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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

In Senate Chamber
Thursday
May 23, 2019

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

Prayer by Pastor Robert Richards, Fellowship Baptist Church in Augusta.

PASTOR RICHARDS: Let us pray. Father, we thank You for this day. We thank You for this opportunity, that we could gather together, Lord, and pray over our leaders, these elected officials. Father, I am grateful that You have given us this opportunity, Lord, the freedom that we have to come before You, Lord, to bring our needs and our desires before You, knowing You are a God that hears and a God that answers. Lord, we acknowledge that You are sovereign and that You are in control of all that goes on. Proverb 21 tells us that the heart of the King is in the hand of the Lord and turns whichever way he would have it to go. Father, I thank You for You are in control. Lord, today these leaders have bills before them, on their docket, that they'll be working at, discussing, voting upon. Lord, I pray that You would give them direction. Lord, I pray that You would give them understanding and wisdom and guide them as they make those votes, as they make those decisions. Lord, I pray that You are glorified and honored in all things. We thank You so much for what You've done for us. We thank You for the blood of Christ that was shed upon the cross for our sins, Lord, that we might come before You. We ask for Your help today, Lord, because we need it. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Justin M. Chenette of York County.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Doctor of the day, Marya Goettsche Spurling, M.D. of New Sharon.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1253

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING JUNE 20, 2019 AS
WORLD REFUGEE DAY IN MAINE**

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day was launched by the United Nations to honor the bravery, strength and determination of refugees fleeing war and persecution; and

WHEREAS, refugees in communities across the welcoming state of Maine resettle in the hope of finding peace and safety for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, for over 40 years refugee communities from diverse backgrounds with a variety of skills, abilities and experiences have been woven into the fabric of Maine's vibrant cultural tapestry; and

WHEREAS, refugee communities have made critical economic contributions to our State; and

WHEREAS, refugee-led organizations in Maine work to strengthen communities by engaging with and improving the lives of all residents of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize June 20, 2019 as World Refugee Day in Maine and the positive impact and enduring contributions of refugee communities in the State.

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

READ and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 476

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

May 22, 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 Environment and Natural Resources has had under consideration the nomination of James W. Gorman, Jr. of Freeport, for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board.

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	Carson, B. of Cumberland, Foley, R. of York
	Representatives	7	Tucker, R. of Brunswick, Blume, L. of York, Campbell, D. of Orrington, Fay, J. of Raymond, Hobbs, D. of Wells, Skolfield, T. of Weld, Zeigler, S. of Montville
NAYS		0	
ABSENT		4	Sen. Chenette, J. of York, Rep. Gramlich, L. of Old Orchard Beach, Rep. Johansen, C. of Monticello, Rep. Lyford, P. of Eddington

Nine 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 James W. Gorman, Jr. of Freeport, for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board be confirmed.

Signed,

S/Brownie Carson
Senate Chair

S/Ralph L. Tucker
House Chair

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator **POULIOT**, 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 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** 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 (#113)

YEAS: Senators: None

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

EXCUSED: Senators: POULIOT

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 **James W. Gorman, Jr.** of Freeport for appointment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board was **CONFIRMED**.

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 468

STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

April 25, 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 Sen. Diamond of Cumberland, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 787 An Act To Support Victims of Child Sexual Abuse

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael E. Carpenter
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Donna Bailey
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 469

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

April 25, 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. Bailey of Saco, to report the following bill Leave to Withdraw:

L.D. 1233 An Act Regarding Offers of Settlement

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Michael E. Carpenter
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Donna Bailey
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 470

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

May 17, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 495 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Conduct a Feasibility Study on Locating a Grain Processing Facility in Aroostook County (EMERGENCY)

L.D. 1540 An Act Concerning Timber Harvesting on Public Lands and in State Parks, Historic Sites and the Restricted Zone of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Jim Dill
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Craig V. Hickman
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 471

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 16, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 52 An Act To Provide an Affordable and Accessible Health Care System for all Residents of Maine

L.D. 109 An Act To Create a Public Health Insurance Option

L.D. 407 An Act To Promote Universal Health Care, Including Dental, Vision and Hearing Care

L.D. 1243 An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Providing Health Care for Their Employees

L.D. 1281 Resolve, To Create a Committee To Explore Regional Cooperation for Affordable Health Insurance

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 472

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

May 17, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1648 An Act To Improve Access to Experienced
Primary Care Providers in Maine

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Heather B. Sanborn
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Denise A. Tepler
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 473

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

May 16, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 1265 An Act To Establish a Maine Low-income
Housing Tax Credit

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Ben Chipman
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Ryan Tipping
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 474

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

May 17, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

L.D. 466 An Act To Create a Diesel Fuel Tax Differential

L.D. 827 An Act Regarding the Placement of Campaign
Signs

L.D. 844 An Act To Prohibit Driverless Commercial
Vehicles

L.D. 1075 An Act To Allow a Wrecker To Transport the
Number of Vehicles Authorized by
Manufacturer Specifications for the Wrecker

L.D. 1166 An Act To Require Public Transit To Be
Accessible to Blind or Visually Impaired Riders

L.D. 1195 An Act To Encourage the Removal of
Campaign Signs from the Public Right-of-way

- L.D. 1257 An Act To Prepare Maine for a Low-carbon Transportation Future
- L.D. 1329 An Act To Allow Temporary Roadside Memorials for Deceased Victims of Traffic Accidents
- L.D. 1473 An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Governing Culvert Replacement
- L.D. 1527 An Act To Require That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways
- L.D. 1710 An Act To Enact the Automated Driving Safety Act

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Bill Diamond
Senate Chair

S/Rep. Andrew McLean
House Chair

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

The Following Communication: S.C. 475

**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

May 20, 2019

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

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Gideon:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, we are writing to notify you that the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs has voted unanimously to report the following bill(s) out "Ought Not to Pass":

- L.D. 1722 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Develop a Plan for Implementation of Automatic Registration of Nonregistered Persons Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

This is notification of the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Louis J. Luchini
Senate Chair

S/Rep. John C. Schneck
House Chair

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

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Children's Cabinet and Its Advisory Councils"

S.P. 602 L.D. 1778

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and Senators: CARSON of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, Representative: BRENNAN of Portland.

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Membership of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board"

S.P. 600 L.D. 1776

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Add Rivers, Streams and Brooks to the Department of Environmental Protection's Compensation Fee Program"

S.P. 601 L.D. 1777

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York.

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Efficiency of Certain Consumer Credit Protection Laws"

S.P. 599 L.D. 1767

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass

The Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Make a Technical Correction to the Law Governing Certification of Seed Potatoes"
H.P. 1214 L.D. 1699

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.

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Explore the Development of a Behavioral Health Unit at the Cumberland County Jail
H.P. 202 L.D. 239

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 40: Home Health Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 978 L.D. 1356

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

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

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

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

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve Administration of the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board and the Public Transit Advisory Council" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 1140 L.D. 1578

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.

The Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Removal of Unlawful Signs"
H.P. 1206 L.D. 1682

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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public"
H.P. 672 L.D. 908

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-302)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-302)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-302) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Service Paid by the Department of Corrections"
H.P. 178 L.D. 215

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-283)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-283)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-283) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Prevent Law Enforcement Officers from Using Their Authority To Extract Sexual Favors"
H.P. 996 L.D. 1375

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-285)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-285)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-285) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure That Statements Made by a Juvenile or a Juvenile's Parents, Guardian or Legal Custodian While Participating in Informal Adjustment Processes Are Not Admissible in Court"
H.P. 1011 L.D. 1397

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-299)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-299)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-299) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Amend Maine Fireworks Laws To Include Flame Effects"
H.P. 1117 L.D. 1534

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-286)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-286)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-286) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Secondary School Education Concerning Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault"
H.P. 578 L.D. 773

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-266)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-266) **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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Integrity of the MaineCare Program"
H.P. 443 L.D. 615

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-306)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-306)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-306) **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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Require Additional Lead Screening for Children"
H.P. 731 L.D. 976

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-296)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-296)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-296) **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 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission"
H.P. 760 L.D. 1030

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-295)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-295)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-295) **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 **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Extend Protections for Genetic Information"
H.P. 949 L.D. 1314

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-271)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-271)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-271) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Implement a Firearm Safety and Firearm Violence Prevention Program"
H.P. 103 L.D. 121

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-276)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-276) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Increase Funding To Contain and Manage the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Species"

H.P. 198 L.D. 235

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-309)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-309)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-309) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Endangered Species Laws"
H.P. 518 L.D. 713

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-275)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-275)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-275) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding Sources of the Maine Controlled Moose Hunt Season"
H.P. 639 L.D. 865

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-273)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-273)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-273) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding the Size and Weight of All-terrain Vehicles, the Operation of Motor Vehicles on Designated All-terrain Vehicle Trails and the Operation of All-terrain Vehicles on Trails Posted with Size or Weight Limits"

H.P. 813 L.D. 1109

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-272)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-272)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-272) **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 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Fishing Laws between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources as They Relate to Striped Bass in Inland Waters"
H.P. 1126 L.D. 1551

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-308)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-308)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-308) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Local Unit of Government Is a Party Be Made Available to the Public"

H.P. 642 L.D. 868

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-269).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Efficiency in Communication in the Court System" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1109 L.D. 1516

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-270).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-270).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-270) **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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Employer Disciplinary Action against Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Responding to an Emergency"

H.P. 954 L.D. 1319

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-282).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-282).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-282) **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 Simplify Maine's Lobster Licensing System"

H.P. 497 L.D. 676

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-287).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-287).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-287) **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 Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws"

H.P. 1127 L.D. 1552

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-289).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-289).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-289) **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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Regarding Daylight Saving Time in Maine"

H.P. 659 L.D. 885

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-307)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-307)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-307) **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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Change the Requirements for Recording Plans at the County Registries of Deeds"

H.P. 1007 L.D. 1393

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-291)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-291) **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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Make Ballot Questions Easier To Read and Understand for Maine Voters" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 391 L.D. 534

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-277)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-277)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-277) **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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Change the Composition of the Board of Pesticides Control"
H.P. 37 L.D. 36

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-304)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

HICKMAN of Winthrop
MAXMIN of Nobleboro
O'NEIL of Saco
PLUECKER of Warren
ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick

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

Signed:

Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

HALL of Wilton
KINNEY of Knox
KRYZAK of Acton
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
SKOLFIELD of Weld

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-304)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **DILL** of Penobscot moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** 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 Chair noted the absence of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **BREEN**, and the Senator from Cumberland, Senator **L. SANBORN**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#114)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, SANBORN L.

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-304) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Protect Adults 66 Years of Age and Older from Financial and Other Types of Exploitation through Theft by Deception"

H.P. 240 L.D. 316

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-297)**.

Signed:

Senators:
DESCHAMBAULT of York
CARPENTER of Aroostook
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
COOPER of Yarmouth
COSTAIN of Plymouth
RECKITT of South Portland
JOHANSEN of Monticello
MORALES of South Portland
PICKETT of Dixfield
SHARPE of Durham

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-298)**.

Signed:

Representative:
COREY of Windham

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-297)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-297)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-297)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-297) **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-297)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Method for a Student To Be Excused from Standardized Testing"

H.P. 148 L.D. 185

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

Signed:

Senators:
MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland 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 Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the Majority of the Education Committee voted Ought Not to Pass because in the 127th this Body enacted law that required the Department to create a report compiling and outlining the federal and state laws and judicial decisions relating to the right or options of the student's parents to excuse the student from statewide assessment programs. The Department also updates this report annually to reflect changes in federal and state law and judicial decisions. The Department then disseminates the report to all school administrative units and posts the report on the Department's publicly assessable website. In addition, we put into statute that the parents will be notified every year by the school district of their parental right to opt children out of assessments. Finally, we put into statute an educator may discuss the information disseminated by the Department to the educator's school administrative unit or the student's parents regarding the right or options to excuse the student from a statewide assessment program and may refer the parents to the principal or another school administrator employed by the school administrative unit. So, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the reason why the Majority of the Committee voted Ought Not to Pass is because this bill was unnecessary. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Chair noted the absence of the Senator from York, Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**, and the Senator from Hancock, Senator **ROSEN**, and further excused the same Senators 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 (#115)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DIAMOND, DILL, FOLEY, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, POULIOT, SANBORN H, VITELLI, WOODSOME, PRESIDENT JACKSON

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, DESCHAMBAULT, ROSEN, SANBORN L

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on 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. 243 L.D. 318

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

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland
POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland 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 Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, again the Majority of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee voted Ought Not to Pass on this report, not because we don't believe that it is important for our children and our students to receive instruction in career technical education or have practical life skills. Certainly all of us on the committee and in this Chamber believe that's important. However, there were some significant issues with the bill, as was presented. There is a problem with the fact that we do not have nearly enough educators that are certified to provide this instruction. If we are going to pass something, we need to actually pass something that will achieve a real change in our schools. The alternative report simply states that school districts may have these programs in place, as approved by school boards, and that actually can already happen and is happening in the state of Maine. Thank you, Mr. President.

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 (#116)

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

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, POULIOT, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, DESCHAMBAULT, ROSEN, SANBORN L

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Fully Fund After-school and Preschool Programs in the School Funding Formula, Increase the Economically Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula and Increase the School Construction Debt Service Limit"

H.P. 517 L.D. 712

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

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-290)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#117)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: BREEN, DESCHAMBAULT, ROSEN, SANBORN L

18 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 4 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-290) **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 **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Purchase Rebates for Battery Electric Vehicles"

H.P. 442 L.D. 614

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-300)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
MIRAMANT of Knox
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
HANLEY of Pittston

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-300)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#118)

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

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT

24 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 10 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-300) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Senator **ROSEN** of Hancock requested and received leave of the Senate that members and staff be allowed to remove their jackets for the remainder of this Legislative Day.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals To Perform Abortions"

H.P. 922 L.D. 1261

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

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN, H. of Cumberland
GRATWICK of Penobscot

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
BRENNAN of Portland
FOLEY of Biddeford
MASTRACCIO of Sanford
MELARAGNO of Auburn

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

Signed:

Senator:

FOLEY of York

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro
SWALLOW of Houlton

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT 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 Cumberland, Senator H. Sanborn.

Senator **H. SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to speak in support of L.D. 1261. The bill before us addresses an issue of scope of practice for medical professionals and seeks to recognize the important role that advance practice clinicians play in Maine's healthcare system. Advance practice clinicians are highly skilled. They adhere to rigorous training. They're licensed by the State and for many of us they serve as our primary care provider. L.D. 1261 would modernize an outdated Maine law that restricts abortion care to physicians, even though advance practice clinicians like nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants are qualified and trained to offer the same care safely to their patients. However you may personally feel about abortion, I hope we can all agree that when a woman makes a decision to end a pregnancy she should be able to seek high quality care from a trained, qualified, and trusted healthcare provider in her community. Many of us develop deep, trusting relationships with our primary care provider that can last decades. Some of these will deliver our babies. Some will counsel us when facing health issues and they will prescribe medicines to us and provide us with medical treatments.

At the public hearing we heard from numerous advance practice clinicians who are qualified and trained to provide abortion care and want to offer this medical treatment to their patients if they need it. We heard from providers who offer abortion care in other states safely and competently. We heard from providers who are the only sexual and reproductive health expert in their community. Uniformly, we heard they're distressed and that they can't meet the needs of their patients and instead have to send them hours away to a provider and city they don't know for care that they would offer if it were not for this single outdated restriction in Maine law. The law that L.D. 1261 seeks to amend was adopted in the mid-1970s, three years after abortion became legal. Restricting abortion care to physicians was originally intended to protect women's health and safety. Before abortion was legal women, out of desperation, pursued any means necessary to access abortion, putting their health and lives at tremendous risk. It's estimated that more than one million women died in our country from illegal abortions. There were entire hospital wards dedicated to treatment of women with sepsis from botched abortions. Illegal abortions in the U.S. was a dark mark on our history and the Maine Legislature took action back in the 1970s to make sure that abortion would be safe by passing this law. But a lot has changed since. Today, more than 40 years later, abortion is one of the safest medical procedures performed in the United States. Scientific evidence, including from the CDC, shows that abortion has over a 99% safety record

and is much safer than other medical procedures provided in the healthcare setting, very rarely resulting in complications. Indeed, childbirth itself is 14 times more likely to result in maternal death than abortion is. When I was pregnant with my son I decided to receive my prenatal care from an advance practice clinician, a nurse midwife. She was fully qualified to provide the full range of care for me during my pregnancy. I still go back to that midwife practice and receive my annual health care from them. I fully expect that my trusted midwife should be allowed by state law to provide me with any and all healthcare services that she has been trained and qualified to perform.

Advance practice clinicians who are properly trained can safely provide medication and in-office abortion procedures to their patients. Indeed, they already provide riskier services, including performing uterine biopsies and they already perform the very same medical procedures as in-office abortion in the course of miscarriage management for their patients. Restrictions on qualified providers do not increase safety for women. Throughout this session, when dealing with other medical licensing bills, we heard loudly from physicians when they were concerned that some actions that we were considering might reduce patient safety. But that is not what we heard on this bill. Instead the leading medical groups who represent physicians, including the American College of Gynecologists and Obstetricians and the Maine Medical Association, support allowing advance practice clinicians to provide abortion care to their patients. These opinions were grounded in the results of numerous studies that have found that safety is consistent whether performed by an advance practice clinician or a doctor. This bill would provide the opportunity for qualified providers to meet the needs of their patients. Women stay in their communities and receive high quality care without additional burdens from people that they know and trust. The medical science is clear that advance practice clinicians are qualified to provide abortion care to their patients. Our public policy should follow the medical science. I urge you to vote in support of the pending motion.

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

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, Maine is one of 42 states, 42 states, with similar safeguard restrictions on abortion providers, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health and rights research organization. This bill would allow advance practice registered nurses and physician assistants to perform abortions in Maine. Many times I have heard pro-abortion advocates say that they want abortions to be safe. Expanding who is allowed to perform an abortion does not expand the safety of the procedure. According to a November 2019 paper written by Karima Sajadi-Ernazarova and Christopher Martinez of Drexel University College of Medicine, 'Roughly one million induced abortions are performed each year in the United States alone. Although deemed safe, therapeutic abortions, as well as spontaneous miscarriages, can lead to a variety of complications. Most complications are considered minor, such as pain, bleeding, infection, and post-anesthesia complications, while others are major, namely uterine atony, subsequent hemorrhage, uterine perforation, injuries to adjacent organs including the bladder and the bowers, cervical lacerations, failed abortion, septic abortion, and disseminated intravascular coagulation. Post-abortion

complications develop as a result of three major mechanisms; infection, incomplete evacuation of the products of conception,' the baby, 'leading to hemorrhagic complication, and injury from the surgical procedure itself. In the United States, mortality rates per 100,000 abortions are as follows: fewer than 8 weeks - .5%; 13 - 12 weeks - 2%; 16 - 20 weeks = 14%; and more than 21 weeks - 18%. While most abortions are straightforward, there are some that are associated with complications that can be life-threatening.'

Abortion is a serious procedure that ends the life of a human being while sometimes injuring the mother physically or emotionally. Most of us have seen a pregnancy sonogram. I ask the members of this Body to take a moment to picture one of those sonograms in your mind. I believe that many women who have abortions and later see the pictures of a relative or friend's baby sonogram will ponder in her heart the fate of her own baby. Sonograms clearly show beautiful little humans, not just a blob of tissue. If the abortion has left an emotional scar on this woman, I believe that a fully trained doctor would be more qualified to deal with this or any physical injuries that a woman may suffer in the process of an abortion. Thank you.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, ladies and gentlemen and Mr. President of the Senate. There again, here is, to me, what I consider commercialization of abortion and I feel that we're taking hope away again. These bills are taking life. We need to step back, look at I'd say 85% of our floor here of the Senate does not have medical profession and here we are making a decision of making something that the Surgeon General should be actually doing. I'm afraid we're overstepping our bounds and saying that a midwife can actually do abortions. What would be the difference of us voting for a veterinarian to do it? I'm saying that we're looking at life and we've got to take this more serious and we actually have a small state here. Our population, we do have enough doctors that can do abortions. We don't have to spread it so thin that we're going to endanger the health of our ladies and also making that decision of taking a life so easy. I ask to not vote for this bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **L. SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of the pending motion. L.D. 1261 allows qualified, trained advance practice clinicians like nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants to provide abortion care to their patients. It would dramatically improve access to abortion for women who would prefer to receive care from a trusted provider in their community. Maine law gives advance practice clinicians broad authority to provide a wide range of healthcare services, including the authority to prescribe medications and perform procedures whose complexity and risks are comparable to or greater than those of an abortion. Such examples include inserting intrauterine devices or IUDs; performing endometrial biopsies, which is the removal of tissue from the uterine lining; performing cervical biopsies or removing tissue from the cervix; and the treatment of a miscarriage. These are procedures I did as a family doctor, so I personally understand what training is required.

Abortion is the only other medical procedure identified in Maine law as restricted to physicians, even though advance practice clinicians are qualified and trained to offer this care to their patients. In fact, advance practice clinicians routinely provide the same exact procedure through a medication and in-office abortion when treating a patient suffering from a miscarriage. Abortion is an extremely safe procedure that is routinely provided in a healthcare setting where advance practice clinicians practice and provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health. All of the complications listed by a previous speaker, and many more, are possible with a pregnancy carried to term. Research overwhelmingly supports the competency and ability of advance practice clinicians to provide abortion care safely and effectively. The expanding role of advance practice clinicians in our healthcare system is recognized in federal law and the Affordable Care Act defines them as primary care clinicians. As primary care providers they are critical for expanding timely and comprehensive access to reproductive healthcare. That's why other states like New Hampshire and Vermont allow advance practice clinicians to provide abortion care to their patients. It fits within their scope of practice and they're adequately trained. In rural states where provider shortages are a real challenge advance practice clinicians are essential to the healthcare system. Barring advance practice clinicians from providing abortion care constrains where and when abortion services are available to women in Maine. Many women who have made the decision to end a pregnancy are faced with significant and costly travel burdens and delayed access to care. This bill could change that. There are plenty of evidence-based reasons to pass L.D. 1261 and I would add on a personal and professional note. This bill will improve the delivery of care. When we think about what the experience should be like for a woman who has made the decision to end a pregnancy, we want her supported. We want her to receive care from someone she trusts. The reality is that women form deep, personal relationships with their reproductive and sexual healthcare provider, whether it's a doctor, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife. We deliver their babies. We counsel them through the loss of a pregnancy. We struggle with them when they grapple with infertility. We help them to plan to start a family and we listen to their grief when they learn they are pregnant when they do not want to be. We spend years developing these relationships and, for a woman who's considering an abortion, I'd like to think we could all support her being able to get the care she needs from the person she knows and trusts. This bill would let her do that. We can all have varying views on abortion but I hope we can agree that a woman should be able to turn to a trusted provider for care. Advance practice clinicians are qualified and capable of providing this care safely to their patients. Please join me in supporting the pending motion.

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

Senator **GRATWICK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, just a very brief personal note on this. This is a bill about licensing. What kind of medical professional should be licensed to perform abortions? Should it be a MD or could it be expanded? I will just give a personal view on this. As I suspect most of you know, I have a medical degree and a couple of other advance degrees as well. But I am not the person to do this surgical procedure, despite the fact that I have all these

fine degrees. What matters is not licensure. What matters is experience, training, your track record of how well you've done with these things, your competency. These new practitioners over the last 30 years have extraordinarily much more expertise than someone who just has a plain old MD degree. So we have to be moving with the times. This is an entirely appropriate use of the personnel now who are skilled in these areas. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **CYRWAY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I have to agree with my colleague, Dr. Gratwick, on the experience and practice and what I heard is if they do not want the baby. What about life of that child? This is what we're talking about. Just because you don't want it and then you're going to use somebody with inexperience or practice of doing this procedure, it's very dangerous. To me, this is reckless and here we are, 85% of us probably don't have any medical experience, we're talking about abortions and putting our trust in people that don't have the practice of doing such a serious situation. I ask you not to vote for this. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would just like to read some testimony that was given to the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee from Romeo Lucas, who's an obstetrician and gynecologist at Maine General Health in Augusta. I read, 'Primarily my concerns are that it would be potentially dangerous for a woman to obtain abortion care without being under the direct care of an allopathic or osteopathic physician. Abortion should not be dismissed as routine and safe when performed or supervised by a healthcare professional that is not versed in addressing the myriad of complications that could ensue. In the event that an aborted intervention is not successful or results in a life-threatening complication, physician assistants and nurse practitioners are not appropriately trained to intervene to the extent that may be required. In the event that such a complication should arise, a subsequent consult for an allopathic or osteopathic physician becomes necessary. This ultimately results in a delay of care which could have deleterious, if not fatal, consequences. Minors and rural patients would be especially at risk populations. While widening availability and access of safe abortive care is a worthy endeavor, doing so in a manner which could potential place women, especially minors or women remote from medical facilities, at risk of disability or death is not an acceptable collateral circumstance.' Thank you.

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

Senator **BELLOWS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in support of the pending motion and I would like to read the testimony of the Maine Medical Association, which has joined the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Maine Nurse Practitioners Association, all of our professional medical associations in support of this bill. 'The Maine Medical

Association is a professional organization representing more than 4,300 physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine, whose mission is to support Maine physicians, advance the quality of medicine in Maine, and promote the health of all Maine citizens.' I continue to quote, 'Medical and aspiration abortions are safe procedures, indeed are many times safer than childbirth, which has been attended to by nurses as midwives for centuries. The overall morbidity associated with childbirth exceeds that with abortions as well. Advance practice clinicians may readily be trained to perform medical and aspiration abortions which has less morbidity and more mortality.' L.D. 1261 would remove the restriction that only physicians can perform abortions and would allow advance practice clinicians to do so. According to the College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, ACOG, access to safe abortion hinges upon the availability of trained abortion providers. This bill would move Maine closer to that goal. The alternative, unsafe, illegal abortion is unacceptable. I ask that you vote Ought to Pass on L.D. 1261 and I just want to note, on a personal note, this bill simply expands the scope of practice to advance nurse practitioners and to physician assistants. When I was growing up in Hancock County my primary care provider was a nurse practitioner. Here in Augusta, in the State Capital, because of a physician shortage, my primary care provider is a physician assistant. This is the standard practice across the state and what this bill simply states is that it expands access through licensing. So these professionals would have to be fully trained and fully licensed under this law. Regardless of how we feel about abortion, I think we can all agree we want patients to be safe. We want to protect patient's safety. That is why I will be voting Ought to Pass and I hope you will as well.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass Report. If you are in favor of accepting that report you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#119)

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

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

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **H. SANBORN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** on Bill "An Act Regarding Snowmobile Registration Fees"

H.P. 913 L.D. 1252

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

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

NADEAU of Winslow
LANDRY of Farmington
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
MASON of Lisbon
PAULHUS of Bath
STEARNS of Guilford
THERIAULT of China

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)**.

Signed:

Representative:

ORDWAY of Standish

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require That Hospital Liens Be Satisfied on a Just and Equitable Basis"

H.P. 822 L.D. 1133

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

Signed:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Aroostook
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:

BAILEY of Saco
CARDONE of Bangor
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HARNETT of Gardiner
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
CURTIS of Madison
DeVEAU of Caribou
HAGGAN of Hampden

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#120)

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

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

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Senator **KEIM** of Oxford moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby it **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin requested a Roll Call.

On motion by same Senator, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **KEIM** of Oxford to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Senate **ACCEPTED** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence. (Roll Call Requested)

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine" H.P. 538 L.D. 733

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-280)**.

Signed:

Senators:

BELLOWS of Kennebec
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth
CUDDY of Winterport
DOORE of Augusta
PEOPLES of Westbrook
RYKERSON of Kittery

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
LOCKMAN of Bradley
MORRIS of Turner

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-280)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#121)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-280) **READ**.

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ADOPTION** of Committee Amendment "A" (H-280), in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment" H.P. 893 L.D. 1232

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

Signed:

Senators:
BELLOWS of Kennebec
LAWRENCE of York

Representatives:
SYLVESTER of Portland
CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth
CUDDY of Winterport
DOORE of Augusta
PEOPLES of Westbrook
RYKERSON of Kittery

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-281)**.

Signed:

Senator:
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

AUSTIN of Gray
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
LOCKMAN of Bradley
MORRIS of Turner

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

Reports **READ**.

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

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#122)

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

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

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BELLOWS** of Kennebec to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** on Bill "An Act To Promote Equity in the Elver Aquaculture Quota" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 819 L.D. 1130

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

Signed:

Senators:
MIRAMANT of Knox
DOW of Lincoln
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

McCREIGHT of Harpswell
ALLEY of Beals
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BLUME of York
HEPLER of Woolwich
HUTCHINS of Penobscot
JAVNER of Chester
McDONALD of Stonington
TUELL of East Machias

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-288)**.

Signed:

Representative:

FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **MIRAMANT** of Knox, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Use of Burying Grounds and Family Burying Grounds"
H.P. 777 L.D. 1054

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

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HEAD of Bethel
KINNEY of Knox
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
REED of Carmel
TUELL of East Machias
VEROW of Brewer

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, Bill and accompanying papers **COMMITTED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Expand Health Insurance Coverage To Certain State Employees"
H.P. 788 L.D. 1065

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-292)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
RISEMAN of Harrison
VEROW of Brewer

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

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel
KINNEY of Knox
REED of Carmel
TUELL of East Machias

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-292)**.

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#123)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, 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-292) **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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Consistency in Commercial Real Estate Law by Restoring Due Diligence Responsibility to the Buyer"

H.P. 840 L.D. 1151

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

Signed:

Senators:

DAVIS of Piscataquis
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HEAD of Bethel
KINNEY of Knox
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill
REED of Carmel

RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias
VEROW of Brewer

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin

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

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Establish 'Ballad of the 20th Maine' as the Official State Ballad"

H.P. 1124 L.D. 1541

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

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill
REED of Carmel
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias
VEROW of Brewer

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

Signed:

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel
KINNEY of Knox

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks

On motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Joint Resolution "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 REQUIRE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET"

H.P. 264

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

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BRYANT of Windham
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HEAD of Bethel
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
REED of Carmel
TUELL of East Machias
VEROW of Brewer

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass**.

Signed:

Senator:

DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

KINNEY of Knox
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#124)

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

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

22 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CLAXTON** of Androscoggin **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 Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 156 L.D. 193

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-260)**.

Signed:

Senators:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland
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 To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-261)**.

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn

KRYZAK of Acton

STEWART of Presque Isle

Comes from the House with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-260)** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-260)**.

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-260)** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-260) **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 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require Election Transparency" H.P. 756 L.D. 1026

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-278)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock

CYRWAY of Kennebec

HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor

ACKLEY of Monmouth

COOPER of Yarmouth

DOLLOFF of Rumford

HANINGTON of Lincoln

HICKMAN of Winthrop

HUBBELL of Bar Harbor

McCREIGHT of Harpswell

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

Signed:

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris

STROM of Pittsfield

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-278)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-278) **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 **CHIPMAN** for the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans" S.P. 368 L.D. 1194

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-136) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools" S.P. 71 L.D. 259

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-130)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#125)

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

NAYS: Senators: HAMPER

34 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 1 Senator having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-130) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Number of Recipients under the Tuition Waiver Program for Participants in Foster Care" S.P. 500 L.D. 1566

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-138)**.

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor
BRENNAN of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
FARNSWORTH of Portland
INGWERSEN of Arundel
McCREA of Fort Fairfield

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

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

DRINKWATER of Milford
FECTEAU of Augusta
RUDNICKI of Fairfield
SAMPSON of Alfred

Reports **READ**.

Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

On further motion by same Senator, 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 (#126)

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

NAYS: Senators: NONE

35 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, , the motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-130) **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

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Extend from 6 Months to One Year the Notice Period Required under the Maine Tort Claims Act"

S.P. 157 L.D. 492

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-135)**.

Signed:

Senators:
CARPENTER of Aroostook
BELLOWS of Kennebec

Representatives:
BAILEY of Saco
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
CARDONE of Bangor
EVANGELOS of Friendship
HARNETT of Gardiner
RECKITT of South Portland
TALBOT ROSS of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:
KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:
CURTIS of Madison
HAGGAN of Hampden

Reports **READ**.

Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook moved the Senate **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** 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 Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#127)

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

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

21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-135) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions"
S.P. 18 L.D. 54

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-132)**.

Signed:

Senators:

LUCHINI of Hancock
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:

SCHNECK of Bangor
ACKLEY of Monmouth
HICKMAN of Winthrop
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor
McCREIGHT of Harpswell

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

Signed:

Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

Representatives:

ANDREWS of Paris
COOPER of Yarmouth
DOLLOFF of Rumford
HANINGTON of Lincoln
STROM of Pittsfield

Reports **READ.**

On motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT.**

Divided Report

Six Members of the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Encourage Savings through Contributions to Family Development Accounts"

S.P. 401 L.D. 1305

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)**

Signed:

Senator:

POULIOT of Kennebec

Representatives:

BICKFORD of Auburn
KRYZAK of Acton
MAREAN of Hollis
STANLEY of Medway
STEWART of Presque Isle

Six Members of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought Not to Pass.**

Signed:

Senator:

CHIPMAN of Cumberland

Representatives:

TIPPING of Orono
CLOUTIER of Lewiston
DENK of Kennebunk
MATLACK of St. George
TERRY of Gorham

Reports **READ.**

Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "B", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS.**

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 Cumberland, Senator Chipman.

Senator **CHIPMAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to explain so people will understand this issue a little bit. This bill would create a credit for contributions to family development accounts, which is a credit that used to exist some years ago and was taken away. But at the time that it existed it was the only non-profit in the state and, what we can tell, received a credit for contributions made to the entity as opposed to a deduction and if we were to pass this bill it would again sort of set up a situation where family development accounts, contributions to them, would be on an island of their own in terms of our tax laws and allowing the contributions to be a credit as opposed to a deduction. I support family development accounts. I think a lot of us do but the concern was setting up that situation where then we'd have all the other non-profits in the state that receive deductible contributions coming to the committee wanting a credit as well. So that's why I oppose the bill and that's why I hope you will join me in opposing the bill. Thank you.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, unfortunately I can't speak to the other report because it's not before this Body but should this motion fail, which I hope it does, we have an opportunity to do some good with the next motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Acceptance of Report "B", Ought Not to Pass. If you are in favor of accepting that report you will be voting yes. If you are opposed you will be voting no. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#128)

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

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BLACK, BREEN, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, LIBBY, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, VITELLI, WOODSOME

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CHIPMAN** of Cumberland to **ACCEPT** Report "B", **OUGHT NOT TO PASS**, **FAILED**.

Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-137) ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-137) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-137)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

Nine members of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Online Customer Information"

S.P. 275 L.D. 946

Reported in Report "A" that the same **Ought to Pass**.

Signed:

Senators:
MIRAMANT of Knox
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:
BERRY of Bowdoinham
CAIAZZO of Scarborough
DOUDERA of Camden
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
RILEY of Jay
RYKERSON of Kittery

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "B" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)**.

Signed:

Representative:
FOSTER of Dexter

One member of the same Committee on the same subject reported in Report "C" that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-134)**.

Signed:

Representative:
HANLEY of Pittston

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LAWRENCE** of York moved the Senate **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin moved to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc requested a Roll Call.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

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

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#129)

YEAS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE

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

EXCUSED: Senators: SANBORN L

13 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 21 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin to **TABLE** until Later in Today's Session, pending the motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS, FAILED.**

On motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York, Report "A", **OUGHT TO PASS ACCEPTED.**

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

Sent down for concurrence.

ENACTORS

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Support Maine Craft Distillers

S.P. 294 L.D. 1015
(C "A" S-93)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 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 Regarding Licenses for the Sale of Liquor for On-premises Consumption

S.P. 516 L.D. 1619
(C "A" S-92)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 35 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 35 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.

Acts

An Act To Amend the Definition of "Subdivision" in the Laws Governing Planning and Land Use Regulation for Subdivisions and a Provision Excepting the Division of a New or Existing Structure from Those Laws Beginning July 1, 2018

S.P. 172 L.D. 550
(C "A" S-97)

An Act Regarding the Cancellation of Subscription Services

H.P. 576 L.D. 771
(S "A" S-99 to C "A" H-143)

An Act To Clarify Maine's Protection from Abuse Statutes

H.P. 733 L.D. 978

An Act To Ban Discretionary Clauses in Disability Income Insurance Policies

S.P. 321 L.D. 1089
(C "A" S-89)

An Act To Amend the Law Prohibiting the Denial by Health Insurers of Referrals by Out-of-network Providers

S.P. 372 L.D. 1197
(C "A" S-90)

An Act Regarding Filing Fees in Transmission Line Proceedings

S.P. 491 L.D. 1556
(C "A" S-96)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

An Act To Increase Access to Nutritious Foods in Schools by Implementing an After-school Food Program for At-risk Students

H.P. 421 L.D. 577
(C "A" H-226)

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

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)

On motion by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin, 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 York, Senator Foley.

Senator **FOLEY:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in opposition to the Enactment motion. Several weeks ago, when this bill first came for consideration, I shared with you my own personal story of grief and tragedy, citing my

daughter's untimely unwarranted death as the result of a reaction to a set of vaccinations she received the day before. Obviously that had little impact on the vote taken that day. That was disappointing, not for me but for the thousands of parents who have reached out to us in search of justice, freedom of choice for them and their children. Of the over 800 persons who testified on the bill at the public hearing, 80% opposed this bill and yet we've ignored them. They've been dismissed as the antivaxers, shunned as they reached out to many of us in the halls asking for our understanding and support. We have heard from constituents who threaten to move from the state as a result of this bill's passage. Some have dismissed this claim that they would leave the state but I know of a small business owner in Sanford who reached out to me on this bill and has since moved his business and family to New Hampshire where he and his wife will raise their three year old son who will start preschool next year. They fear their religious rights were being taken away as a result of this bill's passage. We have alienated a vast number of citizens of this state and deprived them of their religious freedom and their personal choice as well. It disappoints me greatly that we couldn't find the common ground needed in a situation as dire and serious as this one with so many of our citizens feeling disenfranchised by their elected officials. Many of you have been contacted by constituents pleading to protect their rights. How can we not provide them the same freedom of choice that so many in this Body cherish? We had an opportunity to provide some relief by restoring the religious freedoms but when the time came to reconfirm that right we fell short by one vote. Mr. President, in my address to this Body several weeks ago I pleaded that we find a better way to protect all of Maine's children. I'm disappointed we weren't able to reach across the aisle more to seek that common ground. The evidence is clear. If not for my personal experience but from the evidence provided by the vaccine injury court, \$4 billion isn't paid out by the federal government for no good reason. It's paid out because a judge has determined, based on the evidence, that a child was injured, or even died, as the result of a vaccination gone wrong. I spoke of one case, J.B. Boatmon, decided last year but there are thousands more, and how can we simply ignore those facts. I understand that the majority of vaccinations are given with little or no adverse reactions, and for that I am grateful. But I know from my personal experience, and the testimony on this bill, that there are those who have caused different results which require a different response than what this bill does. It is our job as elected officials to protect both sets of parents and children with a balanced bipartisan approach. In this case we have failed and that, too, was disappointing. No matter what we do here today, I can say with certainty that those parents who became so engaged and dedicated to this cause will not disappear. They will be back. They will be heard. For that I am grateful and today I thank you.

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

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, all of the speeches that we have heard in support of L.D. 798 have been based on fear, the fear that perfectly healthy children who have not been vaccinated somehow pose a risk to medically fragile or immuno compromised children. I have a grandmother in my district who is also fearful, fearful that her oldest granddaughter, at the age of

12, Natalie, will once again experience a severe reaction to a vaccine. When Natalie was 2 she received the varicella vaccine. Shortly after, she lost the ability to walk, sit up, or feed herself. Both her pediatrician and neurologist confirmed and documented that this was a vaccine injury. Their case spent many years in the vaccine court before they were eventually compensated, the federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program declaring that the varicella vaccine had caused her paralysis. This same family met with their trusted pediatrician this Monday, the same doctor who worried that the varicella vaccine had caused Natalie's paralysis advocated for her to get an accurate diagnosis and treatment that respected the family's decision to stop vaccinating. This same doctor told the family the devastating news that the only exception their daughter could be allowed under the law would be for the varicella vaccine. She would be required in the next two years to get up to date on all other vaccines if she wants to remain in school. We can lie to ourselves about the expanded medical exemption, saying that children who need exemptions can get them, but they won't. They're already being refused exemptions. If Natalie can't get a medical exemption after being paralyzed by a vaccine, who can? Should her mother be forced to pull her out of school and homeschool her to avoid further injury or should she play Russian, or rather vaccine, Roulette with her daughter's health and risk another severe vaccine injury? This is not a decision that any parent should be forced to make. This bill forces parents to put their children at risk against their will. These same parents are in this room, outside these doors, and came to the rally to show that they do not consent. Let them have the rights that they deserve as parents, the right to decide what is injected into their children's bodies. I do not support the pending motion.

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

Senator **H. SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise again today to urge this Body to follow science and to vote in favor of Enactment to protect those who cannot be immunized. Those include newborns. They include severely immuno compromised or medically weakened individuals and the very old may also be very susceptible to communicable diseases. I remind this Body that we had our first case of measles in the state recently identified. Fortunately the person has recovered and fortunately his teammates had been vaccinated and so the measles cases did not spread further, as far as we know so far. That's a victory but it's one that we could lose given the very low rates of kindergarten immunization for kids entering school in Maine today. This is a public health issue. We need to follow the science and we need to vote to Enact this bill today. Thank you.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I hadn't intended to speak on this today because I spoke to this previously. However, the good Senator from Cumberland just raised an issue, which is the first case of measles that we've seen in the state in over two years, which happened at Madison Junior High, which is unfortunate. But what the Senator failed to mention was that this young man was vaccinated for measles. So here we are passing, or seeking to pass, legislation to protect children in this state by requiring all children, whether they're going to public

school, private school. This isn't just children by the way, folks, this is adults who are trying to go to postsecondary institutions in this state. Private schools, students who are doing on-line charter schools, a number of different institutions. A lot of the focus has been on kids, right, and protecting our kids and the immuno compromised. The person that posed the danger just this week was vaccinated. So what we're going to do is pass a law to protect people when the case that we've just had this week shows that a vaccination is in no way a panacea to solving this purported issue. So the pretense that somehow this legislation is going to protect kids is totally false. Instead what we're going to do is ostracize and vilify, segregate and expel kids from school who don't want to be pumped with these vaccines because we're seeking to solve a problem that doesn't exist and we have evidence that shows that the solution that's being purported by this bill doesn't actually solve any problem at all. So I think it's important that when we're making this decision we do it based on facts and science, and the facts and the science show that vaccines are in no way a panacea as evidenced in our state just this week. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Miramant.

Senator **MIRAMANT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, my colleague said many of the things and I was challenged to look at the science from the first time this bill was brought up four years ago and brought up again from 20 years from watching my wife treat vaccine injured kids without much attention to it really. I have to say, she just say another horrible case and this family's life has been changed forever. What do you mean? We don't care about that. We don't care about it because it's not mandatory to report. Nobody's reporting all the money that's spent on these injuries. They're happening here. They're happening every day. That's why the gallery's filled with folks that are taking their time and I, every day, know that every one of you is trying to protect our children, no matter which side of this you're on. But when you challenge me to look at the science, and I do, and I come back with, 'Hey, you're right. Let's look at the science.' With the exemptions, all three, in place and the medical one not being very good; with all three in place we're somewhere around 98% because you must include that percent that just went to school and didn't have their shot records, that didn't get the hepatitis shot for their kids because they don't have it. There's only three countries in the world that require you get it when you're mother doesn't have it. The kids from Japan, where there are no mandatory vaccines, are very healthy. They have a 1.8 infant mortality rate for the developed world. Guess where the U.S. is? Number 46, tied with Serbia. The last westernized country to try to start a major war in their own country and shot at each other, their neighbors, their friends, and created atrocities. This is a country we watched the Olympics be held in. We're tied with them, number 46, for infant mortality. You want a problem? Let's tackle that one. Let's tackle getting all these births into the hospitals and then being the last in developed nations. Let's get to real problems. There are plenty to solve. We find them every day. What you discover when you chase the science is that there's a problem with vaccine injuries. There's not a problem with having exemptions in place and still coming up to about a 98% of vaccinated people, minus one on a delayed schedule or whatever. This makes no sense.

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

Senator **L. SANBORN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to respond to some comments about the recent case of measles that happened in Somerset County. I think that what this case showed is how well vaccines actually work. It does not mean that they are not 97% effective. Indeed, that's what the statistics tell us and this young man had a mild case. He recovered quite easily without complications, and that's just what the vaccine is meant to do. It clearly blunted the disease. Also, no one else in the community came down with this, as best we know. This is just what vaccines are meant to do. This is just the effectiveness that we are looking for. Nobody knows where this child was exposed but we do know that the vaccine did not cause the disease. We know that the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks. About 90% of people who are unimmunized are going to get the measles, 97% of people who do get the vaccine are not going to get the measles. These are the kinds of statistics. This is the kind of science we're looking for. Its safety has been scrutinized through hundreds of national and international studies. It's time for us to take a vote and finish this task and I hope you will all follow my light. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Enactment. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#130)

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

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

Senator **BLACK** of Franklin moved the Senate **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** 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 (#131)

YEAS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, HERBIG, KEIM, LUCHINI, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME

NAYS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, LAWRENCE, LIBBY, MILLETT, SANBORN H, SANBORN L, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON

17 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **BLACK** of Franklin to **RECONSIDER** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED, FAILED**.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Resolves

Resolve, Requiring the Collection of Data on the Marriage of Minors

S.P. 288 L.D. 998

FINALLY PASSED and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Resolve, To Require the Construction of a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent

S.P. 295 L.D. 1016

(C "A" S-94)

On motion by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE** pending **FINAL PASAGE**, 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 (5/8/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Sustainable Funding for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure"

H.P. 273 L.D. 347

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (1 member)

Tabled - May 8, 2019 by Senator **TIMBERLAKE** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence

(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-206).**)

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-206) **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 (5/16/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on **RESOLUTION**, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Prohibit Discrimination Based on the Sex of an Individual

H.P. 342 L.D. 433

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-230)** (9 members)

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

Tabled - May 16, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the **RESOLUTION PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-230).**)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, 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 Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I rise today to speak in strong support of the Equal Rights Amendment that is before you. I remember the fight for the national Equal Rights Amendment back in the '70s, back when women earned 59¢ to the dollar that a man earned and the help wanted ads were segregated into male and female job offerings. I remember Phyllis Schlafly and those like her warning what this radical change would lead to. Same sex marriage, gender neutral bathrooms, and, worst of all, women in the military being allowed to serve on the frontlines. The Equal Rights Amendment has not yet been added to the U.S. Constitution. We are, at the moment, but one state short of what is needed for ratification. Maine, by the way, ratified the federal Equal Rights Amendment in 1974. But look at where we are today. So I want to ask the Phyllis Schlafly's of the world: what is there to be so afraid of? The fears of the past should no longer hold us back here in Maine. The Equal Rights Amendment before you today represents a forward looking affirmative stance and it just says very simply equality of rights under the law may not be denied or abridged by the state or any political subdivision of the state based on the sex of an individual. Twenty-three other states, including New Hampshire, have such language in their State Constitutions. Here in the State House we see laws change all the time, but those changes must occur within the parameters set by our Constitution. It is imperative that our Constitution, the foundation for all of our laws, clearly and explicitly state that the policies we shape cannot promote, encourage, or permit discrimination. We have come a long way since that fight in the '70s but women are still paid significantly less than men across the board. Just this year we passed legislation that took a major step to end the gender pay gap. Women still hold significantly fewer leadership roles than men. Only last November did we elect our first woman Governor. Among Fortune 500 companies women CEOs are outnumbered by CEOs who are named James. So there is still much work to be done. An Equal Rights Amendment to our State Constitution is needed not for those of us privileged to be in this Chamber but for the least among us who are still struggling to achieve equality. Maine needs to state openly and clearly that, while different, the genders are equally important and equally deserving of protection under our laws. The ERA is an inclusive statement. It does not force anyone into a box or keep anyone out. Rather, simply it proclaims equal treatment regardless of gender. It is time to say, in no uncertain terms, that we will not allow discrimination on the basis of sex. It is time to bend the arch of justice towards a more perfect future. Thank you, Mr. President, and I urge you all to please follow my light.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator Keim.

Senator **KEIM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, both the 5th Amendment and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides that all citizens do have equal protection of their right to life, liberty, and property. There also

exists state law that prohibits sex discrimination. There are numerous laws in virtually all areas of American life, employment, education, credit eligibility, housing, public accommodations, and more, that prohibit sex discrimination. Currently our laws are gender neutral. Women are not in any way less equal or treated differently under our state laws than men. I would urge you all to follow my light. Thank you.

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 (#132)

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

NAYS: Senators: BLACK, CYRWAY, DAVIS, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, TIMBERLAKE

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 9 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **CARPENTER** of Aroostook to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-230) **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 (5/8/19) matter:

An Act To Ensure Access to Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault
S.P. 20 L.D. 67
(C "A" S-72)

Tabled - May 8, 2019 by Senator **BREEN** of Cumberland

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/21/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Children's Mental Health (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 41 L.D. 40

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-246)** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (2 members)

Tabled - May 21, 2019 by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER REPORT**

(In House, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-246).**)

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-246) **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 (5/21/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Nondiscriminatory Treatment of Public, Educational and Governmental Access Channels by Cable System Operators"
S.P. 426 L.D. 1371

Majority - **Ought to Pass** (11 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (1 member)

Tabled - May 21, 2019 by Senator **LAWRENCE** of York

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

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **ACCEPTED**.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (5/21/19) matter:

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates"
H.P. 374 L.D. 517

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-164)** (8 members)

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

Tabled - May 21, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ACCEPTANCE** of the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report in concurrence.

(In House, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-164).**)

(In Senate, May 21, 2019, motion by Senator **LUCHINI** of Hancock to **ACCEPT** the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report, in **NON-CONCURRENCE, FAILED.**)

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** 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 (#133)

YEAS: Senators: **BELLOWS, BLACK, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DOW, FARRIN, FOLEY, GUERIN, HAMPER, KEIM, MIRAMANT, MOORE, POULIOT, ROSEN, SANBORN L, TIMBERLAKE, WOODSOME**

NAYS: Senators: **BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CLAXTON, DESCHAMBAULT, DIAMOND, DILL, GRATWICK, HERBIG, LAWARENCE, LIBBY, LUCHINI, MILLETT, SANBORN H, VITELLI, PRESIDENT JACKSON**

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 16 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-164) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME**.

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED, in 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:

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, on motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, the following Joint Order:
S.P. 598

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:00 in the Morning.

READ and PASSED.

Ordered sent down forthwith 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

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Amend the Forestry Laws Regarding Responsibility for Compliance with Those Laws"
H.P. 1257 L.D. 1770

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

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Clarify Bonding Authority for School Management and Leadership Centers"

H.P. 1260 L.D. 1773

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

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Sustenance Fishing"

H.P. 1262 L.D. 1775

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Secure Transitions to Economic Prosperity for Maine Families and Children"

H.P. 1259 L.D. 1772

Bill "An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive"

H.P. 1261 L.D. 1774

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Laws"

H.P. 1255 L.D. 1768

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Name Changes"

H.P. 1258 L.D. 1771

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

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

Bill "An Act To Make Various Changes to the Motor Vehicle Laws"
H.P. 1256 L.D. 1769

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

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

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

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin inquired if the Senate was still in possession of H.P. 374 L.D. 517.

The Chair responded in the negative.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act To Establish Standards for Operation and Maintenance and Asset Management for Publicly Owned Treatment Works and Municipal Satellite Collection Systems"
H.P. 1263 L.D. 1779

Bill "An Act To Support Replacement of At-risk Home Heating Oil Tanks"
H.P. 1264 L.D. 1780

Bill "An Act To Allow the Board of Environmental Protection To Make Changes through Routine Technical Rulemaking to Federally Based Screening Levels for the Beneficial Use of Solid Waste"
H.P. 1265 L.D. 1781

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **CARSON** of Cumberland, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Blueberry Tax"

H.P. 1084 L.D. 1482

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-340)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-340)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-340) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 603 L.D. 829

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-320)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-320)**.

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

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-320) **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 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Improve Funding for Maine's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams"
H.P. 768 L.D. 1038

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-319).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-319).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-319) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Support College Completion by Homeless Youth in Maine"
H.P. 640 L.D. 866

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-321).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-321).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-321) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Maintain High School Diploma Standards by Repealing Proficiency-based Diploma Standards"
H.P. 740 L.D. 985

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-322).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-322).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-322) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, To Improve Maine's Response to Childhood Trauma
H.P. 851 L.D. 1168

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-323).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-323).**

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-323) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Provide Flexibility for Efficient and Effective Management of School Management and Leadership Centers"
H.P. 969 L.D. 1341

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-325).**

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-325).**

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

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-325) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act Regarding Compensation Equity for Positions in the Maine Community College System"
H.P. 1121 L.D. 1538

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-324)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-324)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-324) **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 **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Allow Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists To Administer an Auricular Acupuncture Treatment for Addiction"

H.P. 809 L.D. 1105

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-337)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-337)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-337) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Grandparents and Great-grandparents Have Visitation Rights"

H.P. 605 L.D. 831

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-315)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-315)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-315) **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 **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Damages Awarded for Wrongful Death"

H.P. 615 L.D. 841

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-314)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-314)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-314) **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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act To Change the Name of Township 17, Range 3 to Van Buren Cove" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1067 L.D. 1455

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-338)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-338)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-338) **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 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Magalloway Plantation"

H.P. 1130 L.D. 1568

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-339)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-339)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-339) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Adjust the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery"
H.P. 204 L.D. 241

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-335)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-335)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-335) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Meals Provided to Food Service Employees from the Sales and Use Tax"

H.P. 514 L.D. 709

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-328)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-328)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-328) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Improve the Ability of Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities To Stay in Their Homes"

H.P. 820 L.D. 1131

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-327)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-327)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-327) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide a Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit"

H.P. 917 L.D. 1256

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-331)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-331)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-331) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equitable Tax Treatment to State-licensed Marijuana Businesses"
H.P. 957 L.D. 1322

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-334)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-334)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-334) **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 were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit"

H.P. 1037 L.D. 1424

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED**, pursuant to the Joint Order, until Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning.

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-332)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-332)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-332) **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 **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2019-20" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1178 L.D. 1643

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-326)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-326)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-326) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

Off Record Remarks

Senate at Ease.

The Senate was called to order by the President.