS, within a few years of their arrival in the United States and in Maine, these Irish immigrants became part of the American cultural landscape while preserving the best of their native culture, and they dedicated themselves to helping build this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, 4 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irish-born and 9 signers were of Irish ancestry and 19 Presidents of the United States have proudly claimed Irish heritage, including George Washington, the father of our country; John Fitzgerald Kennedy; Ronald Reagan; and Barack H. Obama; and

WHEREAS, the over 33,000,000 Americans of Irish ancestry, like their forebears, continue to enrich all aspects of life in the United States, in science, education, art, agriculture, business, industry, literature, music, athletics, entertainment and military and government service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the valuable contribution to our State and to our Nation of all Irish-American citizens and we urge the citizens of the State to commend and celebrate the integrity and richness of the Irish culture.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind Members of the House and guests in the House that the House will be in order. The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Reckitt.

Representative **RECKITT**: Madam Speaker, Honorable Members of the Maine House. I am pleased to thank each and every one of you, and I mean each and every one of you, who agreed to be part of this resolution honoring Irish heritage. We are Mainers, and the people of Ireland are similar in that we work hard, face adversity, but in the end our spirits rise to the top and we come together.

Today, my father's Irish blue eyes are no doubt smiling, and were he alive today, you would have been treated to his outstanding baritone voice singing the National Anthem. It is especially significant this year because on April 5th, there will be a celebration marking the anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, 20 years of peace and progress in Northern Ireland. Maine's own George Mitchell played a crucial role leading that process by encouraging conversation and cooperation from all sides.

I first met Senator Mitchell years ago when he lived in what is now District 31 in South Portland, the one I am privileged to represent. We may occasionally feel divided by politics here in the Maine House, statewide, and nationally; however, the conversations I have had with each and every member of the House and Senate have reminded me to my core that we are all reaching every day for what we feel is best for Maine. So, this afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Hall of Flags, come join my friends from the Maine Irish Heritage Center, Irish dancers and musicians and sportsmen, and enjoy tea and Irish soda bread, and get a head start on all the rest of the citizens of Maine who must wait until Saturday to be Irish for a day. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Men and Women of the House, I am a member of the Irish diaspora. My family emigrated here, well, my grandmother and many members of my family emigrated here, but she came here alone when she was 16 years old, by herself, and began her life here. My grandfather also came here at a very young age. I grew up in a large extended Irish-American family and community, so much so that I didn't even know, until I was probably later on in elementary school, that not everybody had a big parade, you know, their family members marched in. I grew up listening to stories told to me by my grandmother about leprechauns and banshees, and as a child I was afraid of leprechauns because I thought they caused mischief in my house. So, anytime anything happened, I blamed it on leprechauns.

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. The House will be in order. The Representative may proceed.

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you. My grandmother loved this country, she loved it fiercely, for the opportunities it gave to her. It gave her so many opportunities. She had six kids. I had the privilege of, when I was about ten years old, returning to Ireland with her and my Aunt Rosemary, who just died two days ago, so they could show me the village where my family lived for hundreds of years. I was lucky to see the house where she was born in, milked the family cows, chased the family chickens and gathered eggs, to see that she really did walk a lot, a very long way to school every day. That family farm is about 11 miles from the border with Northern Ireland, so the Good Friday Agreement is very important to me because it certainly helped my family.

My grandmother left a country wracked by hundreds of years of desperate poverty and violence and war to come here, and I think that's what makes America great, is that people come here and build their culture and share it with everyone here and we become something stronger for it. So, thank you very much.

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

Representative COLLINGS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanted to congratulate Representative Reckitt from South Portland for the great job she did helping organize this event and also want to remind people that we have a lot of activities around the state, particularly in Portland. On Saturday, at the Irish Heritage Center, which is on the corner of State and Gray Street, if you meet around 8 a.m., we're going to march down and raise the Irish flag at the West End; and if you'd like to see the Saint Patrick's Day parade, it will be noontime in Portland, so anywhere on Commercial Street you'll be able to see that. And it's a special day for me, having a lot of Irish background on both sides of my family, particularly my mother's, who a lot of the family came right before the Civil War and were -- one of my great-great grandfathers was in the Civil War and he played the bugle when they charged; and my youngest son heard that, and he's like "What's so great about playing the bugle? That's not that great." And I said, "Well, if you want to go play a bugle while people are shooting at you, then..." but, anyway. So, I'm very proud of my family and the rich tradition of Irish in this country, and like all the immigrants in this country, we make this country great; and so proud to be an Irish-American. Thank you.

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

The following items were 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, March 13, 2018, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BRENDA COMMANDER ON THE COMPLETION OF AN UNPRECEDENTED 5TH TERM OF OFFICE AS CHIEF OF THE HOULTON BAND OF MALISEET INDIANS

(H.P. 1238) TABLED - January 23, 2018 (Till Later Today) by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. PENDING - **ADOPTION**.

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. It's an honor to rise today to ask that we honor Tribal Chief Commander for her achievements and contribution to our people and to the State of Maine over this past several years of service that she's performed.

Chief Commander is one of the reasons I am here today, working with this body and other tribal representatives and leaders. I was able to come down and represent our perspective on the many issues. She was the primary motive -- motivator for this happening. And, as an example of how she had sought to make sure that we were part of important forums on the issues, I have here a record of a meeting she had with the President of the United States, where she reminded him that the United States had political and legal obligations to defend the tribe from harm, and that she felt that this wasn't being done as much as it could've been/should've been, and that much of what the tribe had accomplished under her leadership was by people rising up in the tribe itself and with Wabanaki neighbors to assist us. She was specific, though, in that when she reminded the President that he should know that "the first treaty the fledgling United States executed was the Treaty of Watertown with my people," she says, "and the Micmacs on July 19, 1776. When the nascent United States was facing a global superpower in the form of the British Empire, the Maliseet people answered the call, joining you in arms to secure your country's freedom. When we were not citizens and could not vote we came as allies to your defense in subsequent wars [as well]. Now, we need [you] to come to our defense..." This is an example -- another letter to the Governor of the State of Maine in the last -- during the last session as well --

The SPEAKER: The Representative will defer. The House will be in order. As a reminder to everyone, both in the chamber and in the gallery, when any member is speaking let's please -- please afford them the privilege of silence in the chamber otherwise. The member may proceed.

Representative **BEAR**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The letter to the Chief Executive again reminds the Chief Executive that our efforts as a sovereign government and our claims, our rightful claims, had been disregarded historically due to a lack of documentation, and that at the time there were no signed treaties available that indicated that there was a release of any claimed lands. Our intention is to seek justice. She spoke constantly about obtaining justice for our people and it is in that

sense that it is a great honor to, in her footsteps, follow her lead and to ask us to honor her today.

I also want to make a brief comment about the past resolution with regard to honoring the Irish people. We as a tribe have been influenced by the Irish, I would want to speak to this just a moment, in our language and in our stories. With us, the leprechaun would have been described as Geow-ludmo-sis-eq, which would be the little people who in some way were protecting us, even in the dark. So my father was always telling me about how the Irish had influenced us. This may not be news to you, but it was news to me when he said that the Irish had actually taught us how to make baskets. Now, that was a surprise, that my father, a lifelong resident, he was born on the reservation, lived on the reservation, died on the reservation, would tell me, his oldest son, that the Irish taught us how to make the splint basket, a wicker type of weave. I never wanted to really talk about that, because I always thought that might help hurt our marketing, but in deference to the Irish, thank you for teaching us how to make the wickerstyle woven basket. But, as you know, we also make baskets that are birchbark, and woven with awls and split blackroot and what have you; but, in deference to the Irish today on Saint Paddy's Day, and in honor of my Chief, it's an honor to ask you to honor both. Thank you.

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

Representative COLLINGS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wanted to rise briefly and thank Chief Commander and honor her here briefly. I worked with her for quite some time when I was a legislative aide many, many years ago in this building, and always appreciated working with her and, being from Northern Aroostook County, appreciated all the work she did for her tribe in Aroostook County and all the people she employed in the tribe, and other people that weren't tribal members. You know, she was very busy traveling around the country, advocating for the Maliseet, and as I traveled around the country for work with other tribes I used to always -- I would actually joke, because I would see her in Las Vegas or Tennessee or D.C. but I'd rarely see her in Maine, so we always would joke about that. But, you know, the Maliseet, they -- where Representative Bear is from, that community, that band is one band but they are a large group. They have tens of thousands of members over in Canada. I've enjoyed friendships with many of them, and I see in Canada they have a lot of success with a lot of businesses, and it is my hope that here in Maine Legislature we can work with the Maliseet to help create economic development for both them and the people of Aroostook County; and so for Chief Commander, I just want to say thank you for all your years of service, not just to the Maliseet and Aroostook County, but she was a person who always helped other tribes, and if there was ever an issue of social justice anywhere else she always would come and try to speak up for it. So, I'm very glad that she's being honored today, and at one point she was one of the longest-serving executives of tribes in this country and was well-regarded, and so I'm always pleased to work with her and all the tribal leaders here in the state. Thank you.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** and sent for concurrence.

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 61)

ORDERED, that Representative Kevin J. Battle of South Portland be excused February 22 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Bruce A. Bickford of Auburn be excused February 27 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Jared F. Golden of Lewiston be excused February 8 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Martin J. Grohman of Biddeford be excused January 23 for legislative business.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative David G. Haggan of Hampden be excused February 1 and 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lance Evans Harvell of Farmington be excused March 1 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Norman E. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft be excused February 27 and March 1 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Roland Danny Martin of Sinclair be excused February 20, 22 and 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Catherine M. Nadeau of Winslow be excused February 27 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Deborah J. Sanderson of Chelsea be excused February 27 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Roger L. Sherman of Hodgdon be excused February 15 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Denise A. Tepler of Topsham be excused February 27 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephen J. Wood of Greene be excused March 1 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

(SLS 743)

Richard Stanhope, of Machiasport, who has received a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We send our congratulations to Mr. Stanhope on his receiving this award;

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TUELL of East Machias, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to begin by congratulating all of the Spirit of America award winners from Washington County, the Friends of Whitneyville Library,

Richard Stanhope, of Machiasport, and Kenneth "Bucket" Davis, of East Machias, on being recognized for all they have done for our small rural communities way down east. It is volunteers like each of these folks, not us here in Augusta, who keep this state rolling despite everything we throw at them, and who do so with a commitment and enthusiasm that you just can't find anywhere else. But, today, Madam Speaker, I am compelled to rise and formally congratulate a man whom I have had the pleasure of serving with on the East Machias Board of Selectmen for the past nine years: a man who has gone toe to toe with three chief executives: one Independent, one Democrat, and one Republican, inviting the small-town values that our state was built on; a man who is more known by the -- who is more known by veteran legislators and local clam diggers by his unlikely handle than by his birth name. Today, I rise to recognize Bucket Davis. Bucket went to high school with my father. I went to school with his kids. He has been working in and around and at our local schools for over 30 years, serving as selectman in town for over 20, and fishing alewives since before East Machias became a town, it seems. But, more than all of those things, Bucket has been a mentor, a champion for our county, a champion for our small-town way of life, and someone who you could always count on when you need to make sense of a complicated world around you. And, contrary to popular belief. Bucket is one of the people outside this building I listen to a great deal as well. So... I lost my place.

Back in 2009 when our town lost one of our selectmen to cancer, Bucket suggested I run. At the time, I had never served in office, and really didn't think I had what it took. Next thing I knew, I was calling town meetings to order and drafting testimony for bills here at the State House, which Bucket would then talk me into reading at public hearings and such. Five years later, it was Bucket that told me I should run for the Legislature. Now, I'll let you all be the judge as to whether that was a good thing or not, but for someone who came to Augusta to speak on everything from school consolidation to revenue sharing cuts, to property tax legislation, that was quite a jolt. I tell you all this because Bucket has helped more than one young person in their lives. I'm one, but there are many, many, many others. He has taught seventh and eighth graders how to fish and smoke alewives, and if you don't know what smoking alewives is, you've never been Downeast. He has coached basketball, played music with kids, and made our community school a community school in every sense of the word. He has volunteered for the fire department, our local Fourth of July celebration, and paid off elderly residents' property taxes in danger of losing their homes. And while some might be tempted to paint selectmen as somewhat less than reputable, Bucket Davis is the personification of the Spirit of America Award, and public service. He is honest. straightforward, and he pulls no punches, whether you are friend or foe, whether you like what he has to say or you don't. He's authentic, he's real. He's that rare breed of community leader that made our state what it is today: one not beholden to the petty intrigues and dogmas that seem to grip so much of our discussion in this chamber and the other body, but one who proudly serves the community he represents and grew up in, and gives his all doing so, whether it is easy going or a raging blizzard like we've had the past couple days.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the next time you see Bucket in the hall or around this building, and you probably will before session is out, congratulate him, for he's truly one of a kind and worthy of an award such as this. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Dr. John B. McGuckin, of Sanford, for his 40 years of service as a medical doctor to the Sanford/Springvale and surrounding communities. We extend to Dr. McGuckin our appreciation for his long service and offer him our best wishes; (HLS 944)

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford. Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Mastraccio.

Representative **MASTRACCIO**: Madam Speaker, Women and Men of the House. It seems very appropriate to be honoring Dr. McGuckin today for his 40-plus years of service as a family physician.

He was born in Manchester, England of Irish parents, studied in Northern Ireland, and earned his degree in medicine from University County Galway. He first came to America like so many immigrants, sponsored by a family member, and later returned to do his residency at Saint Mary's Hospital in Rochester, New York. It was there he met Neil O'Brien, a fellow Irishman and head of maintenance at Saint Mary's, who brought the young doctor home for dinner, and that is where John met Sheila, his future wife. They came to Sanford in 1977. As his daughter, Roisin, told me in a recent email, and I quote. "He has always loved how Maine allows him to be close to the ocean, like he was in Galway, Ireland. Dad has always loved being a doctor and I have felt immense pride in my father's vocation. He is known as a straight shooter, telling people to quit smoking, lose weight, and wear their seatbelts before it was cool to do so. He has also always had conviction and did not welcome drug representatives into his office, stating to us as kids that he disagreed with the way that money was able to get in the way of care for his patients. I recall dad going out in major snowstorms to deliver babies, calling to say he'd be late coming home because he was doing house calls, and spending Christmas morning going to the nursing homes and different floors of the hospital to share holiday greetings. He is still doing many of those things, and is dedicated to maintaining his own independent practice. He always made time for his five children; dropping us at school, coaching soccer, and coming to speak to our classes about his job. He has very loyal patients who have made me blush telling me heroic stories about my dad. He is a very devoted father, and now grandfather to ten grandchildren. We learned to be dedicated and hardworking in all that we do and to strive for excellence from both of our parents, but as a physician, my dad modeled those things."

Madam Speaker, I could not say it any better than a loving daughter could. Thank you, Dr. McGuckin, for choosing Sanford and bringing your talents and dedication to our city and state. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Refer to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Pursuant to Resolve

Representative KORNFIELD for the **Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs** on Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Computer Science Education Task Force

(H.P. 1296) (L.D. 1861)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** pursuant to Resolve 2017, chapter 21, section 4.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent for concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-373)** on Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 640) (L.D. 1741)

Signed: Senators:

WOODSOME of York CUSHING of Penobscot DION of Cumberland

Representatives:

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

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

Signed: Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston O'CONNOR of Berwick WADSWORTH of Hiram

Came from the Senate with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-373).

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 Hiram, Representative Wadsworth.

Representative **WADSWORTH**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I cannot support the pending motion. You know, why should the State study energy storage when the market is currently moving in that direction? Tesla is building out their commercially available power wall, and even in Yarmouth on Cousin Islands at Wyman Station, they've installed huge batteries that send power out on the grid when the generators aren't running. I think the market is doing it on its own.

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the pending motion, simply to say that energy is a complex business. Our electrical grid has market mechanisms that date back for a hundred years or more. I think we can all agree generally on the principles that we want, what we seek in our electricity. We want to be able to count on it, we want to be able to afford it, and we want to feel good about it. We want the lights on, we want them to come back on when they go out, we want the bills to be low and we want the future costs for our children and our grandchildren to be low.

Energy storage is a solution that potentially, if we do adjust the markets to properly recognize its value, that could have enormous impact, economic potentially and environmental, here in Maine. It could improve reliability, keeping those lights on. It could improve resilience, making them come back. It could reduce costs to ratepayers and it could improve the market for renewables as well. So, it's really a win-win. I thank the sponsor of the bill, Senate President Thibodeau, for putting it forward, bringing it to our Committee. I thank all those on the Committee who voted for it. It's very important and timely that we study this issue, and create market mechanisms that will better reflect the true value of storage in the next Legislature, hit the ground running, and so I hope that those in the chamber will vote in favor of the pending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 511

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harrington, 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, Perry, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Foley, Gerrish, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Turner, Wadsworth, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Ackley, Bates, Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hanley, Herbig, Parker, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 79; No, 56; Absent, 16; Excused, 0.

79 having voted in the affirmative and 56 voted in the negative, with 16 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment** "A" (S-373) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-373)** in concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 13, 2018, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

An Act To Repeal the Sunset Date on the Laws Governing Licensure of Appraisal Management Companies (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1268) (L.D. 1826) TABLED - February 15, 2018 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.

Subsequently, this being an emergency measure, a twothirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 118 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **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**.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-364)** on Resolve, To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

(S.P. 641) (L.D. 1742)

Signed: Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York DENNO of Cumberland MADIGAN of Waterville McCREIGHT of Harpswell PARKER of South Berwick PERRY of Calais

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

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives: CHACE of Durham HEAD of Bethel MALABY of Hancock

SANDERSON of Chelsea

Came from the Senate with the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Resolve PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-364). READ.

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

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Rockland, Representative Beebe-Center.

Representative BEEBE-CENTER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak today on behalf of my constituents, consumers and employees of Merry Gardens Assisted Living Facility in Camden, and all vulnerable Mainers. I'm eager to add my support to this uniquely bipartisan effort that can create a reliable foundation of care for those in -- for those living in and working in four of Maine's assisted living residences. There are currently seven state-funded affordable assisted living facilities. These facilities were developed so that aging individuals who need daily living supports can have the supports they need while maintaining their independence. These residents have their own apartments while also receiving services such as meals, personal care, and medication administration. The daily living services that are provided help to ensure that these individuals maintain their independence as long as they are able to do so. From personal experience, I can share that the residents are well cared for by a truly adoring staff. It's important to note that assisted living benefits residents through a social living structure that increases general health, independence, and activity, while it eliminates abuse, neglect, and the malnutrition that accompanies many disabled and senior Mainers.

Sparked by my own experience, I am pleased to support LD 1742, as I believe the funds requested are an investment that provides a practical and ideal return. The state funds the support services offered in assisted living facilities through individual contracts with the agencies providing the services. The seven assisted living facilities are located in Augusta, Bangor, Camden, Millinocket, Portland, Saco, and Sanford. The state negotiates these contracts separately and some of these facilities are losing a great deal of money. At least four facilities are losing significant amounts: Bangor, Millinocket, Camden, and Sanford. Penquis operates the first three of these facilities. Maine Health operates the fourth. Penguis has been clear that they cannot continue to sustain these losses and will have to end this service if something doesn't That would place housing for 90 individuals in change. jeopardy.

I am intimately familiar with the sacrifice and investment Penquis has made in particular. The Penquis board accepted management for these facilities close to 10 years ago because of the organizational commitment to supporting Mainers. As a business, Penquis was aware the facilities were underfunded but felt an obligation to the residents. After 10 years of flat funding, the Penquis board is in the unenviable situation of no longer having resources to subsidize these residents. LD 1742 proposes to address this crisis in two ways. In the short-term, it provides \$500,000 to provide short-term funding to ensure that all facilities can keep their doors open. In the long run, it asks DHHS to look at the funding mechanisms for assisted living facilities to develop a long-term stable funding stream.

Assisted living facilities provide a cost-effective means of providing for seniors and the disabled who can handle some of the activities of daily living but still need some support to remain stable. The alternative for most of these residents will be to move to a step up in care, nursing PNMI, and unneeded cost to the State. Please consider supporting LD 1742. Thank you.

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. Just for some background, this is a pilot program that started more than 10 years ago, and people in this pilot -- the idea was to keep people out of expensive nursing homes and other private nonmedical institutions, assisted living places, by allowing people who pay rent -- so these are people who pay rent for their apartment, are elderly, but they can't fend for themselves in all ways that they need to, and if they didn't have these services they would have to move to another facility. So, they pay their own rent but the program pays for assistance. So, assistance are things like assistance with medications and meals, light assistance housekeepina and laundrv. arranging transportation, overnight attendants for people who are unsafe walking. So, what we heard in the public hearings was that, if we didn't have this funding, and this pilot program which has been highly successful didn't continue, people would be faced with one of three choices. One, they could stay in place with no services, but that was not an option for the majority of the residents taken care of by this program. Number two, they could move to a DHHS-funded PNMI, private non-medical institution, or a nursing home, which would increase the cost to the state; or they could return to potentially unprepared and unsafe residencies. So, this really -- this program does save money, and it's \$500,000, a one-time cost, so there are seven of these, \$70,000 each or somehow other apportioned. And, unless we act, the state will be left with a significant population that either has no safe place to live, or which must be placed in more expensive nursing home or PNMI facilities. So, this bill really represents a compassionate and practical solution to the problem. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 512

YEA - Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Campbell, Cardone, Cebra, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grignon, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harrington, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McElwee, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Perry, Picchiotti, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Black, Chace, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Haggan, Hanington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Mason, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Ackley, Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hanley, Herbig, Parker, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 87; No, 49; Absent, 15; Excused, 0.

87 having voted in the affirmative and 49 voted in the negative, with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment** "A" (S-364) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-364)** in concurrence.

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

Representative **KORNFIELD**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Representative may proceed.

Representative **KORNFIELD**: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I am sure the members of this body are pleased to join me in recognizing Dr. Susan Hunter, the President of the University of Maine and its regional campus, the University of Maine at Machias. She is joined today by her husband, David Lambert, and members of her cabinet, as well as the presidents of the University of Maine at Farmington, Kate Foster, and the University of Maine at Augusta, Rebecca Wyke.

A professor and then provost before becoming president in 2014, under her leadership University of Maine has made advancements in enrollment, fundraising, and partnerships, including the recruitment of the largest incoming classes and the largest number of out-of-state students in the university's history. It has also entered into promising primary partnership that has strengthened the University of Maine at Machias as a new regional campus of the University of Maine. After nearly three decades of public service to Maine and its students, she will retire this June. Following today's session, Presidents Foster and Wyke invite you to join them, and President Hunter and members of her cabinet, for an informal luncheon reception in the Legislative Council Chamber, where you'll all get to congratulate her and wish her best on her retirement.

Representative **CAMPBELL**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The president of a land grant college is a big job, and Dr. Hunter stepped into this job and has done a great job. Not only has she done a great job at the land grant college at Orono, but also, she took on University of Maine in Machias. And Dr. Hunter has performed this job with great professionalism and dignity and grace, so, we really appreciate what she's done for the University of Maine.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery

(S.P. 155) (L.D. 453)

Signed: Senators: WHITTEMORE of Somerset DOW of Lincoln

Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer FOLEY of Wells PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield PRESCOTT of Waterboro WALLACE of Dexter

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (S-353) on same Resolve.

Signed: Senator: CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

LAWRENCE of Eliot BROOKS of Lewiston COLLINGS of Portland MELARAGNO of Auburn SANBORN of Portland

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

Representative LAWRENCE of Eliot moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 513

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio,

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orrington, Representative Campbell, who wishes to address the House on the record.

McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Perry, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hanley, Herbig, Parker, Perkins, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 77; No, 59; Absent, 15; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment** "A" (S-353) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-353)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-374) on Bill "An Act To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Implied Warranty Laws and the Arbitration Process for Those Laws" (S.P. 659) (L.D. 1772)

Signed:

Senators: VOLK of Cumberland BELLOWS of Kennebec LANGLEY of Hancock

Representatives:

FECTEAU of Biddeford AUSTIN of Gray BATES of Westbrook DOORE of Augusta HANDY of Lewiston MASTRACCIO of Sanford STETKIS of Canaan SYLVESTER of Portland VACHON of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought** Not to Pass on same Bill. Signed: Representative: LOCKMAN of Amherst

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-374). READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A"** (S-374) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-374)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Hydroelectric Generators under the Renewable Resources Laws"

(H.P. 376) (L.D. 532)

Signed: Senator: 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 to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed: Senators: WOODSOME of York 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 Not to Pass** Report.

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester **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 Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise simply to say that this same measure has been killed by Democratic legislatures, by Republican legislatures, and by divided legislatures. I see nothing that has changed. It is a fantasy; a pleasant one, but a fantasy that buying socialized government-owned power from Canada will actually do anything to improve our economy here in Maine. It would be above market and it would put a lot of Mainers out of work. So, for that reason, with great respect to the sponsor, I need to vote Ought Not to Pass on this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: Madam Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: How does passing this bill to allow a 100 megawatt hydroelectric take jobs away from Maine, when we used to have them up and down the rivers of the State of Maine? How is this bad for the State of Maine, and how is this not renewable energy? And that's what I just heard the good Representative say, and I'd like an explanation of how they come up with this not being renewable and how it's bad for the State of Maine.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake, has posed a question through the Chair. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry.

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and, I do appreciate the question. The answer in part is that it would hurt Maine's biomass industry. Currently our loggers depend on our existing RPS for some of their jobs, and I think we all are fully aware of the predicament that they've been in over the last several years. The purpose of our RPS in general is also to support, Madam Speaker, the construction of new renewable and efficient resources right here in Maine, not outside of the state.

Another observation that I probably should have made earlier, and has been made before with respect to this bill, is that there are plenty of hydro facilities in Canada which already qualify because they're under 100 megawatts. So, one would think, if this was such a great deal, that they would have bid in already to the RPS. They have not done so, and I think it's just further evidence that the subsidized rate that the governmentowned power in Canada enjoys in Canada is not the rate that we would pay for it here. The State of Vermont is good evidence of that. They're currently paying an above-market rate for Canadian hydro. I don't see this as a solution; neither did the previous Legislature, or the Legislature before that, or the 125th. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Timberlake.

Representative **TIMBERLAKE**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As a businessman in this state, and as one who pays high electricity charges in this state, I would welcome anything that would lower the interest rate. I also harvest wood and supply the chip mills of the State of Maine for their biomass industry. So, my theory is, in the free market industry in the State of Maine, that anything we can do to make it so my family can go to the tenth generation and the eleventh generation is something we want to do. Now, there's nothing that says if we allow this reduction in the megawatts it's going to -- we have to buy it. If it's not a good deal, we're not going to buy it. We're only going to do it if it's a good deal. And it allows us to lower the rates, possibly, to the businesses in the State of Maine. Now, are we protecting an industry in the State of Maine like the solar and the wind and the biomass? Is this what we're really doing? Or are we in stopping the hydro industry? Because I think hydro is probably one of the most renewable industries there are out there, and I really don't understand why we wouldn't allow this to happen. I hope you follow my light on this vote, because we're setting bad precedents.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind all members to please direct their comments through the Chair. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Berwick, Representative O'Connor.

Representative O'CONNOR: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am well aware that this proposal has failed to pass through this legislative body multiple times, and each time I shake my head as to the whys. Time after time, I simply follow the money. Companies are protecting their own bottom line, closing doors to competition of all renewables. If we are truly interested in renewable energy, we should allow every form to compete. Industries have a lack of confidence in one another, which hinders their ability to compete against each other and succeed in the face of that competition. The mills, along with renewable energy companies, argued the measure would change the rules of the game after they had invested millions. They said large Canadian hydro plants could crowd out the smaller players, and indeed, it could; but it could also lead to new innovative technology and investments, in an effort to build a better product, by those very same renewables. Waste to energy comes to mind. Let's be clear; we are facing unprecedented retirements in New England, and we should be open to clean, renewable hydropower. With the retirement of oil, coal, and nuclear plants, it has been estimated by ISO New England that another 8,300 megawatts of generation capacity will be lost by 2020. They say we will require another 6,300 megawatts of gas-fired capacity to replace them.

I find it highly unlikely that the increased investments in the wind industry will be able to reach those goals, nor will solar, and the end result of those investments will result in a negative return on the past, present, and future investments, as well as increased rates to the consumers. This statement is not to insult the positive efforts that have been made in wind and solar, but simply an effort to point out the real costs and concerns. Lifting the 100-megawatt cap on hydro would likely have no overwhelming effect on wind, biomass, or solar power, as there are currently limited generation lines coming into Maine that connect with large Canadian hydro plants, and many of our current hydro facilities are nonfunctional. What it will do is remove an unfair advantage that some industries enjoy and open up a valid avenue for future investments from one our most precious resources, the power from our rivers, lakes, and tides, and to place us in a position to be considered for future investment for greater interconnection to hydropower. Hydropower is green, clean, and abundant, and has the possibility of significantly reducing electric costs to consumers and businesses. Unfortunately, unless we lift the 100megawatt cap that hydro is saddled with by the renewable portfolio standard, we may never realize its true value, and be able to step into the private marketplace in time to cover the 8,300 future megawatt loss and replace it with generation from an excellent natural commodity.

I would just like to say, the way that this cap came into play was a bunch of lobbyists that happened to be out in the parking lot and tossed that number into the air to see what stuck, and that did. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **TIPPING**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I usually stay quiet during these debates, but I just have to say that we've heard a lot about this is in favor of hydro. When I served on Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, I received a letter from a hydro plant in my district, testifying against the raising of this cap. There are a number of hydro people and companies in this state who have made investments in the state to increase hydro production who are also against changing the rules of the game midstream. I'm just reading through a letter that was given to the Energy, Utilities, Technology Committee from a hydro power facility. We continually make difficult decisions about our hydroelectric assets here in Maine. Like all business, predictable and reasonable policies are important precursors to our business decisions and investment. This is about Maine jobs, this is about developing hydropower here in Maine, not a foreign country, and that's why I will be supporting the Majority Report.

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

Representative **STETKIS**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to pose a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The Representative may proceed.

Representative **STETKIS**: As I -- I'm not sure if I caught it right, but I'd be curious to know if the Representative from Bowdoinham, I believe he had mentioned that he opposed this bill in part because of the above-market energy cost? I'd like to just understand if that's what he said.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Canaan, Representative Stetkis, I believe has posed a question. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bowdoinham, Representative Berry, to respond.

Representative BERRY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the question of the Representative from Canaan. because I did -- I feel in light of the previous debate it's important to clarify that point. There is currently no barrier to Canadian hydro to bid in to Maine's energy market. They can do so already and it's absolutely nothing to prevent that. What is at stake here is whether a very minor modest subsidy which goes to Maine renewables would be opened up more widely, and whether we would, in fact, through this bill be subsidizing a foreign production of energy which is probably existing already. As I stated earlier, there is currently Canadian hydro that qualifies for Maine's RPS and could even be subsidized by Maine. They have not sought to do that, so what that indicates is that Canadian hydro probably can't even compete at that higher slightly subsidized rate. But, certainly, there are no market obstacles right now.

I think the points raised about a free market and competition are actually very valid ones. I think we all agree that we want to keep rates down and we need to be careful what we do subsidize or not subsidize and so, you know, the question here is whether we're going to provide an additional subsidy for a foreign resource. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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. 514

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, 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, Perry, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker. NAY - Austin S, Battle, Bickford, Black, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Corey, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Ward, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hanley, Herbig, Parker, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 74; No, 63; Absent, 14; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 709) ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety shall report out, to the Senate, a bill concerning female genital mutilation.

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

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

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-635)** on Bill "An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1710)

Signed: Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumb

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives: HYMANSON of York DENNO of Cumberland MADIGAN of Waterville MALABY of Hancock McCREIGHT of Harpswell PARKER of South Berwick PERRY of Calais

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

Signed:

Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin HAMPER of Oxford

Representatives: CHACE of Durham HEAD of Bethel SANDERSON of Chelsea

READ.

Representative HYMANSON of York 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 York, Representative Hymanson.

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a bill to restore our school-based health centers. We -- in the last budget cycle, we had \$10 million that was removed from Fund for Healthy Maine to pay for other important places. The money, the \$10 million was chosen -what was chosen to be defunded by the Department were the school-based health centers. Over the past amount of time, it's clear that they cannot make up the difference in funds that they can find, and so this is a way to put back that funding. These are extraordinarily important centers. They co-locate with schools. They are clinics that exist in the school because it's a good place for them to be. They are not, and never have been, part of the Education Department funding, so the funding should continue to be from Fund for Healthy Maine. It's stated as one of the places where we can spend the Fund for Healthy Maine money and, in fact, we have \$9 million in unallocated funds now in Fund for Healthy Maine. There are 16 clinics. They cost about \$36,000 a year, each one of them, on average. That's \$576,000 total. There's plenty of money in Fund for Healthy Maine to support that. They are -- they do great work, and so I ask that you support this motion by supporting the Majority Report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Representative **MADIGAN**: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I just want to take this opportunity to tell you that this funding is a direct way to help children that normally would not have a way to get some healthcare, either because they have high-deductible policies or have high co-pays. Funding like this makes healthcare available to children right in their school, and it breaks down an important barrier for them to get necessary healthcare and mental healthcare. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 515

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Malaby, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Perry, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Ward, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Black, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Turner, Wadsworth, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hanley, Herbig, Marean, Ordway, Parry, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 84; No, 51; Absent, 16; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 51 voted in the negative, with 16 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (H-635) was **READ** by the Clerk.

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment** "A" (H-635) and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-631) on Bill "An Act Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Investigate the Conditions of Sheepscot Pond Related to a Management Plan for Anadromous Fish Species"

Signed:

Senator:

VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

KUMIEGA of Deer Isle ALLEY of Beals BATTLE of South Portland BLUME of York DEVIN of Newcastle HAGGAN of Hampden HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor SIMMONS of Waldoboro

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

Signed: Senators:

MAKER of Washington BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representatives: SUTTON of Warren TUELL of East Machias

READ.

Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-640) on Bill "An Act To Continue the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative"

Signed:

(H.P. 1236) (L.D. 1791)

(H.P. 650) (L.D. 922)

Senators:

MAKER of Washington VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

KUMIEGA of Deer Isle ALLEY of Beals BATTLE of South Portland BLUME of York DEVIN of Newcastle HAGGAN of Hampden HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor SIMMONS of Waldoboro TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "B" (H-641) on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin

Representative:

SUTTON of Warren

READ.

On motion of Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-640)** 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-640)** and sent for concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Streamline Advocacy for Maine Small Businesses by Relocating the Bureau of the Special Advocate within the Department of the Secretary of State to the Department of Economic and Community Development"

(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1764)

Signed: Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-638)** on same Bill. Signed: Senator: DAVIS of Piscataguis

Representatives:

GRIGNON of Athens HARRINGTON of Sanford PICKETT of Dixfield

READ.

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

Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester moved that the Bill be **TABLED** until later in today's session pending the motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **TABLE** until later in today's session pending the motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair 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 to Table until later in today's session pending the motion of Representative Martin of Sinclair to Accept the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 516

YEA - Austin S, Bickford, Black, Campbell, Cebra, Chace, Chapman, Corey, Craig, Devin, Dillingham, Espling, Foley, Gerrish, Gillway, Grignon, Guerin, Haggan, Hanington, Harlow, Harrington, Harvell, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Hilliard, Johansen, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Seavey, Simmons, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Ward, White, Winsor.

NAY - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Collings, Cooper, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Handy, 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, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Sheats, Spear, Stanley, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

ABSENT - Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hamann, Hanley, Herbig, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 64; No, 73; Absent, 14; Excused, 0.

64 having voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative, with 14 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **TABLE** until later in today's session pending the motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report **FAILED**.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in the Funding of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by Imposing an Annual Fee on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles"

(H.P. 1252) (L.D. 1806)

Signed: Senator:

MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

McLEAN of Gorham AUSTIN of Skowhegan BRYANT of Windham GRANT of Gardiner SCHNECK of Bangor SHEATS of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment** "A" (H-644) on same Bill.

Signed: Senators: COLLINS of York ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

GILLWAY of Searsport PARRY of Arundel PERKINS of Oakland

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS

(H.P. 1232)

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** on same Joint Resolution.

Signed: Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis KEIM of Oxford Representatives:

HARRINGTON of Sanford ORDWAY of Standish PICKETT of Dixfield

READ.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR First Day

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

(S.P. 183) (L.D. 565) Bill "An Act To Address Maine's Opiate Addiction Crisis" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-372)**

(S.P. 630) (L.D. 1731) Bill "An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools" Committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-371)

(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1787) Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2018 and 2019 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-375)

(S.P. 669) (L.D. 1790) Bill "An Act To Increase Safety on a Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm" Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-369)

(H.P. 1248) (L.D. 1803) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 28: Advanced Deposit Wagering, a Major Substantive Rule of the Gambling Control Board (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 73) (L.D. 105) Bill "An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine" Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-645)

(H.P. 1011) (L.D. 1472) Bill "An Act To Lower the Costs of Broadband Service by Coordinating the Installation of Broadband Infrastructure" Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-643)

(H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1534) Bill "An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste" (EMERGENCY) Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-634)

(H.P. 1092) (L.D. 1588) Bill "An Act To Maintain Mail Routes and Access to Residential Structures" Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-646)

(H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1767) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11.14: Atlantic Sea Scallop Limited Entry Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources (EMERGENCY) Committee on MARINE RESOURCES reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-632) (H.P. 1243) (L.D. 1798) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: ConnectME Authority, a Major Substantive Rule of the ConnectME Authority (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY**, **UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-633)**

(H.P. 1262) (L.D. 1820) Resolve, Regarding Increases in Reimbursement Rates for Certain Children's Habilitative Services under MaineCare (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-642)**

(H.P. 1266) (L.D. 1824) Bill "An Act Regarding the Termination of the Authority To Issue a Permit for a Noise Suppression Device on a Firearm for Hunting" Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-639)

(H.P. 1269) (L.D. 1827) Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Trust Code Regarding Reporting by Trustees and the Duties of Trustees to Settlors" Committee on JUDICIARY reporting Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-636)

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

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

(H.P. 1247) (L.D. 1802) 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. 115 voted in favor of the same and 16 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to the Constitution Public Land

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Land in the Town of Pittston

(H.P. 1222) (L.D. 1773) (C. "A" H-620)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. In accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of Article IX of the Constitution, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 128 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act Regarding Municipal Satellite Wastewater Collection Systems

(H.P. 290) (L.D. 399) (C. "A" H-613) An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits

(S.P. 212) (L.D. 650) (C. "A" S-370)

An Act To Simplify Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Licenses

(H.P. 548) (L.D. 768)

(C. "A" H-615) An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

(H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1656)

(C. "A" H-606)

An Act To Increase Flexibility in the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

(H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1720) (C. "A" H-616)

An Act Regarding Maine's Liquor Laws (H.P. 1231) (L.D. 1786)

(C. "A" H-619)

An Act Regarding the Penalties for Hunting Deer over Bait (S.P. 684) (L.D. 1816)

An Act Regarding the Repeal of a Provision of Law Allowing Certain Nonresidents To Hunt Deer before the Open Season on Deer

(H.P. 1265) (L.D. 1823) Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act To Prohibit Gross Metering

(S.P. 499) (L.D. 1444)

(C. "A" S-359) Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL NO. 517

YEA - Ackley, Alley, Austin B, Babbidge, Bailey, Bates, Battle, Beebe-Center, Berry, Bickford, Black, Blume, Brooks, Bryant, Cardone, Cebra, Chace, Chapman, Collings, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, DeChant, Denno, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy, Farnsworth, Fay, Fecteau, Foley, Frey, Fuller, Gattine, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Handy, Harlow, Harrington, Harvell, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hilliard, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kinney M, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lawrence, Longstaff, Luchini, Madigan C, Madigan J, Marean, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCrea, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Nadeau, O'Neil, Parker, Parry, Perry, Pierce J, Pouliot, Reckitt, Riley, Sanborn, Schneck, Seavey, Sheats, Simmons, Skolfield, Spear, Stanley, Stearns, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tipping, Tucker, Tuell, Vachon, Ward, Warren, Zeigler, Madam Speaker.

NAY - Austin S, Campbell, Craig, Dillingham, Espling, Gerrish, Grignon, Haggan, Hanington, Hawke, Head, Johansen, Kinney J, Lockman, Lyford, Malaby, Mason, McElwee, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Picchiotti, Pickett, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Sanderson, Sirocki, Stetkis, Stewart, Strom, Sutton, Timberlake, Turner, Wadsworth, White, Winsor.

ABSENT - Bradstreet, Casas, Farrin, Fredette, Ginzler, Hanley, Herbig, Pierce T, Rykerson, Sherman, Theriault, Wallace, Wood.

Yes, 101; No, 37; Absent, 13; Excused, 0.

101 having voted in the affirmative and 37 voted in the negative, with 13 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **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**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, March 13, 2018, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1184) (L.D. 1704)

(C. "A" H-593)

TABLED - March 6, 2018 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED.

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 83 voted in favor of the same and 53 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 710)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 10:00 in the morning.

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

Bill "An Act To Include Operating a Motor Vehicle in a Parking Area in the Law Regarding Operating after Habitual Offender Revocation"

(S.P. 706) (L.D. 1859) 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 Include Security Installations and Upgrades in Maine's School Revolving Renovation Fund"

(S.P. 703) (L.D. 1858) 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 Regarding the Limit on the Number of Children Who May Be Placed in a Single Foster Home"

(S.P. 708) (L.D. 1863) Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed. **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 459) STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER'S OFFICE AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

March 15, 2018 Honorable Robert B. Hunt Clerk of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333 Dear Clerk Hunt: Pursuant to my authority under House Rule 201.1 (H), I appointed Representative John L. Martin of Eagle Lake to serve as Speaker Pro Tem to convene the House on March 8 and 13, 2018. Sincerely, S/Sara Gideon Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

SENATE PAPERS Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide the State the Right of First Refusal for the Purchase of Certain Land on Which a Subsidy Has Been Paid"

(S.P. 698) (L.D. 1844)

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in the House on March 6, 2018.

Came from the Senate with that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE**, **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

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

On motion of Representative PERRY of Calais, the House adjourned at 12:41 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2018, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 710).