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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3rd Legislative Day
Thursday, March 11, 2021

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

Prayer by Honorable Denise A. Tepler, Topsham.

National Anthem by Ange Pitteroff, Randolph.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021"

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 220)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9) in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-9) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-18) AND "B" (S-19)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative MILLETT of Waterford, the House voted to **RECEDE**.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of the Recede motion, as many of you know, and for the newcomers, we are in that position where we need to back up from where the bill is in the other Body, namely the way we sent it yesterday morning with two amendments added to it, in order for further amendments to be considered here today. I will be speaking to one of those amendments but not offering them.

I thought I would like to take just a few minutes, I'll try to be brief and not overwhelm you with numbers, but I heard a lot of good messages yesterday. The prayer was extremely historically valuable. The Good Representative from Wells, Representative Skolfield, touched all of the bases that remind us all of how things changed when the 129th adjourned back on St. Patrick's Day of 2020.

Our two fore leaders, both Representatives Dillingham and Dunphy, used the word "we" several times during the course of the conversation yesterday. And I listened carefully and I thought it would be good to remind us that we are all in this together if we are to achieve a successful outcome today. As a reminder, since we adjourned on the 17th of March, 2020, more than 8 billion dollars of federal money, pandemic-related, has come through our borders in various ways. Not one nickel of that has been authorized and approved by legislative bodies either in the 129th or yet for this Body and the other in the 130th. Most of those dollars were intended to acknowledge that, unknown to us when we left here or the other building on St. Patrick's Day, the full extent that the pandemic would have and the upsets to every aspect of the communities that we represent. From individuals, from workers, from families, to children, to students, to communities and to our institutions, everything has been turned upside down.

A supplemental budget normally is to rebalance a year, and that was its original purpose. Yet, we have, I think, come together on a lot of what is in the bill before us today by recognizing that we need to go beyond simply rebalancing the FY-21 general fund budget, which I would remind you is at the moment only 150 million out of balance. There was a time back in the mid-summer when we thought it was going to be much larger. The August forecast projected over a 570 million shortfall in 21, rising to 1.4 billion over the three-year period. So, when we were sworn in on the second of December last year, we knew the new forecast, we had hint that we were 150 million out of balance.

A couple of things changed. In late-December, the Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed by the outgoing President and it did change some of the federal benefits that had been extended throughout the year and was not reflected in the 150 million figure we knew of in mid-December. So, the Chief Executive presented the budget on January 8th, acknowledging that we were 150 million out of sync for the balance of this fiscal year. She proposed three areas of attention that have survived intact exactly from that beginning; 100.5 million in curtailment initiatives gathered from her cabinet members and departments, 97 million of federal CARES money moves to offset salaries for those state employees engaged in health and safety activity, and 65 million from the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage increase, or FMAP, that supports our Medicaid programs, totaling 65 million.

A little simple math would say that budget produced 287 million of one-time savings, well beyond the 150 that we were out of balance and still are today. The Chief Executive proposed two things that utilized some of that additional balance. One was to add monies to two stabilization accounts, totaling 66 million, and 24 million of spending. Subtracting that 90 million offset that left us with 197 million, which is 47 million more than the need and that was to go forward to the next biennial budget.

So, with that backdrop, here we are today with the new information from that Consolidated Appropriations Act which concluded that our December forecast did not anticipate the conformity issues that arose later from the Paycheck Protection Program, which added to the revenue loss issue by 100 million-plus. Since then, we have as an Appropriations Committee, acknowledged that the Paycheck Protection Program was a sincerely intended program that helped many of our workers who continue to work only because their employers were given money to pay for their paychecks. The changes we have made in early-March as a committee include two new spending issues, 47 million, as a one-time attempt to allow those persons who were unemployed as a result of layoff pandemic related by exempting the first \$10,200 of earned unemployment benefits in 2020, from Maine income taxes. Another 9.7 million was added to address the direct support workers that we have all heard from and care for.

So, here we are today with a difference between the majority and the minority report. I cannot speak to the minority report, but it seeks to address additional conformity that has been available for the last two calendar tax years but would not be continued for the 2020 year. That will be spoken to as an amendment. What I'd like to say as a concluding message is, back to the we; we have an obligation to balance the FY-21 budget. No one will dispute that. We have an obligation to address emergencies when they occur. No one would dispute that this is a true emergency. No one would disagree that we have an obligation to everyone in our communities whose lives were turned upside down during the calendar year and the

more we can do utilizing the one-time sources that are available to us today, the better we will be able to go back home and say we tried to help. I would hope today that we cannot demonize either party's priorities or how we got to where we are today, nor try to make it appear that some of us care more about businesses, some of us care about employees, some of us care about institutions, when, in fact, I believe truly we all care for all elements of our society and our economy. So, I'm hoping that we will bear those thoughts in mind and realize that when we finish today, we have an obligation to address the unbalanced budget and the issues and challenges that lie before us today. I hope we can do so in a civil and bipartisan way and that we will result in a solution that we can all be proud of. Thank you.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 5

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, MartinT.
Yes, 83; No, 64; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "A" (H-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 6

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, MartinT.
Yes, 83; No, 64; Absent, 4; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "B" (H-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harrison, Representative Riseman.

Representative **RISEMAN**: Thank you. I'm looking through my paperwork and I can't find the proposed amendment. Is there a hard copy somewhere that we can see?

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would advise Members that on Paperless Chamber, on the tablets in front of you, there's hyperlinks to the amendments proposed to the item before us, 1-6. If you need assistance finding where that is, please

indicate and a member of the chamber staff can help you navigate to that location.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 7

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.
Yes, 81; No, 65; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "C" (H-20) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **COREY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women from the House. I'd like to speak in favor of the proposed amendment. As the president of a small nonprofit charitable organization, I can say fundraising during the pandemic has been challenging and we've had to completely rethink strategies. I can't think of a reason why we wouldn't support these critical investments in Maine's people and environment. Conformity on this tool supports nonprofits who find themselves in impossible circumstances. Please support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9).**

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A"

(H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 8

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.
Yes, 81; No, 65; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "D" (H-21) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to briefly explain what we hope to do with this amendment. This amendment speaks to foreign derived intangible income, which is commonly referred to as FDII. And that is a deduction that is given to U.S.-based and even Maine-based businesses that produce and manufacture items, but sell globally. And so, it provides them a deduction on the income on the items that are being sold globally to better help them compete on the global field and against maybe better tax jurisdictions that maybe could be provided elsewhere.

The other piece of this, and speaking with folks from Maine Revenue Services, there is a feeling that this isn't acting as it was intended. And we have asked; there's language in the amendment that asks for them to do a report and a study back to the committee of jurisdiction to provide the data and survey those businesses that are actually currently taking this deduction that are based in Maine to see if there is a benefit for them. That report back would be due at the end of December so that this asks for the deduction that is currently in place to remain in place for tax year '20 and the committee would then have the ability to put forth a piece of legislation if it is proven that this isn't performing as intended and they could then rescind that deduction for tax years '21 going forward.

So, I do hope everyone will consider this and consider supporting this amendment. Thank you.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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

The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in my earlier two lengthy remarks, I referenced this particular amendment as one possible grounds for common ground; a compromise, if you will.

The Representative from Oxford has properly explained this is one of those few conformity issues where the particular provision was put in place in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, in an effort to encourage businesses having a presence in Maine and the U.S. to not look to tax havens overseas when they actually did business overseas, either through exports or other income generation. It has been conformed to routinely in tax years '18 and '19 by action of the previous Legislatures. It was offered again as a conformity item but rejected by the administration and is not currently included as a conformity item in the Majority Report.

As the Representative from Oxford indicated, she and I and members of the administration both at the Chief Executive's office and Maine Revenue Services talked about the why not. Because this will cause those businesses based in Maine and/or doing business in Maine to pay 8.6 million dollars in state income taxes than they have previously been paying.

The idea of getting more hard data to determine whether or not this is an appropriate tool in our economic development toolbox to incentivize companies to come to Maine, to stay in Maine, to continue to look at the export options as a productive way of selling their goods and services, and given that the current feeling is that it's not well-understood, why not determine how well it's understood by those who aren't speaking? The idea of the study and the conformity for one year, with a full understanding that if it isn't working, we discard it, was presented. I want to just suggest that this is the one amendment where I see an opening for some conversation rather than a straight unspoken motion to indefinitely postpone and walk away from this opportunity. Thank you.

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

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Good Representative is correct, we have been discussing this and a study. We are in complete agreement that we agree that a study needs to be developed around this issue. Where we disagree is that the vast majority of people who receive this benefit that Maine taxpayers pay are actually not Maine businesses that reside in Maine; they're multinational companies that exist beyond our borders.

We definitely think that this should be researched and are happy to do it, but we also think that we should not continue to pay an average of \$33,000 to each of these businesses that do not reside in Maine while we look at that study, and there's our difference. I'm always hopeful that we might be able to come to some agreement, but I wanted to be clear about the majority report and the discussion around this issue.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, and I appreciate the comments from the Representative from Falmouth. But, I would like to clarify in our conversations that we were told that those businesses actually are protected privately, so, we weren't informed of what the businesses were, we weren't given any information about how many businesses here specifically versus how many businesses outside the State of Maine. I did ask about an industry that we have, our lobstering industry, that is produced here in Maine but they do sell globally and if what the impact would be on those folks that participate in the lobstering industry and I wasn't given an answer, I wasn't able to provide an answer because those businesses that are here in Maine hadn't been surveyed to see what would be that impact.

So, while I understand the comments and the concern, I think that that's what led us to to promoting the compromise to allow a deduction that doesn't actually create a fiscal note and can be absorbed within the majority budget, for us to be able to move forward, go through that study, and the folks at Maine Revenue Services would have the opportunity to really get all of that data, still protect the privacy of the businesses that are taking this deduction, but bring that forth to the committee of jurisdiction as well as the Appropriations Committee.

So, thank you very much.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 9

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 81; No, 65; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 65 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "E" (H-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford **PRESENTED House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 10

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 82; No, 64; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "F" (H-23) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Representative COREY of Windham **PRESENTED House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **COREY**: Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I'll make this short. I ask that you support this amendment as it requires a diversity of Mainer's voices be heard in spending resources that are directed to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town moved that the House **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**.

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

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinitely Postponement of House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A"

(H-9). All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 11

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Riseman, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WarrenS, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 78; No, 68; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 68 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly **House Amendment "G" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-18) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was READ by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We received two other Body amendments on the supplemental budget from the other Body last night and I just wanted to briefly give people of the House a chance to hear exactly what those were.

The first one has to do with our unemployment insurance and this aligns our unemployment insurance deduction with the newly-passed federal law. We're doing this for the ease and clarity of our taxpayers so that when they go to take the deduction that we put in the majority budget they'll be able to align that with the federal new guidelines that have come through. There is a small fiscal note to this of \$65,830. This is so that the Maine Revenue Service can do some communication with our taxpayers so they definitely understand this deduction that's going to be available to them.

The second one has to do with veterans' services. The other body amendment re-appropriates the funds in veterans' services related to a veteran homeless program that the 128th Legislature passed and it also returns the federal funds back to the State for the cemetery plot alliance.

So, those are the, in a nutshell, the two other body amendments that have come to us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I pose a question to the Chair or?

The **SPEAKER**: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: On the first amendment, I just want to clearly understand, and for Members to understand, what that communication is. Is it in fact a communication of postcards that will be sent out to those folks that are able to take the deduction instructing them that they can take the deduction?

The **SPEAKER**: The Member has posed a question to any Members who wish to answer. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Falmouth, Representative Pierce.

Representative **PIERCE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is my understanding that I believe this is a postcard mailing of some sort that will be mailed out to the taxpayers.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-19) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) was READ by the Clerk and ADOPTED.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto was ADOPTED.

Representative **DILLINGHAM** of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto.**

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

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 12

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Dolloff, Hepler, MartinT.

Yes, 82; No, 64; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

82 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate**

Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19) thereto in concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED BY THIRTY-FOUR MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, January 27, 2021 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recommits itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, 34 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, have adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the working definition of antisemitism.

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

READ.

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Colleagues. My husband and I moved to York 35 years ago to start our medical practices; me in Neurology, my husband in Cardiology. We moved to York as a Jewish family raising three children who each earned their bar and bat mitzvah. We were welcomed, appreciated, and we felt at home, until 20 years ago York hired a Jewish executive director of our library. Feces were smeared on the door of the library soon after. We in the town of York put together a diverse group of town people and created the York Diversity Forum, with its mission everyone who lives here feels at home. That group still does good work in the community and it has helped my family feel at home in York, Maine, for 35 years.

This resolution includes a working definition of antisemitism which I will read. Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, to our Jewish community, institutions and religious facilities.

This Joint Resolution serves as a reminder for us about antisemitism and that's what I wanted to say to you today.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Zager.

Representative **ZAGER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is much work to be done today, so, I will be brief and will not repeat what the sentiments of the Good Representative from York has just shared.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise as a Jewish Representative and a veteran who joined the U.S. Military

many years before taking the Hippocratic Oath. I did so because I love our country and also to serve under the same flag that America's submarine force, the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division, the Tuskegee Airmen and so many others carried when they sacrificed to defeat the Nazis.

I also wish to echo the countless survivors whose stories I bear witness to, the things that I saw at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek, Treblinka, and Warsaw in the 1990 March of the Living, and also the millions of civilians who were executed in the Holocaust, including many of my relatives.

I want to share two things. One is that antisemitism sometimes comes disguised. In the 1930s in Germany it was cloaked in the Reichstag's ostensibly democratic process and so it's important that legislators recommit ourselves to never forget.

The other point I'd like to make is that, of course, military, paramilitary, and police forces were complicit in perpetrating the Holocaust and Christopher Browning's book, *Ordinary Men*, describes well how this happened in one battalion of Einsatzgruppen.

I had many non-Jewish commanding officers emphasize the importance that those wielding power must remember. At one such commemoration aboard our ship in 2001, an elderly U.S. Army veteran spoke to our crew about the horrors he beheld while liberating a Nazi death camp. With these thoughts in mind, I ask the Honorable Members of this Body to support this resolution, and I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Joint Resolution was **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 215)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS OF THE STATE FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, school bus drivers provide the first and last interactions that many students have during the week; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers have a duty to safely bring children to school and back each school day; and

WHEREAS, this duty requires skills in navigating road and weather hazards, ensuring the safety of the students who ride the bus, avoiding distractions and serving in a leadership role; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the duties of school bus drivers, requiring them to take additional safety measures for themselves and for their passengers; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers play an extraordinary role in the lives of Maine students, and these individuals deserve our clear and obvious recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the school bus drivers of the State for their exemplary service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 297)
JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the members of the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers states in its 2017 Report Card that the United States received a grade of D+ regarding the current state of infrastructure and that more than \$4.5 trillion would be needed to restore the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair, over \$2 trillion in new infrastructure projects is currently not funded by the Federal Government and the remainder of infrastructure projects is inadequately funded; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the State a grade of C- in 2020, including dams, D+; hazardous waste, D+; roads, D; transit, D+; and wastewater, D+; and

WHEREAS, the state highway system projects a drastic funding shortfall due to the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019 and preexisting financial deficits; drivers in the State spend over \$1 billion per year in vehicle operating costs, congestion and crashes, and the State has the highest highway fatality rate in New England; and the State has 1,073 dams with an average age of over 100 years, and a minimum of \$269 million is needed to maintain dam infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a new National Infrastructure Bank could directly help finance all of these projects, and the United States Congress introduced H.R. 6422, "National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2020," which would create a \$4 trillion bank that could help finance the infrastructure needs and hire millions who have lost their jobs during the pandemic, putting them into higher-paying infrastructure and related jobs; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank is modeled on previous successful, similar institutions that built much of the nation's infrastructure, and under United States Presidents George Washington, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt similar institutions financed the infrastructure projects that made us the envy of the world and helped bring us out of the Great Depression and win World War II; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank will be capitalized by using secure, existing United States Treasury debt, such as treasury bills typically held in large quantities by major investment institutions, requiring no new federal spending and no new taxes, and will be authorized to spend \$4 trillion in urgently needed infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank will create approximately 25 million new jobs, ensure the payment of fair wages, mandate project labor agreements, ensure "buy American" policies, direct spending into disadvantaged business enterprises and ensure minority hiring opportunities, and it is expected to increase the size of the economy by 4% to 5% each year; and

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank is supported by many organizations: Seventeen state legislatures have introduced or passed resolutions, city and county councils have introduced or passed resolutions and the National Congress of Black Women, National Association of Counties, the United States High Speed Rail Association, the National Federation of Federal Employees, the American

Sustainable Business Council, the National Association of Minority Contractors, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association and many other government, labor and civic bodies have endorsed the National Infrastructure Bank legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States pass, and the President of the United States sign, H.R. 6422 to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 300)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2021 AS
PUREBRED DOG DAY**

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, the service of these breeds continues today as they work alongside humans while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earth dogs, police dogs and canine soldiers serving alongside our military men and women; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs also serve as avalanche dogs, trackers, trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters and bird dogs; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, purebred dogs are guardians of family, home and hearth, and always they are companions near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, each purebred breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as are that culture's music, art and language; and

WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1, 2021 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 312)

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
NUTRITION SERVICE TO INCLUDE CERTAIN NONFOOD
ESSENTIALS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service to enter into rulemaking, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, is a federally governed and funded program under the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service with shared state administration; and

WHEREAS, SNAP currently provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of qualifying recipients so they can purchase healthy food but fails to account for nonfood essentials, including toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and menstrual products; and

WHEREAS, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and menstrual products are essential products needed for human dignity and health; and

WHEREAS, if a person struggles with access to food, that person likely also struggles with access to nonfood essentials; and

WHEREAS, a person who does not have access to nonfood essentials, especially menstrual products and toilet paper, may be forced to use inappropriate and unsafe alternatives, thereby putting that person's health and the health of the person's reproductive system at risk; and

WHEREAS, a person without access to nonfood essentials cannot equitably participate in work, the search for employment or many other activities due to the risk of embarrassment such as from odors or bleeding through clothing; and

WHEREAS, a person who lives in an abusive situation has an increased likelihood of having difficulty accessing menstrual products and other nonfood essentials; and

WHEREAS, it is a matter of human justice and dignity for recipients of SNAP benefits to be granted the authority to determine what essentials they most need; and

WHEREAS, the residents of this State who qualify for SNAP benefits have essential needs beyond food and should therefore be granted the dignity to select how to expend their SNAP benefits based upon their essential needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service enter into rulemaking to amend the stated goal of SNAP to "raising the level of nutrition and essential-need stability among low-income households and maintaining adequate levels of nutrition and nonfood-essentials supplies by increasing the food and nonfood-essentials purchasing power of low-income families"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service enter into rulemaking to expand the scope of SNAP benefits to include the following nonfood essentials for recipient purchase: toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and menstrual products, including but not limited to tampons, pads, liners and reusable cups, underwear and shields; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, for consideration in the federal budgeting process; to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the Nutrition Service Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the Food and Nutrition Service Associate Administrator of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the Northeast Regional Office of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; to the President of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation; and to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 117)

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

March 11, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the following Joint Standing Committees have voted unanimously to report the following bills out "Ought Not to Pass:"

Environment and Natural Resources

L.D. 436 An Act Regarding the Authority of the Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Applications, Permits and Fines

Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

L.D. 459 An Act To Change the Licensing Authority for Tattoo Artists

Veterans and Legal Affairs

L.D. 407 An Act To Improve Education Funding through Lottery Proceeds

L.D. 413 An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of House

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

The Following Communication: (H.C. 118)

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

March 11, 2021

Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Taxation has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Davis of Piscataquis, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw:"

L.D. 470 An Act To Allow a Veteran Who Was a Member of the Military Reserves or Served in the National Guard To Qualify for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

Sincerely,
S/Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

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

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act Concerning the Unannounced Execution of Search Warrants"

(H.P. 771) (L.D. 1043)

Sponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Rights of Certain Incarcerated Individuals"

(H.P. 772) (L.D. 1044)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, MORALES of South Portland, OSHER of Orono, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WOOD of Portland, Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Firearm Use and Possession Rights of Maine Citizens during an Emergency" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 781) (L.D. 1052)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Promote the Education of Students Who Participate in Sex Education Classes Regarding Common Cancer Symptoms, the Bone Marrow Registry and Organ Donation

(H.P. 778) (L.D. 1049)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools"

(H.P. 779) (L.D. 1050)

Sponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow Microgrids That Are in the Public Interest"

(H.P. 782) (L.D. 1053)

Sponsored by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.

Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Adolescents"

(H.P. 788) (L.D. 1059)

Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland.

Bill "An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State"

(H.P. 793) (L.D. 1064)

Sponsored by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MOORE of Washington.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Universal Health Care"

(H.P. 773) (L.D. 1045)

Sponsored by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MORALES of South Portland, SACHS of Freeport.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization To Self-insure for Automobile Insurance"

(H.P. 792) (L.D. 1063)

Sponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Promote Hunting by Persons with Disabilities"

(H.P. 777) (L.D. 1048)

Sponsored by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act To Allow Hunting on Sundays with Written Consent on Private Property"

(H.P. 783) (L.D. 1054)

Sponsored by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, To Automatically Seal the Criminal History Records Relating to Any Crimes Decriminalized in the 130th Legislature

(H.P. 784) (L.D. 1055)

Sponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Augusta, LOOKNER of Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, Senators: POULIOT of Kennebec, STEWART of Aroostook.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create an Alternate Minimum Wage Applicable to Student Employees Who Are under 20 Years of Age and to Employees Who Are under 18 Years of Age"

(H.P. 775) (L.D. 1047)

Sponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MORRIS of Turner, NEWMAN of Belgrade, PICKETT of Dixfield, SAMPSON of Alfred.

Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances"

(H.P. 770) (L.D. 1042)

Sponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, McDONALD of Stonington, MORALES of South Portland, SYLVESTER of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age"

(H.P. 780) (L.D. 1051)

Sponsored by Representative MORALES of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RIELLY of Westbrook, SACHS of Freeport, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General

(H.P. 785) (L.D. 1056)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIFFIN of Levant, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MASON of Lisbon, NEWMAN of Belgrade.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State

(H.P. 786) (L.D. 1057)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIGNON of Athens, JAVNER of Chester, NEWMAN of Belgrade, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SKOLFIELD of Weld, THORNE of Carmel.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Treasurer of State

(H.P. 787) (L.D. 1058)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FECTEAU of Augusta, GRIGNON of Athens, NEWMAN of Belgrade, THORNE of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs"

(H.P. 794) (L.D. 1065)

Sponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, HEAD of Bethel, NEWMAN of Belgrade, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff for Hunger Prevention"

(H.P. 774) (L.D. 1046)

Sponsored by Representative TERRY of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of Warren, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SHEEHAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act To Phase Out the Insurance Premium Tax on Annuities"

(H.P. 791) (L.D. 1062)

Sponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, SACHS of Freeport, TERRY of Gorham, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity"

(H.P. 789) (L.D. 1060)

Sponsored by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South Portland, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

Bill "An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status"

(H.P. 790) (L.D. 1061)

Sponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

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

ORDERS

On motion of Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 776) (Cosponsored by Representative: EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft)

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2021 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's role in the Atlantic world slave economy have been largely effaced from our narratives and from our collective consciousness; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest arrivals of people from Europe and Africa in the Americas, Africans and African Americans have been part of the story of this land, and researchers have identified over 1,600 people of color who lived in what is now called the state of Maine prior to the year 1800; and

WHEREAS, Africans who were brought involuntarily to these shores suffered generations of enslavement and their descendants faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation and the denial of basic, fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, Maine merchants were deeply entangled in the Atlantic world slave economy, as were the banks that handled their accounts and the insurance firms that secured their investments, and at a time when Havana, Cuba was the

hub of the illicit slave trade, Portland was that city's number one trading partner; and

WHEREAS, it was not only Maine's coastal towns that were complicit in the global economy of enslavement through shipbuilding and merchant trading activities, but its inland regions as well: crops and livestock were routinely shipped in the "coastwise" trade to provision the sugar plantations of the West Indies, along with salted fish and even ice from this region; and

WHEREAS, great quantities of Maine timber were processed into barrel staves and shipped throughout the 18th and 19th centuries to the West Indies, where enslaved Africans were forced to fashion them into barrels; they then filled these barrels with the sugar and molasses that were shipped back to Portland and distilled into rum, which was used as currency in purchasing more captive Africans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans in all walks of life have shown resilience despite suffering under slavery and injustice and have made significant contributions throughout the history of the State and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the significance of Black History Month as an important time to honor the contributions of African Americans in the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

READ and ADOPTED.

Sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

Recognizing:

Michael Connolly, of Pittsfield, a member of Troop Nos. 428 and 485, 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 2)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to honor Michael Connolly of Troop 485 and 428 and to recognize his great achievement in earning his Eagle Scout rank on December 7, 2020.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Michael since he was seven years old and I acted as his den leader when he joined Troop 428 as a Tiger Scout. Michael is an incredibly hard-working young man. For his Eagle Scout project, he installed a wheelchair-accessible eight-foot by ten-foot fishing platform at Lake George Regional Park in Canaan. Michael's project included more than 480 hours of service time over a period of a year and a half.

He is also an active member; in addition to being an active member of two Boy Scout troops, he is a Navy Sea Scout, a member of his high school's JRTC program and is a three-season athlete. Michael's steady, persistent progress through the ranks in scouting to achieve this prestigious award, demonstrates his determination to prepare himself for a meaningful and productive role in society. His performance in scouting will serve as a beacon to those Scouts who will follow him.

Congratulations, Michael.

Subsequently, this Expression of Legislative Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team, which won the 2020/2021 State Championship. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 64)

Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative Poirier.

Representative **POIRIER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you and recognize the very talented individuals of the Skowhegan Area High School Speech Team. Through the challenges of virtual competitions and with the guidance of an exceptional group of coaches and mentors, they persevered to win the 2020/2021 State Championship.

I can assure you that each of them would give us a run for our money in any debate and I would gladly welcome their assistance with any writing of future floor speeches. I give them my most sincere congratulations to such a phenomenal group of young people.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Recognizing:

the Town of Canton, which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 79)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PICKETT of Dixfield, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act To Ensure Government Transparency and To Protect the Privacy and Safety of the Public"

(S.P. 22) (L.D. 15)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Ought to Pass as Amended

Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 132) (L.D. 306)

Reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-2) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-9)**.

The Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-2) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-9) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)** and **Senate Amendment "A" (S-9)** in concurrence.

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)** on Bill "An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Establishment of Procedures To Report Concussions"

(H.P. 70) (L.D. 104)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred
STEARNS of Guilford

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)** on Bill "An Act To Increase Student Reading Proficiency"

(H.P. 94) (L.D. 138)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LYMAN of Livermore Falls
ROCHE of Wells
SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)** on Bill "An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 293)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland
RAFFERTY of York
WOODSOME of York

Representatives:

BRENNAN of Portland
CROCKETT of Portland
DODGE of Belfast
LYMAN of Livermore Falls
McCREA of Fort Fairfield
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth
ROCHE of Wells
SALISBURY of Westbrook
STEARNS of Guilford

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

Signed:

Representative:

SAMPSON of Alfred

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)** and sent for concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 218) (L.D. 314)

Signed:

Senators:

LAWRENCE of York
VITELLI of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

BERRY of Bowdoinham
CARLOW of Buxton
CUDDY of Winterport
GROHOSKI of Ellsworth
KESSLER of South Portland
WOOD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

FOSTER of Dexter
GRIGNON of Athens
WADSWORTH of Hiram

READ.

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

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

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

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Men and Women of the House, the measure before us would continue the green power electricity offer that the State of Maine has had in place for many years, for at least as long as I have served in this Body. It's a bill that came to us from the Public Utilities Commission because they support the program and believe that it should continue. The Majority Report would allow us to continue the program.

If we fail to accept the Majority Report and to enact this bill as an emergency, then the program will expire on April 1st. At that time, 4,500 Maine residents and businesses will lose the ability to pay an extra two cents per kilowatt hour for green electricity supply. And I want to say that again; these 4,500 Maine residents and businesses are choosing to pay more, two cents per kilowatt hour more, in order to know that their electricity supply is one hundred percent renewable. It bears repeating that our current electricity supply does not come from the utilities but from a competitive market and, in this case, the procurement is done by the PUC with a lot of checks and balances to make sure that all of the trading and renewable energy credits is above board and that no costs are shifted to other residents of the State of Maine.

So, again, the Public Utilities Commission is where this bill originates. I'm the sponsor, but it is a PUC bill, and they are hoping to continue with the program, which will expire on April 1st if we do not act together with the other body today.

Mr. Speaker, all testimony, with the exception of one written document submitted by an individual, was in support of the bill. That includes the utilities themselves. And there is one other option which I will note for those who are interested in green energy and I think this is important for all of us to be aware of so we can advise our constituents. If, by some happenstance today, we are unable to pass this bill as emergency, you might want to know what to tell your constituents. You can tell them if this happens that the green power is no longer available for them at this time, it may come back, but, MEgreenpower.com is where you can learn more about that program that would otherwise end.

Another place you can send them, however, is the Office of the Public Advocates website, where they can learn more about community solar. And there is a very robust market now, as I'm sure you may have read in the paper or perhaps you've received mailers offering community solar options, I'm sure your constituents have too. And the Public Advocate has

information about this community solar options that your constituents, if they are thrown off this program by our lack of action, will still have available to them. So, I would direct your constituents to Maine.gov/meopa that stands for Maine Office of the Public Advocate forward slash M-E-O-P-A and just look up community solar. There's an excellent video there advising folks about how they can save money and also subscribe to a community solar farm. It would be nice if our constituents have all the options, including the ability to pay more for renewables, but that will depend on us here today.

For my part, and with bipartisan majority of my committee, we request that we together here today vote in favor of the pending motion and continue the green power option for our constituents.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **WADSWORTH**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This is an idea that should sunset as scheduled to in April. The main power offered doesn't change the electrons that are flowing into the home that you use, those are dictated by the grid. However, this program creates extra administration costs of purchasing renewable energy credits. With the work that this body did in the last Legislature, the percentage of renewables in our grid is increasing. Also, a lot more homes are net measuring their power from rooftop solar and this bill doesn't really do anything to decrease our electric costs. Please follow my light as it's time to let this program sunset.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Dexter, Representative Foster.

Representative **FOSTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, rise in opposition to this motion. The green energy offer does allow those who wish to pay more on their electric bill and those monies go to buy renewable energy credits. They do not, however, go to reduce your bill or my bill, which may be higher because we have higher cost renewable energy projects that are being paid by the ratepayers. I also would say that because these monies go to purchase RECs, there are plenty of other ways that RECs are being purchased, it is not as necessary as it was when this was first developed to do so and, as I believe the Good Representative mentioned, there are other alternatives to those who wish if they do not have this.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 13

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfeld, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Cebra, Harrington, Kryzak, MartinT, WhiteD.

Yes, 90; No, 54; Absent, 7; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, with 7 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass Report was ACCEPTED.**

The Bill was **READ ONCE.**

Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-40)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

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

Representative **BERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, the amendment that I present today would simply remove the emergency preamble; nothing more, nothing less. The program will not have a sunset but that will be -- will not be active until additional actions have been taken by this body and by the executive and of course would not take effect until the fall. So there will be some uncertainty in the program, to say the least, as of April 1st, but we can today amend this bill, go forward with the program, and remove the sunset altogether so that the program exists in perpetuity or until future action by a future Legislature.

I will also add that community solar remains an excellent option for your constituents. They can save as much as 15% off or buy a share in a community solar farm and apply net energy billing to that. So I encourage you to reach out to myself or to any member of the committee if you would like information for your constituents on those options in the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-40) was ADOPTED.**

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-40)** and sent for concurrence.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Band of Maliseet Indians"

(H.P. 37) (L.D. 71)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
DOWNES of Bucksport
EVANGELOS of Friendship
LIBBY of Auburn
MORIARTY of Cumberland
NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe
RECKITT of South Portland
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representative:

POIRIER of Skowhegan

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)** on Bill "An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty"

(H.P. 77) (L.D. 111)

Signed:

Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBWORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Senator:

GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
DRINKWATER of Milford
MORRIS of Turner
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

READ.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion.

I wish to point out that the fiscal note on this bill is 83 million dollars and any unfunded actuarial liability which the bill entails must be paid for up front per the Maine Constitution. It will also add an estimated 1.6 million dollars per year going forward to local school systems. But, beyond that, this has been presented as removing a penalty when in actuality it merely reflects a choice being made by the retiree. A person with 35 years teaching can conceivably retire at around age 57 rather than what is considered to be a normal retirement age starting at 60 years old. Upon retirement, there has been a certain amount of money set aside for retirement benefits for that particular person. Of course, when that money is spread out over many years, over more years that will mean less money per month paid out in benefits. The retiree can choose more money per month for a lesser amount of time or start drawing at normal retirement age for more money per month. The choice is his or hers, it is not a penalty.

Many of us, myself included, have chosen to receive our Social Security benefits at a younger age than what is considered normal retirement age. We, all of us, receive a smaller amount of benefits than we otherwise would have had we deferred benefits to a later time. It was our choice. This is the same scenario.

Additionally, at one of our committee meetings last week, at our work sessions, we were trying to discuss an act or two about other similar retirement bills, when one member of the majority caucus wisely brought up the fact that we have a lot of retirement bills due to be fielded by the committee and that there seemed to be quite a number of retirement plans floating around, covering a wide variety of constituencies. Then wouldn't it be wise to step back and ask the Maine Public Employee Retirement System provide us with a comprehensive picture of the entire system? Then we can have a clearer view of where we are with our retirement plans. The entire committee deemed this a good idea and we subsequently unanimously tabled these two bills.

This is a bill that falls under the same category as those others. In that light, why would we wish to proceed with passing this bill? The only logical action would be to vote no on this motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Oh, and I do request a Roll Call.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

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

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate the comments from the Good Representative from Vassalboro. This bill, in fact, is a little different, this bill from the Good Representative from East Machias.

The bills that we were discussing the other day were special plan bills which have to do with the retirement of police officers, firemen, those sorts of folks who are first-line

responders. And the bills we were talking about were, in fact, about hypertension or about PTSD, so, those sorts of things that create a need to retire early. This is a special bill particular to educators. It's very simple. If you come into the workforce at 21, you could put in 35 years and still have multiple years until your retirement. If you retire at 35 years, you would have a penalty every year. And, yes, that is a choice, but it seems to me that it's a choice that we could make in order to honor the work that our teachers do in the State of Maine and it's very unclear how many folks this would affect and so, the maximum fiscal note got put on it, which I respect, but it seems like it's the sort of bill that we should put onto the appropriations table and see if that is the priority of that committee. Thank you.

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

Representative **STEARNS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Even though I'm a co-sponsor on the bill, with the current fiscal note, I certainly will not be able to vote yes on it and support it. However, it brings up two important things and one is that folks need to remember that when a person is in the education portion of the Maine State Retirement System, as the Good Representative from Portland just alluded to, they do not have transportability. In other words, like in Social Security, you might work ten years as a contractor, 14 years at a restaurant, and 11 more years doing something else, whereas an educator is dedicated and has to work in education and in the State of Maine to do that.

My second point would be I think this is a call to really revive the work of a; it was either a commission or a taskforce that was put together in the 126th and they did some great work at perhaps establishing a new retirement system that would build in that portability so that, in my opinion, would entice more people to go into education and stay in education. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL NO. 14

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreia, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Kryzak, MartinT, Underwood.

Yes, 84; No, 62; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by .Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)** on Bill "An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process"

(H.P. 5) (L.D. 2)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-31)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday" (H.P. 66) (L.D. 100)

Signed:
Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-29)** on same Bill.

Signed:
Representative:

COPELAND of Saco

READ.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Legislators Required To Approve a Constitutional Amendment

(H.P. 109) (L.D. 153)

Signed:
Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-17)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:
Senator:

ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel

TUELL of East Machias

READ.

Representative MATLACK of St. George moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

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

Representative **KINNEY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in opposition to the pending motion.

Currently, constitutional amendments only require a two-thirds of those present and voting. Amending our constitution should be something that occurs with a super-majority due to its gravity to our State. It also ensures that a partisan majority cannot make changes easily from either or any party. Our State is diverse, with a large percentage of unenrolled voters who do not follow any party lines. We must ensure that all Mainers are represented in these matters.

In March of 2020, with only 137 of 151 members of the House present, only 90 members were needed in order to push out constitutional amendments to the voters. If all members were present, the required number would've been 101. At the time; just in full disclosure, at the time we only had 150 members elected and that number would've been dropped to 100. In fact, we have several votes that require two-thirds of elected members already in statute. Emergency measures, as we are likely encountering later, that will be coming back as emergency bills and as we saw an emergency enactor being stripped from a bill just moments ago, when they return from the other Body to ours, we're going to need 101 votes to pass those emergency measures. These are just changing statute, not our constitution.

For example, the items that do require the 101 are use of the mining excise tax trust fund, mandates, changes in use of park land, which is often land sales. Those are the only four times that we are requiring two-thirds of our elected membership. While there are other items that fall in the same category as constitutional amendments currently, I have concerns that more need to be looked at for the same reasons but that will have to be an issue for another day and another bill. Ironically, I am aware that if we were to adopt this resolution, it would only take two-thirds present and voting to require future resolutions to end up requiring two-thirds of the elected membership in each Body, which in this Body would be 101, the other Body would be 24.

Amending our constitution should never be taken lightly and with the current climate in our nation and our State, I hope that we can look at this as a way to encourage more bipartisan views in our Legislature. We're watching our statutes become amended today, sadly, in a partisan manner. And while I wish we could compromise and work together more on these bills, there are many factors that are contributing to this today. Statutes are much easier to amend with good reason; they require only a simple majority, can be passed with or without bipartisan support. But my hope today is to encourage more bipartisan negotiations when it comes to changing our sacred constitution. Thank you.

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

Representative **TUELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would concur with the Representative from Knox. I think she's done a very good job explaining the motivations behind this bill. I know last year when we were in the State House Proper and we had folks that didn't feel comfortable participating in the session that day and were excused because of the newly-emerging COVID-19 at the time, numbers were getting lower and I just believe, as the Representative from Knox does, that constitutional amendments ought to be one of the hardest things that we can get through this Body. Now, yes, they do have to go out to the voters, that is a check and balance, but it should be extremely difficult to get any constitutional amendment through this Body. We have any number of them this year and that's fantastic, but at some point they do have to reach a near-universal threshold, at least a two-thirds threshold, I should say, of the membership of the Body. So, with that, I will be opposing the pending motion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no

ROLL CALL NO. 15

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Kryzak, MartinT, Sylvester, Underwood.

Yes, 81; No, 64; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Recognize 'My Sweet Maine' as Maine's Song of the 21st Century"

(H.P. 162) (L.D. 232)

Signed:

Senators:

BALDACCI of Penobscot
CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
DOWNES of Bucksport
PAULHUS of Bath
RISEMAN of Harrison

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

Signed:

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
TUELL of East Machias

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors

(H.P. 73) (L.D. 107)

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)** on same RESOLUTION.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Caiazzo.

Representative **CAIAZZO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LD 107 is a proposal to amend the Constitution of Maine to specify

that only a person who is a citizen of the United States may vote in a state, county or municipal or other local elections.

The committee agrees with the bill's sponsor, the Good Representative from Winter Harbor, that citizenship is a necessary qualification to participate in any of the above-mentioned elections. In fact, in regards to state office elections, the Maine Constitution, Article 2, Subsection 1, dictates that a person to participate must be a citizen of the United States. For state ballot questions, the Maine Constitution Article 4, Subsection 20 covers that type of election. For county office, Title 21-A MRSA Subsection 11, line 1, covers the citizenship requirement. For local municipal elections, it's Title 30-A MRSA Section 2501, line 2. And for local ballot questions, it's both previous statutes as mentioned.

In his testimony to the committee, Attorney General Frey noted that the requirement of citizenship is already found in the statutes mentioned previously and that, I quote, this means that municipalities are not currently able to adopt ordinances to allow noncitizens to vote in municipal elections as these ordinances would violate the statutes cited above, close-quote. This bill also had a preliminary fiscal impact of 172,000 for potential ballot printing costs.

The committee concluded that the concerns of the sponsor are already being addressed, both constitutionally and through statute, and therefore I would urge you to support the committee recommendation of Ought Not to Pass.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, LD 107 simply states that only a citizen of the United States may vote in any state, county, municipal or local election. This bill adds one sentence to the Constitution of Maine; only a citizen of the United States may vote in a state, county or municipal or other election. The issue at hand here is that some would have noncitizens voting in our elections. If we don't enact the constitutional amendment to prevent it, it's only a matter of time before we see municipalities enact noncitizens voting. A constitutional amendment is necessary to ensure that noncitizens never vote in our elections and there is no reasonable reason to vote against this resolution.

I believe, as do most Mainers, that voting is a sacred right reserved for only citizens. We must protect citizens voting or we cheapen the very meaning of citizenship. A poll conducted by Remington Research Group of Maine citizens found that 81% supported a constitutional amendment to bar noncitizens from voting in any election. If voting is allowed for noncitizens, then what value does citizenship hold? If noncitizens are permitted to vote, what prevents foreign interference in our elections by hordes of foreign nationals, be they green card holders or illegal immigrants here under false pretenses? If noncitizens are permitted to vote, what prevents them from voting by absentee from other states or other countries? I find it hard to imagine a voter identification law being passed for this purpose.

If noncitizens are permitted to vote, what prevents them from becoming a majority block in our cities and passing anti-American ordinances that are contrary to the American way and burdensome to state and federal budgets? The answer is nothing. The idea of noncitizens voting is insanity, so my position is clear; only United States citizens should vote in any election. It's that simple.

Perhaps one last thing to consider is that this bill has overwhelming support from the legal immigrant community; I repeat, the legal immigrant community. Here is what Susan Dench, a legal immigrant said speaking in favor of this bill; as an immigrant who came here legally and went through a lot to obtain a treasured U.S. citizenship, I am asking the Legislature to vote for a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to specify the qualification of electors. Frankly, it both horrifies and terrifies me that we are even having such a discussion in this State. We are not allowed to vote in countries we aren't citizens of, citizens of other nations did not fight to keep us free, nor should they reap the privileges of U.S. citizenship. Voting is a civil right for U.S. citizens only.

Now, the lines have been drawn. There is no gray here, only black and white. Do you support noncitizens voting or will you stand to protect citizens only voting for future generations?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative KINNEY of Knox **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milton Township, Representative Dolloff

Representative **DOLLOFF**: Representative Caiazza from Scarborough laid out that this is all in statute, and he is one hundred percent right. But in that statute, there is one word that can create a loophole, and that one word is a citizen may. It does not say only a citizen. We want to make sure only citizens can vote and we have a lot of support for that.

Statutes, as we all know, can be easily amended, and there lies another problem. This statute that has a loophole can be easily amended and we need to make the Constitution changed for citizens. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 16

YEA - Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazza, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Babbidge, Bickford, Kryzak, MartinT, Perkins, Underwood.

Yes, 81; No, 64; Absent, 6; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 64 voted in the negative, with 6 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot"

(H.P. 75) (L.D. 109)

Signed:

Senator:

DESCHAMBAULT of York

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough
McCREIGHT of Harpswell
RIELLY of Westbrook
SUPICA of Bangor
TUTTLE of Sanford
WOOD of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

COREY of Windham
DOLLOFF of Milton Township
HARRINGTON of Sanford
KINNEY of Knox

READ.

Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Scarborough, Representative Caiazzo.

Representative **CAIAZZO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LD 109 would allow a candidate to request that the candidate's nickname appear on the ballot by making a written, quote, declaration that the nickname is the name by which the candidate is known to others, close-quote.

Under current law, the candidate's name listed on a ballot must be the one approved by the probate court pursuant to Title 18-C, Subsection 1-701 or, in the absence of an applicable court order, the name consistently used by the candidate during the past two years in filings with governmental agencies and in the transaction of public business included without limitations transactions relating to voter registration, motor vehicle registration, driver's license, a passport, professional license, local, state, or federal permits of any kind, public benefit programs, and veterans' benefits and Social Security. If requested by the Secretary of State when there is a question concerning which name should be listed on the ballot, it is the obligation of the candidate to provide documentation to demonstrate consistent use of a particular name.

The Maine Secretary of State's Office expressed concerns on this bill regarding experience reported in other

states which have adopted similar proposals. The Maine Town and City Clerks Association as well as the Maine Municipal Association raised concerns with the challenge of identifying what could be considered as offensive language and the difficulties associated with regulation of said language.

For these reasons, I hope you join me in supporting the committee recommendation of Ought Not to Pass.

Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Winter Harbor, Representative Faulkingham.

Representative **FAULKINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LD 109 allows a candidate to request that their nickname appear on the ballot following their legal first name for an election in the State. The candidate must declare to the Secretary of State that the nickname is actually the name by which the candidate is known to others. This bill provides the voter with a clearer and more complete representation of the candidate and will help prevent confusion at the ballot box.

This bill is about transparency. This bill is about letting the voter know who they are voting for and letting the candidate campaign honestly by using the name they are commonly known as. This bill does not create a space issue on the ballot. For example, W.R. Billy Bob Faulkingham is shorter than William Robert Faulkingham. Even if it did, some names are long, some names are short, that's just a matter of fact that we deal with already. This bill received bipartisan support in the 129th Legislature, in the Committee of Veterans and Legal Affairs, as well as the other Body, and passed unanimously in this Body twice.

The only opposition to this bill seems to be that a candidate could use electioneering techniques by calling themselves something like the greatest. First of all, if someone did something like that, I think it would guarantee that they would lose. I also don't foresee anyone going through the work of getting signatures to get on the ballot and all that entails and then proceed to lie to the Secretary of State on a sworn affidavit about the name they are commonly known as. But if that is what they seek, a simple probate court change could do that for them and the Secretary of State would have no recourse. So, if a probate court can change your name in a matter of minutes, then what is the need for this bill? Well, for me, I don't want to legally change my name. I am proud of the name that my parents gave me. My first name is William, it is after my great-grandfather, a two-war veteran, Spanish-American War and World War I. He was named after his father, who was a mason in the city of Alexandria. He set the last stone in the Washington Monument and I am proud of that name. My middle name is Robert. I am named Robert after my grandfather, Bob, a World War II veteran who received a Purple Heart in the Pacific Islands. He was hit by a mortar shell fighting the Japanese. I am very proud of that name. I would never legally change it. I feel that the suggestion of changing my name is insulting to my parents and myself.

Now, I'd like to tell you a short story, and some of you have heard this before but I'm going to repeat it again. A couple months after being elected, I was having a load of lobster traps delivered to my house. About midway through unloading the traps, we started discussing politics. At that point, the man that was unloading the traps said the only one

he voted for that won was that Faulkingham. I said oh, yeah, who? And he said that William Faulkingham. You must know him. And I laughed and said you know you're talking to him? We both laughed, but that right there is an honest example of why we need to pass this law. This law is about transparency and people should know who they are voting for. I've been called Billy Bob my whole entire life but the one name I have never been referred to is William Robert.

The Representative from Madison, John Ducharme, is Jack Ducharme. The Senator from Aroostook, Harold Stewart III, is Trey Stuart. U.S. Senator Willard Romney is Mitt Romney. Representative Rochelle Pingree is Chellie Pingree. The list goes on and on. Twenty-two states allow common known names on the ballot, which is exactly what this bill does. There are reasons more complex than these examples. Some citizens have names that are not common in America. These are mostly immigrant names or names from minority religions like Islam. There are many Muslim names that are very long and difficult for some Mainers to pronounce. I'll give you an example; I have a good friend who is Iranian. His family came to the United States when they fled Iran in '79. His name is Sharon. But because it wasn't a common name here and most people had trouble with it, the name he told people to call him was Shawn. This is the name everyone has called him since childhood and everyone knows him as. If he wanted to run for office, he should be able to run as Shawn. It would be a name he is commonly known as, the name he goes by, it would also be a way he could avoid implicit bias on the ballot. To not allow this shows inherent racism in our election laws.

I would like to give you another example why this law is very important for future ramifications. It came to my awareness when I was watching television and a credit card commercial came on. There was a young man working on a project building something. The commercial goes along, the young man is sitting on the couch with his mom reading through a book of names. He then declares to his mother that he's decided on a name. The mother is proud and supports the son. The moral of the story being told in this commercial is that the young man is transgender and was given a female name at birth. So, then at the end, the credit card company says we will honor your chosen name and print it on your credit card. It was at this point that I realized that a credit card company is more progressive than Maine's election laws. Can you imagine taking a young man like this and forcing them to run on the ballot with a female name? Our current laws are transphobic and we need to correct that.

There are also reasons why a person might need to use this law to get their true known-by name on the ballot before they can go through the probate court process. This bill was supported by the League of Women Voters and the Maine Transgender Network. There are many more examples like these, there will be many more in the years to come. This bill is about letting people know who they are voting for. This bill is about letting people run honest campaigns. This bill is the most nonpartisan bill in the Legislature. Join me in passing LD 109 now to improve future elections.

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand in opposition of the pending motion. As was stated by the Representative from Winter Harbor, this bill was supported by the League of Women Voters, Anna Keller, Bob Howe; I think that might've been a nickname, and also Quinn Gormley from the

transgender organization, in addition to several of our legislators, including additional representatives that the Representative from Winter Harbor did not mention, the Representative from Greenbush, and the Representative from Skowhegan as well as the Representative from Carmel, all of whom, I believe, go by nicknames when you refer to them by their first name.

Additionally, the fiscal note that has been placed on this bill is \$266,000. And normally, as we heard in the previous bill that we heard, the fiscal note normally for additional language on a ballot is \$172,000. The Secretary of State's office said that because there are going to be too many people that are going to require additional names added to their name on the ballot that it will possibly require a higher fiscal note, whereas the Representative from Winter Harbor mentioned, his name would be shorter. And that is the case for the most part with nicknames. These are the familiar names that these people do go by and I urge you to vote in opposition to the pending motion so that we can have this pass as it was done in the 129th with unanimous support. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Milton Township, Representative Dolloff.

Representative **DOLLOFF**: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Representative Faulkingham presented this bill in the 129th with unanimous support and for what he told us all here, we should reject the Ought Not to Pass.

This bill will help the voters because I don't know how many of you that even put your campaign signs out with your nickname or short name, people know you as by, but it's going to be different when they see the ballot. So, I believe it's going to make our voters know and understand what candidate they're actually voting for. Yes, this has a high fiscal note, but that is only because in case of it takes two pages for the ballot, so there might not be any. Because if you consider that William Robert, that has 14 letters in it, versus Billy Bob that has nine, or Christopher that has 11 or Chris that has five, actually, it's probably going to shorten up our ballots. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 17

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenhus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Rielly, Roberts, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt,

Riseman, Roche, Roeder, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, WhiteD, Williams.

ABSENT - Bickford, Kryzak, MartinT, Perkins, Underwood.

Yes, 71; No, 75; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 75 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 165) (L.D. 377) Bill "An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 12) (L.D. 5) Bill "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-4)**

(S.P. 13) (L.D. 6) Bill "An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-3)**

(S.P. 23) (L.D. 16) Bill "An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)**

(S.P. 30) (L.D. 22) Bill "An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

(S.P. 45) (L.D. 37) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)**

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 242) Bill "An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)**

(S.P. 107) (L.D. 246) Bill "An Act Regarding the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund" Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)**

(H.P. 126) (L.D. 173) Bill "An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members" Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 10) (L.D. 44) Bill "An Act To Establish the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund" Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 65) Bill "An Act To Invest in the Stewardship and Management of Properties Acquired with the Proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)**

(H.P. 52) (L.D. 86) Bill "An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-28)**

(H.P. 56) (L.D. 90) Bill "An Act To Amend the Removal Process Applicable to the Position of State Supervisor of the Forest Protection Unit of the Bureau of Forestry" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)**

(H.P. 95) (L.D. 139) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Gambling, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)**

(H.P. 102) (L.D. 146) Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**

(H.P. 114) (L.D. 158) Bill "An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)**

(H.P. 125) (L.D. 172) Bill "An Act To Improve Prescription Information Access" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**

(H.P. 175) (L.D. 254) Bill "An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 274) Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)**

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

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

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

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ENACTORS
Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 220)
(S. "A" S-18 and S. "B" S-19 to C. "A" H-9)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise today disappointed that we were unable to find agreement on the supplemental budget that is before us.

As the Representative from Falmouth said, we found agreement on 99% of this budget and I do appreciate their efforts. From the beginning, I believed that the hard work of the Appropriations Committee would get us to a final budget proposal that the Members of this Body could agree on and result in the necessary two-thirds support for emergency passage. I'm not ready to give up hope.

In looking to the Majority Report, we are in agreement but the proposal eliminates a tax exemption currently in law which will result in increased taxes for those employers. Also, the provision reasserting the Legislature's role in appropriating funds that come to the State to aid in our COVID recovery is of vital importance, but so is ensuring that that is done so in a manner that is fully representative of all and should be done with two-thirds support of this Body.

Finally, Appropriations Committee members were pleased to be able to support an income tax reduction for those Mainers who found themselves unemployed as a result of government-forced shutdowns. As was stated during committee by the minority members of Appropriations, it is important that we offer help but that help shouldn't be limited to just those who lost their jobs, but also those who performed their duties to ensure essential services were provided for the rest of us, such as staffing our grocery stores, teaching our children and working the front lines in our hospitals. These Mainers also deserve the advantages a reduction in their income tax provides and I hope we can have that discussion moving forward.

We have all suffered over the last year and that suffering should not be compounded by the State looking to mitigate

their own losses on the backs of suffering Maine residents. Without the ability to reach an agreement, I will be supporting my caucus and our members of Appropriations and will be voting against the budget before us as it is presented.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bangor, Representative Perry

Representative **PERRY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fellow Members of the House, I rise today to speak in favor of the motion before us. Almost a thousand businesses in Bangor received PPP loans that supported 15,241 jobs. I don't know a single restaurant in Bangor; in the whole Bangor area that would have survived this past year without the Paycheck Protection Program. From Governors to the Ground Round, small business owners relied on that support from the government in order to keep their staffs and operations running. In total, over 28,000 businesses in Maine relied on these loans to make ends meet and keep hundreds of thousands of Mainers employed.

These are not multinational corporations we're talking about here, who have taken their jobs overseas. These are businesses rooted in Maine and are the bedrock of our economy. Maine businesses needed the support then and they need it now. With the corporate filing deadline of March 15th, they desperately need our support again. I've heard from dozens of small businesses who need clarity and cannot afford to be left hanging. These people need to file their tax returns by Monday and they don't know how to file, they don't know what we're going to do here. And I promised the accountants who contacted me, they would have clarity by the end of tonight.

As a small business owner myself, I get it. If we do not pass the supplemental budget, we'll be letting these businesses down that have spent the past year working incredibly hard to make ends meet. For the sake of every business in my district and every business that received PPP funds, I urge you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues in the House, to support the supplemental budget tonight. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Representative Sheehan.

Representative **SHEEHAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Fellow Members of the House, I rise today to speak in favor of the pending motion.

In my community, businesses of all sizes benefitted from the Paycheck Protection Program. The largest Biddeford businesses to receive PPP money employ nearly 90 people, while the smallest mom and pop operations, including my own business, employ just a few. All together, the Paycheck Protection Program supported more than 3600 jobs at Biddeford-based businesses. Businesses in our community received more than 32.5 million in badly-needed PPP funds, and they all have these things in common. They were built from the ground up by local people who put their heart and souls into turning their dreams into a reality. The people who make up these businesses live and work in our communities, they're not big corporations based in far-off places, and they will all be hurt badly if we leave here today without passing this supplemental budget.

My husband and I own a small business in Biddeford and consider ourselves very, very lucky to be supported by a community of hardworking entrepreneurs dedicated to their employees and to our community. As they or any other entrepreneur can tell you, it's not always easy even in the best

of times, and this year has been anything but the best. Maine's small businesses are doing all they can with the bad hand that they've been dealt. Their scrappiness, ingenuity, and dedications have allowed them to keep their lights on all this time and it is heartbreaking to me to think that their businesses might not make it through this final stretch. We need to have their backs today.

Mr. Speaker, I know that everyone in this chamber cares deeply about the small businesses that form the bedrock of all of our communities. Over the course of this pandemic, many of us have spoken passionately on behalf of these businesses. Today, I ask my colleagues to act on behalf of these businesses. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and our fellow Members of the House, to join me in supporting the pending motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gorham, Representative Terry.

Representative **TERRY**: Mr. Speaker and Colleagues of the House. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the pending motion. As chair of the Taxation Committee, I would like to speak about the supplemental budget proposal that addresses funds that businesses received through the Paycheck Protection Program.

First, it took a lot of hard work and consensus building to arrive at the position where we are today and I want to thank my fellow Taxation Committee members and the members of Appropriations for their contribution to this process.

The motion before you provides complete income tax relief and double exemptions for one hundred percent of Maine businesses that received PPP loans. Double benefits are not something that anyone in the Legislature likes to give lightly but, as we know, this is an unusual time. This tax relief will provide a boost of dollars that Maine businesses can use to either help keep paying their staff or start the tourist season with enough cash to make sure they have a fully-stocked store for people to buy from or enough bait to set traps with or enough burger meat to sell at dockside lunches. It gives certainty to all Maine businesses who received the loans when it comes to their taxes but, more importantly, it also brings that much-needed bump to the businesses who have struggled most during this pandemic and to those who employ so many of our Maine citizens.

I run a small business myself, so do the majority of my friends in the restaurant business and hospitality business. We are a small business state. And we know that to start a business is to take a chance on a dream. So, when we talk about what we as a Legislature can do to make sure those dreams don't die, this is personal to me. I totally get it. When the pandemic hit Maine and federal relief funds became available, business owners used PPP and whatever resources they had at their disposal to innovate and try to hang on there through all the rest of this pandemic. I'm happy that this supplemental budget proposed before us will make that goal even a little bit easier to achieve.

With tax filing already underway, we know we need to act quickly. Businesses need certainty and taxpayers need certainty. If we don't pass this supplemental budget, Maine will find ways to make our shortfalls work. What we will not do, though, is send that extra lifeline to our small, medium and large Maine businesses that so desperately need our help. We will fall short of the public-private partnership that's so important to all of us. This motion does right by Maine businesses, Maine workers, and all those families that have to

struggle because of this pandemic and I respectfully urge this Body to vote yes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Raymond, Representative Fay.

Representative **FAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the pending motion.

This supplemental budget proposal includes 47 million dollars to exempt unemployment benefits from state income taxes. This would provide critical relief to over 160,000 Mainers whose jobs were impacted by COVID-19 and received unemployment insurance in order to make ends meet. This tax relief extends to workers who received unemployment benefits including self-employed business owners and people who saw their hours cut.

When the pandemic hit Maine last year, I started to hear from constituents in every corner of my district, asking for help navigating the unemployment system. People in my district are hardworking and resilient and most who reached out to me had never accessed unemployment before. Job loss in my district impacted people across sectors. I heard from people who worked at campgrounds, municipal libraries and in local retail shops. Because of the sheer overload of unemployment cases being processed by the Maine Department of Labor, many of my constituents, like in all of our districts, found themselves in really tough situations. People lost their source of income and were now spending hours on hold each day trying to address issues with their unemployment claims, all while fearing that if they didn't get their benefits in time, they might not be able to meet their basic needs.

I'm proud that my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and I have included tax relief to Mainers who have experienced so much financial hardship from the pandemic. Without this measure, people who received unemployment benefits will be on the hook for state income taxes. At a time when so many Mainers are struggling to get by, we can lessen the tax burden on those most affected by the economic impacts of the pandemic by passing this supplemental budget.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Eliot, Representative Meyer.

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I rise in support of the pending motion.

Like so many frontline health care workers, Maine's direct care service providers and nonprofit providers have faced enormous challenges over the past year. Our organizations that provide direct care services to Maine's most vulnerable have struggled to meet their clients' needs, protect their workers and, frankly, just to keep the doors open. Unlike other organizations, however, these critical service providers have not received the federal assistance that has kept so many businesses afloat during these difficult times. Left out of the Paycheck Protection Program as well as other grants and relief monies, these organizations and the people they serve have been, in many ways, left out of the response to the pandemic.

The Majority Report recognizes both the necessity of these services and the needs of our direct care providers. This proposal allocates 30 million dollars to direct care providers that did not receive PPP funds, state grants, or any other relief and without such support have struggled to meet the needs of Maine people. This investment represents a two to one match of federal dollars to help keep these organizations running and to provide needed services to those whom they serve. The

proposal before us will benefit our constituents, providing desperately needed short-term relief to help programs and services for Maine's most vulnerable citizens - valued and important members of my own community, Mr. Speaker, and I believe of each and every community represented in this chamber today. That we may fail them is unconscionable. I urge our honorable colleagues to join me in supporting the pending motion, and I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative STETKIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Oh, I guess I don't have to be that close. I wasn't going to speak to this motion but after hearing the comments, I had to thank and congratulate my democrat colleagues for changing their minds and realizing how important the republicans' call for not taxing those who received PPP loans that was originally proposed is to our struggling businesses.

Unfortunately, our call for no tax increases on all job providers has not been heard. For this reason, I cannot support this budget.

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

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 18

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Bickford, Kryzak, MartinT, Perkins, Underwood.

Yes, 83; No, 63; Absent, 5; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 5 being absent, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19)** thereto.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19)** thereto and later today assigned.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Require Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training or Implicit Bias Training for School Resource Officers" (S.P. 330) (L.D. 1040)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Facilitate a Timely Revision Process in the Site Location of Development Laws" (S.P. 328) (L.D. 1038)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a State Employee To Use a Federal Military Health Insurance Program and Reenroll upon Retirement in the State's Group Health Plan" (S.P. 326) (L.D. 1036)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Include Certain Mental Health Workers under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement" (S.P. 331) (L.D. 1041)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency" (S.P. 329) (L.D. 1039)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Enable Nonprofit Organizations To Offer Raffle Tickets by Mail" (S.P. 327) (L.D. 1037)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Enhance Compliance with Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements"

(H.P. 604) (L.D. 836)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 332)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION THAT PENALIZES MAINE STATE RETIREES

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, under current federal law, individuals who receive a Social Security benefit and a public retirement benefit derived from employment not covered under Social Security are subject to a reduction in the Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, these laws, contained in the federal Social Security Act, 42 United States Code, Chapter 7, Subchapter II, Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits, and known as the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, greatly affect public employees, particularly women; and

WHEREAS, the Windfall Elimination Provision reduces by a formula the Social Security benefit of a person who is also receiving a pension from a public employer that does not participate in Social Security; and

WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision are particularly burdensome on the finances of low-income and moderate-income public service workers, such as school teachers, clerical workers and school cafeteria employees, whose wages are low to start; and

WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision both unfairly reduce benefits for those public employees and their spouses whose careers cross the line between the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, since many lower-paying public service jobs are held by women, both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision have a disproportionately adverse effect on women; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, additional support in the form of income, housing, heating and prescription drug and other safety net assistance from state and local governments is needed to make up for the reductions imposed at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, other participants in Social Security do not have their benefits reduced in this manner; and

WHEREAS, to participate or not to participate in Social Security in public sector employment is a decision of employers, even though both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision directly punish employees and their spouses; and

WHEREAS, although the Government Pension Offset was enacted in 1977 and the Windfall Elimination Provision was enacted in 1983, many of the benefits in dispute were paid into Social Security prior to that time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States work together to support reform proposals that include the following protections for low-income and moderate-income government retirees:

1. Protections permitting retention of a combined public pension and Social Security benefit with no applied reductions;

2. Protections permanently ensuring that level of benefit by indexing it to inflation; and

3. Protections ensuring that no current recipient's benefit is reduced by the reform legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)** on Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2021 and 2022 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 27) (L.D. 20)

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo
CYRWAY of Kennebec
LUCINI of Hancock

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick
AUSTIN of Gray
BERNARD of Caribou
DUCHARME of Madison
GEIGER of Rockland
HASENFUS of Readfield
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

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

Signed:

Representative:

ANDREWS of Paris

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-10)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)** in concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 35) (L.D. 27) Bill "An Act To Provide an Immediate Opportunity To Appeal for a Juvenile Bound Over into Criminal Court" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**

(S.P. 92) (L.D. 203) Bill "An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission" Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)**

(S.P. 94) (L.D. 205) Bill "An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)**

(S.P. 133) (L.D. 307) Bill "An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)**

(S.P. 166) (L.D. 378) Bill "An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Energy-efficient and Affordable Homes for Maine People"

(H.P. 799) (L.D. 1084)

Sponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden. Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce"

(H.P. 801) (L.D. 1086)

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CARDONE of Bangor, FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools"

(H.P. 797) (L.D. 1082)

Sponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred. Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Update the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services

(H.P. 795) (L.D. 1080)

Sponsored by Representative STOVER of Boothbay. Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, HARNETT of Gardiner, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham, WARREN of Hallowell.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of Genetic Information for Insurance Purposes"

(H.P. 800) (L.D. 1085)

Sponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York. Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Special Guides Permit Drawings"

(H.P. 796) (L.D. 1081)

Sponsored by Representative ANDREWS of Paris. (BY REQUEST)

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Save Maine Businesses"
(H.P. 802) (L.D. 1087)

Sponsored by Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro.
Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT,
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** suggested
and ordered printed.

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

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create a Voter Identification System"
(H.P. 798) (L.D. 1083)

Sponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter
Harbor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston,
FECTEAU of Augusta, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

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

Sent for concurrence.

**CONSENT CALENDAR
First Day**

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

(H.P. 304) (L.D. 420) Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine
Revised Unclaimed Property Act" Committee on **JUDICIARY**
reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

There being no objection, the House Paper was **PASSED
TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND
HOUSING** reporting **Refer to the Committee on Education
and Cultural Affairs** on Bill "An Act Regarding Collective
Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers"
(H.P. 18) (L.D. 52)

Signed:
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland
CUDDY of Winterport
GERE of Kennebunkport
PEBORTH of Blue Hill
ROEDER of Bangor
WARREN of Scarborough

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

Signed:

Representatives:

BRADSTREET of Vassalboro
MORRIS of Turner

PRESCOTT of Waterboro

READ.

On motion of Representative SYLVESTER of Portland,
the Majority **Refer to the Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee
on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and sent for
concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill
"An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday"
(H.P. 202) (L.D. 286)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin
ROSEN of Hancock

Representatives:

MATLACK of St. George
DOWNES of Bucksport
GREENWOOD of Wales
HEAD of Bethel
RISEMAN of Harrison
TUELL of East Machias

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought
to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**
on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

BRYANT of Windham
COPELAND of Saco
DOORE of Augusta
PAULHUS of Bath

READ.

On motion of Representative MATLACK of St. George,
TABLED pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report and later
today assigned

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Protect Public Lands"
(S.P. 343) (L.D. 1075)

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

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

Bill "An Act Regarding Sentencing Options for a Person
Convicted of a Crime Committed While Serving a Term of
Imprisonment"

(S.P. 109) (L.D. 801)

Bill "An Act To Make Assault on a Person 50 Years of
Age or Older with a Preexisting Serious Medical Condition a
Class C Crime"

(S.P. 338) (L.D. 1070)

Bill "An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations"

(S.P. 346) (L.D. 1078)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Career and Technical Education and Memoranda of Understanding with Community Colleges"

(S.P. 340) (L.D. 1072)

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

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

Resolve, To Review the Effects of the Deregulation of Maine Utilities

(S.P. 348) (L.D. 1079)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Provide Program Solvency, Clarity, Consistency and Flexibility in Routine Public Health Licensing Activities"

(S.P. 337) (L.D. 1069)

Bill "An Act To Permit the Conduct of Open Air Cremation at Designated Scattering Sites"

(S.P. 342) (L.D. 1074)

Bill "An Act To Support the Operations of Youth Shelters in Maine"

(S.P. 344) (L.D. 1076)

Resolve, To Promote Equity in COVID-19 Immunizations (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 345) (L.D. 1077)

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

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Endangered Species Whose Life Cycles Include Maine Land or Waters"

(S.P. 298) (L.D. 883)

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

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

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** in concurrence and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Definition of 'Mortgage Servicer' in the Laws Governing Mortgage Foreclosures"

(S.P. 334) (L.D. 1066)

Bill "An Act To Restrict Access to Weapons Pursuant to Court Order in Cases of Harassment"

(S.P. 336) (L.D. 1068)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures

(S.P. 341) (L.D. 1073)

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

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

Bill "An Act To Institute a State Tax Amnesty Program To Increase General Revenue Collections"

(S.P. 335) (L.D. 1067)

Bill "An Act To Reduce Property Taxes for Maine Residents"

(S.P. 339) (L.D. 1071)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Protect Teachers' Privacy While Delivering Remote Instruction"

(H.P. 632) (L.D. 864)

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Increase the Value of Property Exempt from Attachment and Execution"

(H.P. 542) (L.D. 737)

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Promote Benefit Corporations"

(H.P. 614) (L.D. 846)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Eliminate or Forgive Fines and Penalties on Persons and Businesses Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic"

(H.P. 647) (L.D. 891)

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense"

(H.P. 613) (L.D. 845)

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in the House on March 10, 2021.

Came from the Senate **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **ADHERE**.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(S.P. 26) (L.D. 19) Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(S.P. 80) (L.D. 192) Bill "An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads" Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

There being no objection, the Senate Papers were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Clarify the Minimum Amount of Emergency Refills of Insulin

(H.P. 26) (L.D. 60)

(C. "A" H-5)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 118 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Include Grandparents under Maine's Family Medical Leave Laws

(H.P. 27) (L.D. 61)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

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

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 19

YEA - Alley, Arford, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Crafts, Craven, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, FecteauR, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, PerryA, PerryJ, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sharpe, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Tuttle, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carmichael, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, FecteauJ, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Johansen, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, MasonR, MillettH, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Pickett, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Rudnicki, Sampson, Stanley, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Wadsworth, WhiteD.

ABSENT - Andrews, Babbidge, Bickford, Crockett, Kryzak, MartinT, Perkins, Underwood.

Yes, 88; No, 55; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

88 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Bill **FAILED PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and was sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code

(H.P. 101) (L.D. 145)

(C. "A" H-8)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 119 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

(H.P. 118) (L.D. 162)
(C. "A" H-4)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 130 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Modify Requirements for Multiple-party Accounts, Limited Purpose Financial Institutions and Mergers

(H.P. 159) (L.D. 224)
(C. "A" H-1)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 124 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Certain Educational Technicians

(H.P. 191) (L.D. 275)
(C. "A" H-6)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 129 voted in favor of the same and 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor

(S.P. 132) (L.D. 306)
(C. "A" S-2; S. "A" S-9)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Traffic Movement Permits, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation

(H.P. 6) (L.D. 40)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 125 voted in favor of the same

and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Enact the Maine Insurance Data Security Act
(H.P. 17) (L.D. 51)

An Act To Protect Minority Religious Groups by Eliminating the Prior Approval Requirement for a School Absence for a Recognized Religious Holiday

(H.P. 21) (L.D. 55)

An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red or Combination Red and White Auxiliary Lights When Responding to Watercraft Emergencies

(H.P. 39) (L.D. 73)
(C. "A" H-2)

An Act To Authorize the Department of Marine Resources To Charge an Application Fee for Entering a Lottery for a Scallop License

(H.P. 43) (L.D. 77)
(C. "A" H-7)

An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies

(H.P. 57) (L.D. 91)

An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots

(H.P. 68) (L.D. 102)
(C. "A" H-3)

An Act Concerning Name Changes for Minors
(H.P. 144) (L.D. 209)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge
(H.P. 110) (L.D. 154)

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge
(H.P. 416) (L.D. 571)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

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

Representative **MARTIN**: Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State's office has asked me to remind House Members to pick up their legislative plates. It appears that as of a couple days ago, forty-some-odd Members had not. The cost of the plates are 14 bucks for the set. Contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and their telephone number is listed and they will deliver them to you if you so request.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

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

(H.P. 64) (L.D. 98) Bill "An Act To Clarify Maine's Statutes Related to the Licensing of Child Care Providers" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

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

There being no objection, the House Paper were **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 293)
(C. "A" H-27)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**

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

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned. (Roll Call Ordered)

Acts

An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Department of Education To Report on the Incidence of Concussions

(H.P. 70) (L.D. 104)
(C. "A" H-32)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, Regarding Reading Proficiency Data Analysis
(H.P. 94) (L.D. 138)
(C. "A" H-25)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)** on Bill "An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 29) (L.D. 1)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland
BRENNER of Cumberland

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham
ARFORD of Brunswick
BROOKS of Lewiston
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft
MATHIESON of Kittery
MELARAGNO of Auburn

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-17)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton
CONNOR of Lewiston
MORRIS of Turner
QUINT of Hodgdon

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-16) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "C" (S-22)** thereto.

READ.

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE.** **Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Senate Amendment "C" (S-22) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED.**

Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) as Amended by Senate Amendment "C" (S-22) thereto was **ADOPTED.**

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

Under further suspension of the rules the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) as Amended by Senate Amendment "C" (S-22)** thereto in concurrence.

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

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board

(S.P. 12) (L.D. 5)
(C. "A" S-4)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 113 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Revise Certain Financial Regulatory Provisions of the Maine Insurance Code

(S.P. 13) (L.D. 6)
(C. "A" S-3)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund

(S.P. 30) (L.D. 22)
(C. "A" S-5)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

(S.P. 45) (L.D. 37)
(C. "A" S-7)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

(S.P. 165) (L.D. 377)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same

and 9 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

Resolve, To Direct Funds to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund

(S.P. 107) (L.D. 246)
(C. "A" S-8)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board

(S.P. 23) (L.D. 16)
(C. "A" S-1)

An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 242)
(C. "A" S-6)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 220)
(S. "A" S-18 and S. "B" S-19 to C. "A" H-9)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town pending **ADOPTION** of **Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18) and "B" (S-19)** thereto.

Representative PIERCE of Falmouth **PRESENTED House Amendment "H" (H-41) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18), "B" (S-19) and House Amendment "H" (H-41) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-18), "B" (S-19) and House Amendment "H" (H-41)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Provide for the 2021 and 2022 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

(S.P. 27) (L.D. 20)
(C. "A" S-10)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 111 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go

(S.P. 94) (L.D. 205)
(C. "A" S-11)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers

(S.P. 133) (L.D. 307)
(C. "A" S-12)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 124 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses

(S.P. 166) (L.D. 378)
(C. "A" S-14)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 123 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Provide an Immediate Opportunity To Appeal for a Juvenile Bound Over into Criminal Court

(S.P. 35) (L.D. 27)
(C. "A" S-15)

An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission

(S.P. 92) (L.D. 203)
(C. "A" S-13)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act To Amend the Maine Education Savings Program

(S.P. 26) (L.D. 19)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 112 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads

(S.P. 80) (L.D. 192)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Emergency Measure

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

(H.P. 155) (L.D. 220)

(H. "H" H-41, S. "A" S-18 and S. "B" S-19 to C. "A" H-9)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm looking at the early time of the morning, I'm going to keep my remarks very brief. I'd like to thank you for your continually keeping the line of communication open and your willingness to continue to negotiate. Thank you to all the Members in this chamber for hanging with us and getting to something in front of us that we all could support, and thank you very much for the work of Appropriations, as always.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterford, Representative Millett.

Representative **MILLETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Very briefly, I would like to express my personal thanks and my strong and heartfelt appreciation to everyone in this room who has come together, helped to not only respond to a 150-million-dollar budget shortfall, which we could've done much sooner, much easier, probably, but we all realized that once we had the flesh around the bones, there needed to be a lot more meat to address the hardships that have been caused by the pandemic. And we came together in 228 and with the help of the good chair from Falmouth, Representative Pierce, the support of the two corner leaders, I want to respectfully acknowledge that the Representative from Old Town, having been a member of the

Appropriations Committee, knows what goes on. The Representative from Oxford, Representative Dillingham, has been a stalwart for us. My entire Republican Caucus has come together in a way that I think bodes well for the future.

Because we have met the challenge, the message we are sending to the people who are watching us and those that said it couldn't be done, is that we can, when we work together, solve huge problems. I want to thank all of you. I think, around the room; I've been studying that picture of all of us, I counted 40 people that I haven't had a conversation with yet. You must be so confused and wondering what goes on in the making of a budget. Now you've learned, you can be extremely helpful going forward. So, thank you, all of you, and let's get this done and let's continue the good work.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and esteemed colleagues of the House. The compromise we've reached tonight is the result of weeks of hard work from my caucus and the caucus across the aisle. Thank you to every member of the Tax Committee and the Appropriation and Financial Affairs Committee for their dedication to delivering much-needed relief to Maine people and Maine businesses.

The final compromise put 8 million dollars into our budget stabilization fund and creates a study on foreign derived intangible income deductions. The supplemental budget we have before us will provide critical relief for 160,000 Mainers who lost their job due to the pandemic, provide support for Maine businesses, it provides targeted relief to direct care service providers and nonprofit providers, support for early college aspirations program for working-class Mainers, investments in a new comprehensive child welfare information system, steps to address contamination from forever chemicals, and provides incentives to construction for affordable housing in Maine.

This is a win for Maine and a victory for bipartisanship, and I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I request a Roll Call.

Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

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

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

This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken.

ROLL CALL NO. 20

YEA - Arata, Arford, Austin, Bailey, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Blier, Blume, Bradstreet, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Carlow, Carmichael, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Copeland, Corey, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doore, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evans, Faulkingham, Fay, FecteauJ, FecteauR, Foster, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Gramlich, Greenwood, Griffin, Grignon, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Landry, Lemelin, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, Madigan, MartinJ, MartinR, MasonR, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, MillettH, MillettR, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perkins, PerryA, PerryJ, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt,

Rielly, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Rudnicki, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sharpe, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Tuttle, Wadsworth, WarrenC, WarrenS, WhiteB, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Johansen.

ABSENT - Alley, Andrews, Babbidge, Bickford, Crockett, Evangelos, Kryzak, MartinT, Riseman, Underwood, WhiteD.

Yes, 139; No, 1; Absent, 11; Excused, 0.

139 having voted in the affirmative and 1 voted in the negative, with 11 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

An Act To Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 206) (L.D. 293)

(C. "A" H-27)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**. (Roll Call Ordered)

Subsequently, Representative **DUNPHY** of Old Town **WITHDREW** her **REQUEST** for a roll call.

On motion of Representative **BRENNAN** of Portland, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)** and later today assigned.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 347)

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

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

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights and To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers

(S.P. 29) (L.D. 1)

(S. "C" S-22 to C. "A" S-16)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken 118 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process

(H.P. 5) (L.D. 2)

(C. "A" H-30)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

On motion of Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer, the House adjourned at 1:35 a.m., until the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 347).