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In Senate Chamber
Monday
June 17, 2019

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

Prayer by Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc County.

SENATOR VITELLI: Good morning. I come to really appreciate these moments we take before we get down to the work together to reflect that each of us, every one of us, is part of something larger. In that spirit, I would like to share with you a poem from the Irish poet, John O'Donohue, called Matins.

Somewhere out at the edges the night is turning and the waves of darkness begin to brighten the shore of dawn. The heavy dark falls back to earth and the freed air goes wild with light. The heart fills with fresh, bright breath and thoughts stir to give birth to color. I arise today in the name of silence, womb of the word; in the name of stillness, home of the longing; in the name of solitude of the soul and the earth. I arise today blessed by all things, rings of breath, delight of eyes, wonder of whisper, intimacy of touch, eternity of soul, urgency of thought, miracle of health, embrace of God. May I live this day compassionate of heart, gentle in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love.

Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Michael E. Carpenter of Aroostook County.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, June 14, 2019.

Off Record Remarks

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging and Provide Funding To Treat Opioid Use Disorder" H.P. 915 L.D. 1254

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-536)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought Not to Pass** (6 members)

In Senate, June 13, 2019, the Minority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-536) AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-593)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

HOUSE REPORTS - from the Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Exempt Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax" H.P. 718 L.D. 963

Majority - **Ought Not to Pass** (10 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-259)** (3 members)

In Senate, June 12, 2019, the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-259) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-256)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin moved the Senate **INSIST**.

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, 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 York, Senator **DESCHAMBAULT**, the Senator from York, Senator **LAWRENCE**, and the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator **TIMBERLAKE**, and further excused the same Senators from today's Roll Call votes.

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#310)

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

NAYS: Senators: None

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, LAWRENCE, TIMBERLAKE

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and no Senators having voted in the negative, with 3 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin to **INSIST PREVAILED**.

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act Regarding Consent by a Motor Vehicle Operator to a Blood Test

H.P. 567 L.D. 762

In Senate, June 13, 2019, **FAILED ENACTMENT** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Comes from the House, that Body having **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 610

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

June 14, 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. 218 An Act To Prohibit a Person from Collecting Contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act at a Polling Place

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**.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing:

James H. Page, of Old Town, who is retiring as Chancellor of the University of Maine System. Dr. Page is the first University of Maine System Chancellor to be born in Maine and to have been educated at one of the System's universities, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, where he received his bachelor's degree before obtaining his postgraduate education at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After a career at several universities and in the private sector, he led the repositioning of the System to meet the State's 21st century higher education needs. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 671

Sponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CARSON of Cumberland, CHENETTE of York, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, GUERIN of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, AUSTIN of Skowhegan, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BABINE of Scarborough, BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER

of Buxton, BLUME of York, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CARDONE of Bangor, CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, CURTIS of Madison, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DENK of Kennebunk, DeVEAU of Caribou, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Rumford, DOORE of Augusta, DOUDERA of Camden, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, FECTEAU of Augusta, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GATTINE of Westbrook, Speaker GIDEON of Freeport, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANDY of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, HOBBS of Wells, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, INGWERSEN of Arundel, JAVNER of Chester, JOHANSEN of Monticello, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESCHL of Belgrade, KESSLER of South Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LOCKMAN of Bradley, LYFORD of Eddington, MADIGAN of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene, MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MATLACK of St. George, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, McLEAN of Gorham, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MEYER of Eliot, MILLETT of Waterford, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, RECKITT of South Portland, REED of Carmel, RILEY of Jay, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHARPE of Durham, SHEATS of Auburn, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STEWART of Presque Isle, STOVER of Boothbay, STROM of Pittsfield, SWALLOW of Houlton, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, TIPPING of Orono, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Washburn, ZEIGLER of Montville.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **PASSAGE**.

Jack West, of Winthrop, a member of Troop No. 622, who has attained the high rank and distinction of Eagle Scout. This is the highest award in Scouting and is given for excellence in skills development, leadership, personal growth and community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;
SLS 676

Sponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: HICKMAN of Winthrop.

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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 to share my congratulations to Jack West of Winthrop, a member of Troop 622, who was awarded the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I'm a big fan of Jack's and not just because he delivered my Christmas tree last year. When I first met him what I observed was the thoughtfulness and consideration with which he mentored younger boys in the Troop. He's unfailingly thoughtful and considerate and hard working. Jack completed his Eagle project for the Winthrop Area YMCA. The project was to refurbish the home and away dugouts at Maxwell Field in Winthrop and it included repairing damaged and rotting wood on the structures, painting, adding new roofing, building and installing storage cubbies, bat racks, and trash and recycling receptacles. It was approved by the Boy Scouts of America in August 2018 and completed in December. A total of 56 individuals and 241 man-hours were needed to complete the project over 15 scheduled work days. Jack contributed 55 of those hours on his own. The initial project budget was \$1,400 and Jack had to go to area groups to request donations. He raised \$2,268.04 and with the additional funds available he added on to his original plan. Moreover, Jack was receiving financial donations from the Winthrop Lions Club, the Manchester Lions Club, and the Winthrop American Legion Riders, as well as family and friends, the Home Depot, and B.L. Williams Construction in Winthrop. The upgrades to the dugouts were a big hit with coaches and players as baseball season was just completed. I would like to add that another piece of the Eagle Scout distinction is merit badges and Jack has more merit badges than anyone else in the Troop, over 50 merit badges, which also represents dozens and dozens, perhaps hundreds, of hours of service and learning. Jack makes everyone in Winthrop and Manchester proud. We are so glad to honor him today and to recognize his Eagle Scout award. Thank you.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is very, very pleased to recognize in the rear of the Chamber new Eagle Scout Jack West and his parents, Karen and David West, from the town of Winthrop. They are the guests today of the Senator Kennebec, Senator Bellows. Would they please rise and accept the greetings of the Maine Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **TAXATION** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Tax Laws"

H.P. 1279 L.D. 1798

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-596)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-596) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-598)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-596) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

House Amendment "A" (H-598) **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-596) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-598)**, in concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code To Ensure It is Consistent with Current Standards and Applies to Small Municipalities"

H.P. 1101 L.D. 1509

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-592)**.

Signed:

Senators:

DESCHAMBAULT of York
CARPENTER of Aroostook
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

WARREN of Hallowell
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
COOPER of Yarmouth
COREY of Windham
COSTAIN of Plymouth
MORALES of South Portland

PICKETT of Dixfield
RECKITT of South Portland
SHARPE of Durham

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

Signed:

Representative:

JOHANSEN of Monticello

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-592)**.

Reports **READ**.

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

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, 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:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in opposition to L.D. 1509. While this bill is well intended it has an unfunded mandate to our local towns and communities with a population of 4,000 or more. It first requires all towns of 4,000 or more to adopt the Maine Unified Building Code whether they've adopted a code or not. These towns used to be exempted from this law if they had not adopted their own building code. It also requires every new construction to be inspected to meet the new standards with the adoption requirement that the International Building Code also be adopted as well as the ventilation and air quality standards. These used to be guidelines and not required but they are now mandated. I've heard from many of my rural town managers who are very concerned with the cost of implementing this, as most of these towns hire out their code enforcement duties to outside agencies and now will be required, for the number of inspections they have to do, to hire their own code enforcement officer. A developer in my area, who is proposing to build 125 low income housing units, contacted me to let me know that adding this mandate on will cost his project, each house, \$15,000 to \$20,000 more, which will raise the cost of the housing from a low \$200,000 to maybe \$250,000 to \$260,000. Certainly not an affordable situation. One of the things it does do, which I really wish it didn't, is it takes away the home rule. It takes away the opportunity for towns to adopt their own rules and to use the guidelines that the building code already establishes. So while I think the bill was intended to be good, it took away a lot of the exemptions for our rural towns and I wish they had allowed the towns to adopt their own rules or at least use the guidelines. So I urge you to follow my light. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **LIBBY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, it's my understanding that the exemption for small towns is at 4,000 residents. My understanding is that exemption's been in place for a little while now and that towns of 4,000 residents or fewer can still opt out of the new BEC code. Mr. President, I would ask the Secretary to read the Committee Report.

At the request of Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, Reports **READ.**

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

Senator **FOLEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize for rising again. I just wanted to clarify that I do realize that towns under 4,000 are exempted but the exemption used to read in the law that any town that hadn't adopted a building code as of beginning July 1, 2012 was exempted as well. This has been stricken out of the code. So any towns over 4,000 will now have to comply.

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 (#311)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT, LAWRENCE

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 2 Senators being excused, the motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report, in concurrence, **PREVAILED.**

Bill **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-592) **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 **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 1080 L.D. 1478

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-597).**

Signed:

Senators:

MILLETT of Cumberland
CARSON of Cumberland

Representatives:

KORNFIELD 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 Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-597).**

Reports **READ.**

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

Resolve **READ ONCE.**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-597) **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 DILL for the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the State's Hemp Laws"

S.P. 585 L.D. 1749

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

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-299) **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 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of a Plot of Land from the State to the Town of Allagash
S.P. 594 L.D. 1762

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-301)**.

Signed:

Senators:

- DILL of Penobscot
- BLACK of Franklin
- DIAMOND of Cumberland

Representatives:

- HICKMAN of Winthrop
- HALL of Wilton
- KINNEY of Knox
- KRYZAK of Acton
- McCREA of Fort Fairfield
- PLUECKER of Warren
- SKOLFIELD of Weld

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-302)**.

Signed:

Representatives:

- MAXMIN of Nobleboro
- O'NEIL of Saco
- ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-301)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Resolve **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-301) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-301)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** on Bill "An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine"
S.P. 565 L.D. 1711

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

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
- HANLEY of Pittston

Reports **READ**.

Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin 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 (#312)

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

NAYS: Senators: CYRWAY, TIMBERLAKE

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT

32 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 2 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **PREVAILED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-295) **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 **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Licensing Laws of Certain Professions and Occupations" S.P. 580 L.D. 1746

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-303)**.

Signed:

Senator:
HERBIG of Waldo

Representatives:
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick
BABINE of Scarborough
CROCKETT of Portland
FECTEAU of Biddeford
HANDY of Lewiston
PERRY of Bangor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject reported that the same **Ought To Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-304)**.

Signed:

Representatives:
AUSTIN of Gray
HARRINGTON of Sanford
HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft
STETKIS of Canaan

Reports **READ**.

On motion by Senator **HERBIG** of Waldo, the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-303)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-303) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-303)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

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

Acts

An Act To Provide Relief to Survivors of Economic Abuse
H.P. 553 L.D. 748
(C "A" H-585)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Foreclosure To Ensure Timely Completion
H.P. 1020 L.D. 1405
(C "A" H-584)

An Act To Increase Protections for Land Installment Contracts
H.P. 1039 L.D. 1426
(C "A" H-582)

An Act To Eliminate Profiling in Maine
H.P. 1077 L.D. 1475
(C "A" H-581)

An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
S.P. 480 L.D. 1543
(C "A" S-235)

An Act To Amend Certain Education Laws
H.P. 1270 L.D. 1785
(C "A" H-583)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Veterans' Services
H.P. 1286 L.D. 1806
(C "A" H-532; S "A" S-279)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Investigations by School
Entities into Holders of Credentials
H.P. 1297 L.D. 1820
(C "A" H-591)

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

An Act To Require the State To Distribute 12 Percent of Adult
Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to
Generating Municipalities
H.P. 260 L.D. 335
(S "A" S-287 to C "A" H-484)

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

An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health
Care
H.P. 1122 L.D. 1539
(C "A" H-578)

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

An Act Concerning Pavement Sealing Products
H.P. 670 L.D. 906
(C "A" H-166; H "A" H-225)

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, 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 (#313)

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

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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT

19 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 15 Senators
having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, was
PASSED TO BE ENACTED and, having been signed by the
President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for
approval.

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 (6/12/19) matter:

SENATE REPORTS - from the Committee on **AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Ban Use
of Aerial Herbicide Spraying for the Purpose of Deforestation"
S.P. 556 L.D. 1691

Majority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee
Amendment "A" (S-262)** (7 members)

Minority - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee
Amendment "B" (S-263)** (6 members)

Tabled - June 12, 2019 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - motion by same Senator to **ACCEPT** the Majority
**OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE
AMENDMENT "A" (S-262)** Report

The Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE
AMENDMENT "A" (S-262)** Report **ACCEPTED**.

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-262) **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the Rules, **READ A SECOND TIME** and
**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE
AMENDMENT "A" (S-262)**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later
Assigned (6/5/19) matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food

H.P. 583 L.D. 795
(C "A" H-430)

Tabled - June 13, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 5, 2019, on motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the RESOLUTION **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430)** in concurrence.)

(In House, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-430) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-541)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/12/19) matter:

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Lands to Roosevelt Conference Center Doing Business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps

H.P. 107 L.D. 125
(C "A" H-303)

Tabled - June 13, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, June 12, 2019, **FINALLY PASSED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

(In House, that Body **INSISTED** on its former action whereby the Resolve **FAILED FINAL PASSAGE**.)

On motion by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby the Bill was **FINALLY PASSED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-303)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECEDED** from whereby it **ADOPTED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-303)**, in concurrence.

On further motion by same Senator, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON**, Senate Amendment "A" (S-288) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-303) **READ**.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I'll be very brief. Basically, all this amendment does is state that the deed from now on, if this does pass and the owners of this property and succeeding owners of this property as long as it's held as a camp and/or restaurant, that no further land or request to change this deed shall ever occur. Thank you.

On motion by same Senator, under unanimous consent on behalf of President **JACKSON**, Senate Amendment "A" (S-288) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-303) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-303) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-288) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-303) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-288) thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (6/14/19) matter:

An Act To Allow Public Employers of Teachers to Negotiate Regarding Planning and Preparation Periods

H.P. 203 L.D. 240
(C "A" H-518)

Tabled - June 14, 2019 by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

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

On motion by Senator **DOW** of Lincoln, 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 (#314)

YEAS: Senators: BELLOWS, BREEN, CARPENTER, CARSON, CHENETTE, CHIPMAN, CLAXTON, 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

EXCUSED: Senators: DESCHAMBAULT

20 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 14 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and, having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for approval.

Ordered sent down forthwith.

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:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

House

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** on Bill "An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and To Establish an Independent Oversight Panel To Review Deaths of and Serious Injuries to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism"
H.P. 998 L.D. 1377

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-604)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-604)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-604) **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 Secure Transitions to Economic Prosperity for Maine Families and Children"

H.P. 1259 L.D. 1772

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-606)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-606)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-606) **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 Reduce Child Poverty by Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive"

H.P. 1261 L.D. 1774

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-605)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-605)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-605) **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 Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Charitable Organizations"

H.P. 1288 L.D. 1808

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-599)**.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-599)**.

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

Bill **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-599) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Today Assigned matter:

JOINT ORDER - Expressions of Legislative Sentiment recognizing James H. Page, of Old Town, who is retiring as Chancellor of the University of Maine System. Dr. Page is the first University of Maine System Chancellor to be born in Maine and to have been educated at one of the System's universities, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, where he received his bachelor's degree before obtaining his postgraduate education at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After a career at several universities and in the private sector, he led the repositioning of the System to meet the State's 21st century higher education needs. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

SLS 671

Tabled - June 17, 2019 by Senator **DILL** of Penobscot

Pending - **PASSAGE**

(In Senate, **READ**.)

The Joint Order was **READ**.

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

Senator **DILL:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I rise today to recognize retiring University of Maine Chancellor James Page. It's nice that I get up here to speak because speaking from the Senate Floor the Chancellor doesn't get a chance to have any rebuttal, at least until I return to work next week, but that probably depends on what I say here today. So I have to be careful. Many of you know Jim. He's been a fixture of the Old Town community for years and I am proud to call him a friend. Jim was also the first University of Maine System Chancellor to be born in Maine, to have been educated in one of the system's Universities. He was born and raised in Caribou and obtained his BA in History from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, then going on to complete his Masters work in philosophy of physics from St. Andrews University in Scotland, and finally he obtained his Ph.D. in the philosophical foundations of mathematics from MIT. You might want to ask him what that is. When Jim took over the system in 2012 it was struggling to recover from the great recession and enrollment was declining. Drawing on his extensive experience in academia and the private sector, Chancellor Page righted the ship. Today the system is in better shape than ever. Latest reports show a budget surplus and system-wide enrollment has increased steadily and Jim's efforts to streamline and improve communication and collaboration between the system's seven campuses has greatly improved the experience of the students from across the system. I'd like to mention just a couple of things that Jim has done. One, he's made it very easy for transfer of

credits between campuses and the community college system. He's put together what is known as The One University and he's held tuition down. I won't list the many other accomplishments of what he's achieved during his time, otherwise we would probably miss lunch. But I want to thank Jim for his determination and leadership. The University of Maine is poised for success in the future. He will definitely be missed. I hope you join me in thanking Chancellor James Page for his service to the state of Maine. Thank you.

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

Senator **GUERIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it was such a pleasure working with Chancellor Page. He really showed his Maine roots through his practical approach to governing the University System and I always appreciated his openness to listening to ideas and his way of sharing his opinion that was non-threatening and left everyone feeling open to discussing the issues in a clear manner. He was always very respectful of the students and the freedom of speech that should be available to students and the fair balance approach in the classroom to teaching the subjects at hand and no reaching into the political realm but sticking to what the University's goal is in educating our young people. I will surely miss him and wish him well. It was just a pleasure to work with him.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Vitelli.

Senator **VITELLI:** Thank you, Mr. President. Men and women of the Senate, I, too, rise to give honor to the departing Chancellor Page. I came to know the Chancellor while I was a member of the University of Maine System community over many years and always appreciated his commitment to the system, to its staff, faculty and, most of all, its students. He has truly been a champion of higher education in Maine and on behalf of the Advisory Council and staff of New Ventures Maine, on which Chancellor Page served as an ex officio member, I want to extend their appreciation for his recognition and support of their work preparing adults for education and the workforce, educating students about their finances, and helping aspiring entrepreneurs to launch small businesses throughout the state. Dr. Page has been an inspiring leader and we wish him well wherever the future takes him. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, offer my congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Chancellor Page for his steadfast leadership for our state's University System during some very challenging times and for his ever-present collegiality, good humor, and willingness to hear from all sides. For my prospective, he is leaving the University System stronger and poised to embark on important new initiatives designed to ensure its long-term health and relevancy and critical role in Maine's future prosperity. He and I arrived here in the Legislature together as Senate Chair and as Chancellor and it seems almost fitting that he is departing as I look forward to departing as well. I need to commend him and his administration for the deep work that they did around higher education affordability, retention, and

completion. There was a lot of national pressure to have the Legislature preempt the internal decision making process of the University System and its Board but through their own initiative and foresight a great deal of work was accomplished around college campus transfers between the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System and enough cannot be said about putting in place tuition freezes at a time when the national average was around 13%. I hope that in the future the Legislature can partner with the University System to continue to hold our tuitions at our public institution. So I wish Chancellor Page all the best as he embarks on his next adventure and I can't wait to see what it is. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator **POULIOT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I, too, started my service here in 2012, the same time Chancellor Page started, but hopefully unlike Senator Millett I won't be getting done next time around. I first met Chancellor Page at an Educate Maine event. It was when the Legislature's Education Committee was receiving an award from them and he got up to speak and I really was just kind of taken back by his approach, which is really I think a humble, down to earth approach of leadership that is really built upon trust. I think that any of us in this Legislature could say that probably the thing that we value the most is the ability to trust the people that we're working with. I think that we spend a lot of time trying to build relationships with each other so that when we're making decisions we can make those decisions based upon a trust for the other person that we're working with and Chancellor Page certainly is a person, a leader, that I could always trust the information that he was sharing with us and his forthrightness helped to make decisions easier in this Body. I'll never forget attending a New England Board of Higher Education meeting in Boston. Chancellor Page was there, kind of on the sidelines, and there were a number of individuals operating on very high levels within post-secondary institutions who were commending the University of Maine System and, in particular, Chancellor Page for his leadership and spearheading the work, along with the Board of Trustees, to allow for students to more easily share credits among institutions. For any of you who follow post-secondary education, you'll see clearly that there exists, unfortunately, a lot of turf wars between different institutions at time. You know, this credit is worthy over there but over here it isn't. I think Chancellor Page and the Board, to their credit, did a lot of work to break down some of those barriers to help students get credit for the learning that they did which, ultimately, helps them complete college on time and for less money. So I think those types of strategic changes that were made within the System under the Chancellor's leadership has done a lot to make college more affordable but also to increase completion rates to help us meet some of our goals that we have. Just last year I had a constituent who actually came in to the Legislature and was in the Senate Office. It just so happened that Chancellor Page had a meeting right next door at the same time with our Leadership. I was finishing up with this constituent and Chancellor Page was on his way out and I stopped him to ask if he would mind speaking with my constituent and of course, in typical Jim Page fashion, he said 'Absolutely not, I'd be happy to speak with her.' We sat down for quite some time and after he departed my constituent said to me 'I never thought that I'd be able to speak with the person that is in

charge of the System about this issue that we're having with the University of Maine System.' I think it just really goes to speak to his approachability. In fact, this same constituent actually just left me a voice mail this morning as a follow up. I'm continuing to work on this issue. I have no doubt that the new leadership and also the System will continue to endeavor to meet the needs of those who we serve. So it's a sad day that we're losing the leadership of Jim Page in the University of Maine System. I'm confident that the new Chancellor has big shoes to fill, that he will fill well. But I certainly hope that Jim will continue to come around and see us. We really enjoy having him and, again, it's just been really an honor to work with you, Jim. I wish you the best of luck in retirement and hopefully get some time to enjoy some of this beautiful Maine weather. It looks like you're getting done just in time. 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 also want to take a moment to honor retiring Chancellor Page. In his final State of the University System Address I took note of his strong statement advocating that Maine needs a bold, focused, comprehensive, bi-partisan, and long-term economic development plan with education opportunity at its core. Chancellor Page went further to state that this plan must be long-term because success takes more time than a Legislative session or even an Administration's tenure and for that reason alone it must be bi-partisan. I thought when I was reading those words of his that it was meaningful and wise advice and that Dr. Page has led the University of Maine with just that kind of balanced and thoughtful approach, with an eye towards changes that will create long-term success, and he has set the University up to keep going well even as he leaves. I'm honored that I could call Jim a friend and his legacy is one of which he should be proud and I know that we are all agreeing that he will be greatly missed. So congratulations, Chancellor Page, on a job well done.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Herbig.

Senator **HERBIG:** Thank you, Mr. President. Chancellor Page, it has been a pleasure. We have done some really good work over the years. I firmly believe that the students of Maine, our children, our grandchildren, and our future workforce are better off because of your tremendous contributions. It has been a joy to work with you. You have such an incredible sense of humor and way about you that have made the process better off for all of us. So just thank you so much. You will be greatly missed and best of luck in your next chapter.

The Joint Order was **PASSED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recognize, and I can't help but say once again, Chancellor Jim Page. He was born in Maine in the city of Caribou, went to the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Hard to say that probably again. He's here today with his wife, members of the University Board of Trustees, the University Presidents, Community College. Would he please rise and accept the greetings and sincere thanks of doing great, great

work that you have for the people of the state of Maine, and our really undying gratefulness for your fine, fine work. Really appreciate it, Mr. Page.

Off Record Remarks

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

On motion by Senator **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **ADJOURNED** until Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning in honor of Chancellor James Page of Old Town.