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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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In Senate Chamber
Thursday
May 9, 2019

Senate called to order by President Troy D. Jackson of Aroostook County.

Prayer by Pastor Travis Armstrong, Hope Baptist Church in Manchester.

PASTOR ARMSTRONG: Let us pray. Father God, You are a great and powerful God; a God that is sovereign, in control of all things; a God who freely pours out His love, mercy, and blessing to those who would seek it and choose to follow You. We come before You today asking for Your guidance and direction in every decision that is made on behalf of our state before Congress. We ask for Your blessing on this group of elected men and women, chosen representatives, and on the choices that they would make which effects thousands of people. We ask that there would be tremendous unity in their discussions and decisions; that Republican, Democrat, Independent, or otherwise would not be how they first think of or define themselves, but rather as American, Mainer, and servant, servants of each other and of the people they represent. We ask for virtue to overshadow personal victory. We ask for integrity and morality to win over selfishness and pride. We ask that choices would be based upon what is right and not what is perceived as popular. We ask today for a spirit of partnership rather than partisanship. We know that everyone here today wants to see this continuous Body succeed in their efforts to guide and lead our state. God, may they be guided by You as they seek to guide us. God, may they be led by You as they seek to lead us. God, may they be blessed by You as they seek to bring blessing upon us. Father God, may You will be done in this room today. May You use these men and women which You have placed into office for Your purposes and for Your glory. We come before You today and ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. May his mercy and love, servanthood and sacrifice, be an example on how we would lead and live. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot County.

Reading of the Journal of Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

Doctor of the day, A. Jan Berlin, M.D. of Portland.

Off Record Remarks

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 564

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale and Release or Abandonment of Balloons"
H.P. 692 L.D. 937

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-167)** (9 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (4 members)

In Senate, May 2, 2019, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-167)**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements"

H.P. 586 L.D. 798
(C "A" H-120; S "A" S-66
to C "A" H-120)

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (5 members)

In Senate, May 2, 2019, on motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-120) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-66)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-120)**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

House Paper

Bill "An Act Regarding Women's Health and Economic Security"
H.P. 1165 L.D. 1613

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 381

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

May 7, 2019

The Honorable Troy Dale Jackson
President of the Senate of Maine
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333-0003

Dear Mr. President:

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

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

YEAS	Senators	2	Dill, J. of Penobscot, Black, R. of Franklin
	Representatives	9	Hickman, C. of Winthrop, Hall, R. of Wilton, Kinney, M. of Knox, Kryzak, T. of Acton, Maxmin, C. of Nobleboro, O'Neil, M. of Saco, Pluecker, B. of Warren, Roberts-Lovell, T. of South Berwick, Skolfield, T. of Weld

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Sen. Diamond, B. of Cumberland, Rep. McCrea, D. of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed,

S/Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator **DOW**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

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

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A., Chapter 6, Section 158, and with Joint Rule 506 of the 129th Legislature, the vote was taken by the Yeas and Nays.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#85)

YEAS: Senators: None

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

EXCUSED: Senators: DOW

No Senator having voted in the affirmative and 34 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, and none being less than two-thirds of the Membership present and voting, it was the vote of the Senate that the Committee's recommendation be **ACCEPTED** and the nomination of **Peter Pray** of Millinocket for appointment to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 382

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

May 6, 2019

Honorable Troy Dale Jackson, Senate President
Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House
129th Maine State Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that we have approved the request by the bill sponsor Rep. Warren of Hallowell, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 804 An Act To Ensure Programming for Long-term Incarcerations at County Jails

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Susan Deschambault
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Charlotte May Warren
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine"

S.P. 565 L.D. 1711

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representatives: Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend and Clarify the Maine Uniform Securities Act and To Make a Technical Correction in the Law Concerning Financial Planners"

S.P. 566 L.D. 1712

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

An Expression of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

Betsy Parsons, of South Portland, who retired after teaching in Portland public schools for 30 years. Ms. Parsons has been a leader in supporting the education of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, helping to found in 1996 the southern Maine chapter of the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network in order to make schools safe for students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

HLS 165

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

The Joint Order was **READ**.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, we are graced this morning by the presence of Betsy Parsons. There are those remarkable individuals whose love for others knows no boundaries and touches countless people day in and day out, no matter whether they're family, friend, or stranger; whose impact on lives ripples through generations and across the state. Betsy Parsons is such a remarkable individual. She's a Maine treasure and beloved by so many. She's retired after a distinguished career as an English teacher but, just as importantly, as a shining light of acceptance, love, and courage for her students, their families, and all of those in our communities. But for Betsy retirement is a name only. Every day she works to make our world better, more loving, more accepting, and she does this with such grace and humility. But if you've been blessed to be in her presence and speak with her, you can't help but feel that you've been touched by the wings of an angel. So it's with great privilege that I welcome her here this morning to the Chamber of the Maine Senate. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Bellows.

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this Joint Order and to share that I first met Betsy in 2005. I had just moved back home to Maine and Maine was involved in Maine Won't Discriminate, our successful campaign to pass nondiscrimination for our gay and lesbian colleagues and neighbors and friends and family members. Betsy was a leader in that campaign and I came to know her and I came to hear of her story, and it's remarkable to think how far we've come, how far that arch of justice has bent forward, and Betsy has been a key force in that arch of justice. Founding GLSEN in 1996 was a bold and courageous and important act for LGBTQ students who were being bullied and harassed in schools and were afraid to be themselves. In 1998 Betsy came out in her school, another bold and courageous act, signaling to all of her students that they were not alone, that they were loved. After Maine Won't Discriminate passed in 2005, Betsy was part of a core group who began to work on marriage equality for all and I was Executive Director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union and had the good fortune of working directly with Betsy, whom we hired to do educational outreach. She spoke in churches. She spoke to community groups. She gathered signatures. One of Betsy's remarkable qualities is that quality of being able to connect with anyone. She was collecting signatures in a town not her own and she approached a WWII veteran, asking him to sign the petition. She had a lovely conversation with him that culminated in him saying, 'What do you think our boys died for on Omaha Beach? I will sign.' Then she convinced him to come to the Civic Center and share his story with the rest of Maine. Her powers of persuasion, her powers of conversation, are remarkable. Of course, we know the end of that story. Marriage equality was defeated but then passed and Maine was the first state in the country to pass it in the Legislature and have it signed by the Governor and then one

of the first states in the country to pass it on the ballot. In 2014, my current organization, the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, gave our first Gerda Haas Award for Excellence and Human Rights Education and Leadership to Betsy Parsons for her lifelong leadership on human rights and in education for young people in our schools and then we recruited her to our Board of Directors, and I'm here to tell you as a Board Member Betsy is mentor, colleague, hero. She truly embodies a life well lived in the service of others, a lifelong educator, and, for me, I will be deeply grateful forever for the influence she has had in forming who I am as a human rights leader in our state. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**, in concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Betsy Parsons of South Portland. Would the Maine State Senate please give her congratulations and well wishes.

ORDERS

Joint Order

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

The University of Maine Women's Basketball Team, of Orono, which won the America East Championship and advanced to the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 498

Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PERRY of Bangor, TIPPING of Orono.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to recognize the University of Maine Black Bears Women's Basketball Team who are here today because for the second year in a row they won the America East title and advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Unlike last year, the team were frontrunners from the get go and, as the Bangor Daily put it, they, 'Thrived on high expectations.' In addition to beating Hartford 68-48 to claim the America East title, the Black Bears went 25-7 and had a stretch of 14 wins in a row. They were known for their offensive teamwork, averaging more than four players scoring nine plus point a game in the America East Tournament. Tanesha Sutton, who is here today, was a powerhouse who averaged 19 points, 9.3 rebounds, and 7 assists in the tournament. Junior Guard Blanca Millan was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player for the second straight year after scoring 54 points in the tournament, including 19 in the title game against Hartford. Mr. President, Parise Rossignol of Van Buren is here today. Parise put up back-to-back three pointers at the start of the championship game to kick the Black

Bears off with a 10-0 lead. Finally, of course, Coach Amy Vachon did yeoman's work, making sure this team was prepared for the season's high expectations and challenges, and pushed them through the setback of the season. One other thing that I would add was that for the past six semesters these young ladies have averaged a 3.2 grade point average and this semester it's 3.4. So not only are they good on the court but they're good in the classroom. Ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted that these outstanding athletes could join us today. I hope you'll join me in welcoming them. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber Head Coach Amy Vachon and seniors Tanesha Sutton and Parise Rossignol of the UMaine Black Bears Women's Basketball Team, along with UMaine Director of Athletics, Ken Ralph, and Senior Associate Athletic Director, Seth Woodcock. They are the guests today, obviously, of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Dill. Would the entire Maine Legislature thank them for their great efforts. Would you please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Expenditure Review Process"

H.P. 792 L.D. 1069

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ TWICE** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Provision of Medical Assessments for Youth in Foster Care"

H.P. 999 L.D. 1378

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-215)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-215)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-215) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Implement the State's Recently Approved Request for a Section 1115 Demonstration for MaineCare"

H.P. 736 L.D. 981

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

Signed:

Senators:

GRATWICK of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

HYMANSON of York
CRAVEN of Lewiston
MADIGAN of Waterville
MEYER of Eliot
PERRY of Calais
STOVER of Boothbay
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-216)**.

Signed:

Senator:

MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

GRIFFIN of Levant
JAVNER of Chester
O'CONNOR of Berwick

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Moore.

Senator **MOORE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. L.D. 981 would require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a request for a Section 1115 waiver, similar to the waiver that was approved in 2018 and withdrawn in January 2019. The waiver actually would require certain adult beneficiaries, 19 to 64 years of age, to participate in 20 hours per week of community engagement activities such as employment, education, job skills training, job search activities, and community service. Adult beneficiaries would also be required to pay monthly premiums based on their income. Excuse me, let me back up a second. As far as the work requirement, adult beneficiaries exempt from this subsection are women who are pregnant or 60 days postpartum; individuals receiving temporary or permanent disability benefits; individuals who are physically or mentally unable to participate in community education or work requirements for 20 hours a week as determined by a medical provider; individuals who reside in a residential facility where the individual is participating in a residential substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitation program; designated caretakers of a child under 6 years of age; caregivers who are responsible for the care of an incapacitated individual; and individuals who have a disability as defined by federal disabilities rights laws. It would also require monthly premiums to be paid by MaineCare members earning above 50% but not more than 100% of the federal poverty level. The premium would be \$10 per month. For MaineCare members earning above 100% but not more than 150% of the federal poverty level the premium would be \$20 per month. For MaineCare members earning above 150% but not more than 200% of the federal poverty level the premium would be \$30 per month. Finally, for MaineCare members earning above 200% of the federal poverty level the premium would be \$40 per month. Mr. President, let me quote the bill sponsor's testimony. 'Having a job, getting an education, volunteering for a merit of good reasons are great ways to stay busy and keep an active mind. There's also a certain feeling of pride that goes with keeping yourself successfully busy and contributing to society. Sitting down at the end of the day and knowing that you have accomplished something, been productive, and contributed is always a good feeling.' Many states are in the process of implementing these waivers or have pending applications. I encourage everyone to oppose this motion so that Maine can join those states. Thank you.

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

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of the current motion. It was discussed in detail in our Committee. This is, to my way of thinking, this bill, if it would pass, would be a step backwards in caring for those least fortunate, those people who have very low incomes. Remember, 100% of poverty, roughly \$12,000. Asking those people to come up with more money is very difficult indeed. These initiatives have been struck down in

two states, Arkansas and Kentucky. The court battle in ongoing in New Hampshire at this time. I think it would be a step backwards in caring for this very vulnerable group of people. We need to be working on more healthcare, more healthcare for our citizens here in Maine, making it more easily accessible and not making it harder. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and further excused the same Senator from today's Roll Call votes.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#86)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DOW, LAWRENCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Diapering Products from Sales Tax"

H.P. 637 L.D. 863

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-212).**

Signed:

Senators:
CHIPMAN of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland

Representatives:

TIPPING of Orono
CLOUTIER of Lewiston
DENK of Kennebunk
MAREAN of Hollis
MATLACK of St. George
STANLEY of Medway
TERRY of Gorham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought Not To Pass**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
KRYZAK of Acton
STEWART of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-212)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-212) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senate

Ought to Pass As Amended

Senator HERBIG for the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Ban Telephone Solicitations Using an Artificial or Prerecorded Voice and Enhance Caller Identification"

S.P. 89 L.D. 277

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-88) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend the Act To Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement"

H.P. 1221 L.D. 1709

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide for the Merger of Hospital Administrative District No. 4 into MRH Corp., a Maine Nonprofit, Nonstock Private Corporation" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1220 L.D. 1708

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

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Return Funds to Maine Property Tax Payers"

H.P. 1223 L.D. 1713

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Enact the Automated Driving Safety Act"
H.P. 1222 L.D. 1710

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit the Provision of Conversion Therapy to Minors by Certain Licensed Professionals"

H.P. 755 L.D. 1025

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)**.

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
FOLEY of York
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BRENNAN of Portland
BROOKS of Lewiston
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-214)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
SWALLOW of Houlton

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-213)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-213)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-213)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-213) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-213)**, in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matters in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/2/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers by Creating the Crime of Aggravated Assault on an Officer"

S.P. 74 L.D. 262

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (8 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-74)** (5 members)

Tabled - May 2, 2019 by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report.

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cyrway.

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I stand before you as a member of the Senate to ask, as a retired patrol officer, you to help your fellow men and women in uniform, to keep them out of harm's way. Due to the drug crisis and the gang activity, we've seen a growing problem with targeting law enforcement and corrections officers. So what this bill does is just holds the actions accountable for someone that plans to do harm and by raising the class of one level for aggravated assault. This would help protect our men and women in uniform from getting into a serious harmful situation and from having a permanent injury. There again, this is planned not reactionary and would have to be proven as so. So it would be a rare situation but once in a while it does happen. It's sad when I have heard that police officers have chosen this profession so they are just doing their job. It's not so when it's planned. I've seen where, and I'm sure you've seen it on television, where officers have been shot right in their cruiser, just sitting there. We had, not too long ago, a corrections officer in State prison here in Maine that got stabbed. I, myself, have experienced a few situations where someone trapped me in by bringing their truck behind me and surrounding me with 25 guys at my cruiser. I could have got seriously injured. We have to go home as law enforcement officers and we want to see our families again. This is just taking a moment and think seriously of what we're doing and can we help these men and women that are trying to keep us safe, to help them a little bit. So, if you could, I just appreciate you'd follow my light and help them. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Deschambault.

Senator **DESCHAMBAULT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Before I get into that, I also am a retired correctional staff member of 43 years and have served 12 years as a police commissioner. This bill, as written and as amended, has a lot of problems. The first thing I'd like to bring to your attention is CLAC report. For some of you, and probably the listening audience, who doesn't know what CLAC it's the Criminal Law Advisory Commission made up of judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. They point out that we don't need this, that we already have crimes set forth in our statute and that this one mirrors exactly what that is. We have assault, aggravated assault, elevated aggravated assault, and so on. They do not favor enacting specific statutes that prohibit conduct already criminalized in our statutes. Also, passage of the amendment would diminish the ability of the court to factor in aggravated circumstances in the sentencing. The worst part of this bill is the mandatory minimum sentence of 4 years, not leaving much room. It cannot be suspended. The other part of this is the prosecuting attorneys have to prove that the officer or the staff member was targeted and, I'm trying to think of the other word, that it was planned and targeted because of their position. Let me tell you, it did say that there was no fiscal note, that it would be minimal. I'd like to bring to your attention, if we're going to increase the criminality and the sentencing, especially mandatory, I'll give you some facts. From the years 2016 - 2018, three years of tabulations, in the law enforcement community 216 officers were assaulted. There were 216 people charged, 73 were convicted in that three year period. In the correctional officer's field, 178 people were charged and 95 were

convicted, for 168 people's convictions in the last three years. Yes, it's a tough job but not necessarily a Class A, Class B mandatory. I want to remind everybody, we're having trouble with overcrowding and paying our bills. It's \$45,000 a year to incarcerate someone and, in my tabulation, those 168 people would have cost the State of Maine over \$8 million to incarcerate because of the mere fact their victim was an officer or a correctional officer. I trust the court system to take that into consideration. I have been in there. I have seen assaults. I have been part of the evaluation. Some of them are handled in the correctional field, in house, or, if it rises to the occasion where the Department of Corrections charges them, that is done also. Thank you very much. Please follow my light.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#87)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DOW, LAWRENCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/7/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday"

H.P. 340 L.D. 431

Majority - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) (6 members)

Minority - Ought Not to Pass (5 members)

Tabled - May 7, 2019 by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-188).**)

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#88)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: DOW

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/7/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Transparency and Participation in Maine Water Districts" S.P. 373 L.D. 1198

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - May 7, 2019 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report

The Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/7/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** on Resolve, To Require a Study of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions from the Proposed Central Maine Power Company Transmission Corridor (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 202 L.D. 640

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (3 members)

Tabled - May 7, 2019 by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report

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

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Carson.

Senator **CARSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise to urge you to support the Majority Report on L.D. 640, a bill that directs the Maine DEP to commission an independent study on whether CMP's proposed electric transmission corridor, known as the NECEC, would actually provide benefit to the climate by reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions. As we all know, CMP and its parent company, AVANGRID, are working with Hydro-Quebec on a project to deliver hydropower from Quebec to Massachusetts. The full transmission line would be 145 miles long, of which 53 miles would be a brand new corridor and a permanent swath through forestland in Western Maine. The impacts of this project would be substantial. As stated in a letter from the U.S. EPA to the Army Corps of Engineers last week, and I quote, 'As proposed, the project would cause direct and secondary impacts for many wetlands, streams, and vernal pools. The transmission line would clear 1,800 acres of land and cross more than 200 rivers, streams, and brooks, removing over 11 linear miles of riparian vegetation adjacent to these aquatic resources. The project would impact hundreds of acres of wetlands, including 242 vernal pools, mostly through secondary impacts.' As my colleagues know, this project has stirred up strong opposition from citizens in communities statewide, but especially in Somerset and Franklin Counties, nearest to the project. Many

believe that the project must be questioned. They are concerned about the impacts on the ground and many want to know if the claims about the project being good for the climate are real because that can help them and us all, as policy makers, balance the overall costs and benefits to Maine.

During the hearings on this bill before the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, we received extensive testimony on why the study called for by this bill is critical and we amended the bill to address concerns that were raised. Let me address four key points, please. First, no State funding will be required because the study, as called for, can only be done with funding raised from outside sources. So there is no fiscal note. Second, there is no way that the bill can delay the permitting process. The DEP says that it will not issue a permit decision on this project until late October or November and the study called for by the bill must be done and delivered by August 15th. L.D. 640 also states that DEP would not be allowed to issue a permit until 45 days after the report is delivered, which would be September 29 or 30, still well before the DEP permit decision. If the August 15 deadline is missed then the 45 day no longer applies and DEP can issue a permit at any time. Third, the study will be independent and unbiased with no preconceived outcome. It will be a transparent process, allowing stakeholders and the public to provide comments on the scope of work, key modeling assumptions, and the final document before issue. The results must, and will, speak for themselves. Fourth, and most importantly, no study like this has been done. Study of greenhouse gas emissions on the entire system connected to Hydro-Quebec has not been done. The consulting firm called London Economics did a study for the Maine PUC mostly on economic issues of the proposed project. Less than two pages of an 85 page report focused on possible greenhouse gas emission reductions, but they explicitly stated that these reductions had only been achieved by looking at New England, not by the broader area. We need to understand the full picture, not just the limited view of New England. As policy makers, we owe it to our constituents, the people of Maine, to provide this level of due diligence because we are being asked by Massachusetts and the developers of this project to accept a lot of impact on Maine in areas that are special to Maine people. At no cost to the public and with no change of delaying the project, this bill will help generate critical information on the central issue of climate impacts. I urge you to vote in support of this bill. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Libby.

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I agree with my colleague and friend from Cumberland, Senator Carson, that we need to get to the truth. We need to understand the real impacts of this project on greenhouse gas emissions. I think there are some issues with how the study is drafted and how it will be conducted. I'm afraid that the process that's to be undertaken here is far outside of the norm for how we procure studies like this. I'd remind members of the last time we did a sole-source contract for a study. It was the Alexander Report under the previous Administration. It cost the State about \$1 million. It was undertaken by someone who had been found to commit fraud and, ultimately, some of that money had to be returned and a penalty assessed. I'm not saying it's going to happen here. I'm simply calling attention to the fact that procurement is important.

Our process is important and under the bill, as proposed, the DEP would be hiring, in a sole-source contract, a project manager to do the study. That project manager would then be free to hire subcontractors to do the modeling and analysis. I think that's concerning, that the agency that we're tasking with managing this process has no oversight or control over that process. The assumptions in that modeling, the requirements of the scope of work, that's important. I very much want to get to the bottom of this question of whether or not the project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Northeast. I want the report results to be valid. I want us to be able to trust them. I'm simply concerned that what we're asking DEP to do is not practical. DEP doesn't have policy experience in evaluating fuel costs, in evaluating load growth, in evaluating electricity markets, in evaluating electricity transmission constraints, in evaluating new and future electric generation facilities and technology development. I think that DEP, in partnership with the PUC, might be able to answer some of those questions more succinctly. So those are my concerns about procurement.

I also have a very, I think, valid concern that relates to my district. I've been very open about this fact, that if this project is approved, and it is built, my community is very unique in the state, being able to collect some significant property tax revenue from the project. Very significant, \$3 to \$5 million over the period of the project, every year, for my district, for my municipality, and for my school district, where three of the poorest census tracts in the state are located in the downtown. Like all of us, we've campaigned throughout our districts. We've walked our districts. We know the people that we're representing. I've walked the downtown districts. I've walked up the five flights of stairs to apartment buildings to meet with people who are struggling. We've got high poverty rates. We've got high jobless rates. We've got high rates of ESL. High rates of opiate addiction. We've got major struggles. High rates of food insecurity as well. Three to five million dollars a year is a big deal for a place like Lewiston.

A lot is riding on this study. The study has to be done right. I don't want us to get to a place in the fall where we question some of the assumptions that were baked into the model; that we question where the money came from, whether that produced some undue influence or conflict of interest. I'm concerned that DEP is being asked to manage this project when they don't work in this field of energy and utility law. I think there are legitimate questions around the project. I also know that there's a lot of inertia against the project, a lot of political inertia, public opinion is very low. The project is not popular. It's very complicated and it's being pushed by a company that is not popular either. I think there was some polling done that suggests CMP is less popular than Congress. That's really bad. Clearly, they've had a lot of mismanagement in the last several years. Some would argue negligence in how they've handled billing. I'm not standing here as a defender of the company but I am suggesting that this is a major project that has the potential to really, significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state. We have to make sure the study is done right. I have concerns that it will be done right and so I appreciate members of the Senate considering these remarks. I'm just going to conclude by saying that I considered offering a floor amendment. It's on your desks. I do not plan to be offering the floor amendment today, or ever, just to be clear. Just to be clear, I'm not going to be offering the floor amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#89)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DESCHAMBAULT, DILL, FARRIN, FOLEY, GRATWICK, GUERIN, HERBIG, KEIM, LAWRENCE, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: DIAMOND, HAMPER, LIBBY, ROSEN

EXCUSED: Senators: DOW

30 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 4 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-82) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Update and Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act"

H.P. 779 L.D. 1056

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-224)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-224)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-224) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

The Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Improve Enforcement in the Elver Fishery"

H.P. 1107 L.D. 1514

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-221)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-221)**.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Require Newly Purchased Public School Buses To Be Equipped with School Bus Crossing Arms

H.P. 20 L.D. 19
(C "A" H-190)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Recognize Employee Background Checks Conducted for Out-of-state Schools Eligible for Maine Tuition Assistance

H.P. 297 L.D. 388
(H "A" H-189)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Permit the Indoor Production of Industrial Hemp

H.P. 380 L.D. 523
(C "A" H-193)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 31 Members of the Senate, with 2 Senators having voted in the negative, and 31 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Super Pack License Holders in Antlerless Deer Permit Lotteries

H.P. 655 L.D. 881
(C "A" H-186)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Revise and Recodify Certain Provisions of the Maine Criminal Code

H.P. 1022 L.D. 1407

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Review Case Loads for Child Welfare Caseworkers

H.P. 595 L.D. 821
(C "A" H-209)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Emergency Resolve

Resolve, To Establish a Specialty Crops Certification Cost-share Pilot Program

H.P. 726 L.D. 971
(C "A" H-203)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 33 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **FINALLY PASSED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

All matters thus acted upon, with the exception of those matters being held, were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

Senator **DAVIS** of Piscataquis moved that when the Senate **ADJOURNED** it do so in honor of Mother's Day and all the mothers everywhere.

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem
BRADLEE T. FARRIN of Somerset County.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**,
pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 10:00
in the morning in honor of Mother's Day and all mothers
everywhere.