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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
10th Legislative Day  
Thursday, March 31, 2022

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

Prayer by Lou Tardiff, Brewer.  
National Anthem by Joe Bennett, Bangor.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 29, 2022 was read and approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 396)

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

March 31, 2022

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:"

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

L.D. 1965 An Act To Create Higher Standards for State-owned and State-managed Land for Deer Management

Transportation

L.D. 284 An Act To Provide That Inspections of New Motor Vehicles Are Valid for 2 Years

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

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

The Following Communication: (S.C. 1213)

**MAINE SENATE  
130TH LEGISLATURE**

March 29, 2022

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 130th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Labor and Housing:

As a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority:

- Noël Bonam of Portland for appointment

To the State Workforce Board:

- Luann Ballesteros of Glenburn for reappointment
- Aileen Huang-Saad of Falmouth for appointment
- Guy Langevin of Scarborough for reappointment
- Gordon McAleer of Rockport for appointment
- Christopher S. Morley of Dedham for appointment

- Jennifer O'Leary of Brunswick for appointment
- John L. Patrick of Rumford for reappointment
- Grant Provost of Brunswick for reappointment
- Jason Shedlock of South Portland for reappointment
- Robin Wood of West Gardiner for appointment

Best Regards,  
S/Darek M. Grant  
Secretary of the Senate

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE**

Resolve, Clarifying the Conveyance of Land to the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the Town of Meddybemps (H.P. 1518) (L.D. 2036)

Sponsored by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.  
Sent for concurrence.

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

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1519) (Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, ANDREWS of Paris, ARATA of New Gloucester, ARFORD of Brunswick, AUSTIN of Gray, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BELL of Yarmouth, BERNARD of Caribou, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLIER of Buxton, BLUME of York, BOYLE of Gorham, BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Lewiston, BRYANT of Windham, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CARDONE of Bangor, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, CEBRA of Naples, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, COLLINGS of Portland, CONNOR of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, COREY of Windham, COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DODGE of Belfast, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DOUDERA of Camden, DOWNES of Bucksport, DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison, DUNPHY of Old Town, EVANGELOS of Friendship, EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOSTER of Dexter, GEIGER of Rockland, GERE of Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN of Levant, GRIGNON of Athens, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, HAGGAN of Hampden, HALL of Wilton, HANLEY of Pittston, HARNETT of Gardiner, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HASENFUS of Readfield, HEAD of Bethel, HEPLER of Woolwich, HUTCHINS of Penobscot, HYMANSON of York, JAVNER of Chester, KESSLER of South Portland, KINNEY of Knox, KRYZAK of Acton, LANDRY of Farmington, LaROCHELLE of Augusta, LEMELIN of Chelsea, LIBBY of Auburn, LOOKNER of Portland, LYFORD of Eddington, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MADIGAN of Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, MARTIN of Greene,

MASON of Lisbon, MATHIESON of Kittery, MATLACK of St. George, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MORALES of South Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRIS of Turner, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, NEWMAN of Belgrade, O'CONNELL of Brewer, O'CONNOR of Berwick, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY of Standish, OSHER of Orono, PARRY of Arundel, PAULHUS of Bath, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, PERKINS of Oakland, PERRY of Calais, PERRY of Bangor, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Falmouth, PLUECKER of Warren, POIRIER of Skowhegan, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, QUINT of Hodgdon, RECKITT of South Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, ROCHE of Wells, ROEDER of Bangor, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SACHS of Freeport, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAMPSON of Alfred, SHARPE of Durham, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, STOVER of Boothbay, SUPICA of Bangor, SYLVESTER of Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TEPLER of Topsham, TERRY of Gorham, THERIAULT of China, THORNE of Carmel, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, WHITE of Waterville, WHITE of Mars Hill, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, WOOD of Portland, ZAGER of Portland, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CURRY of Waldo, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, GUERIN of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, KEIM of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MAXMIN of Lincoln, MIRAMANT of Knox, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, ROSEN of Hancock, SANBORN of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, WOODSOME of York)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2022 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on recognizing that the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse and neglect prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage them to develop strong ties to their communities; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention and become involved in the raising of children in a safe, nurturing environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize April 2022 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, to recognize that we all have a role

to play in healthy child development and a duty to help others recognize that role and to celebrate the positive things our communities do to promote healthy child development and help prevent child abuse and neglect; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Children's Trust.

**READ.**

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

Representative **MEYER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Colleagues of the House, this April we recognize Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, an initiative rooted in building on the knowledge and implementation of evidence-informed prevention policies to help mitigate and end the devastating consequences of child abuse and neglect. Due to the long-term effects abuse can have on a child's physical, emotional, psychological and behavioral health, providing quality primary prevention programs and services is vital. We must place children and families foremost in both our policy and budgetary decisions, committing to advance a range of options, services and supportive programs aimed at stabilizing and strengthening families, providing a critical foundation for the healthy development of our kids and strong, resilient families. Every Maine child has a right to grow up in a safe, happy, supportive environment. We in State government have an obligation and an opportunity to chart a pathway to ensuring our children are valued, protected and able to thrive.

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

Representative **BRENNAN**: I want to thank the Good Representative from Eliot for bringing this resolution before us and thank her for her comments. As we sit or stand here today, there are over 2,000 children in the State's child welfare system. The overwhelming majority of those children that are there are a result of neglect, not of physical abuse or sexual abuse, but neglect. And that neglect is often related to substance use issues, mental health issues and poverty. And despite the State's best effort, we cannot replace families. Children do best in families. This session, before it's over in the next month, we're going to have the opportunity to act on a number of proposals that will invest in families, invest in community and make sure that we have the appropriate response to substance use, mental health and poverty so that that number of 2,000 in the near future can start to decline and eventually get to zero. So, I'm sure all of you will join with me over the next month to make sure that we support those proposals that are going to make a difference in child abuse and neglect. Thank you.

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

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, the following House Order: (H.O. 20)

ORDERED, that Representative Richard T. Bradstreet of Vassalboro be excused February 23 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Nathan Michael Carlow of Buxton be excused January 5 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Richard M. Cebra of Naples be excused January 5 and February 10 and 16 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Lynn H. Copeland of Saco be excused March 31 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Josanne C. Dolloff of Milton Township be excused March 24 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Abigail W. Griffin of Levant be excused March 24 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative MaryAnne Kinney of Knox be excused March 22 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Timothy M. Roche of Wells be excused January 26 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Erin R. Sheehan of Biddeford be excused January 5 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Peggy Jo Stanley of Medway be excused February 10 and March 22 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Rachel Talbot Ross of Portland be excused March 22 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Timothy S. Theriault of China be excused March 9 for health reasons.

**READ and PASSED.**

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### SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

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

#### Recognizing:

Ed Harmon, John Hargreaves and Arthur Richardson, of Boothbay, recipients of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 868)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative STOVER of Boothbay, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

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#### Recognizing:

Michael Field, of Woolwich, recipient of a Spirit of America Foundation Award. The Spirit of America Foundation was established to encourage and promote volunteerism, and the foundation presents awards to honor local individuals, organizations or projects in appreciation of community service. We extend our congratulations and best wishes;

(SLS 884)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative PAULHUS of Bath, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bath, Representative Paulhus.

Representative **PAULHUS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to stand up and just say a few words about Mr. Field. I've known him for quite a while now. I served on the City Council for over 13 years in Bath and Mr. Field was our police chief. And he rose through the ranks all the way from patrol officer up to police chief and he is one of the best examples of spirit of America, I believe. And his service both with our police department and volunteerism both, many, many organizations, including United Way and Big Brothers, set a great example for both not only the City of Bath but the surrounding areas within Sagadahoc County and the Midcoast. He is well deserving of this award. I think most people who know Mr. Field would agree to that and I congratulate him and on this award and hope that he continues his many services to the communities because his example is one that we should all follow and be happy that he is here. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Woolwich, Representative Hepler.

Representative **HEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will simply add to what my colleague from Bath has said and also remind folks that while he did serve as the Bath City Police Chief, he actually lives across the river in Woolwich, where he continues to serve on the Woolwich Planning Board. Thank you.

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

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#### In Memory of:

the Honorable Theodore Joseph Kryzak, Jr., of Acton, a member of the Maine House of Representatives, who represented House District #20. Representative Kryzak devoted his life to community service and was serving his second term in the Maine House of Representatives. He had served on the Town of Acton's Board of Selectmen for many years, as well as on the town's finance and school committees. In the Legislature, he served on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and was known for his strong support for local agriculture and career and technical education. He ran two small businesses, including operating a 180-acre working farm, and he served as Director of Cadet Programs at Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol. In 2010, he was named Maine Agriculture Teacher of the Year. Representative Kryzak will be long remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched;

(HLS 692)

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford. Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook, Senator BAILEY of York, Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Senator BENNETT of Oxford, Senator BLACK of Franklin, Senator BREEN of Cumberland, Senator BRENNER of Cumberland, Senator CARNEY of Cumberland, Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin, Senator CURRY of Waldo, Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec, Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York, Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland, Senator DILL of Penobscot, Senator FARRIN of Somerset, Senator GUERIN of Penobscot, Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec, Senator KEIM of Oxford, Senator LAWRENCE of York, Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin, Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator MOORE of Washington, Senator POULIOT of Kennebec, Senator RAFFERTY of York, Senator ROSEN of Hancock, Senator SANBORN of Cumberland, Senator STEWART of Aroostook,

Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Senator WOODSOME of York, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, Representative ALLEY of Beals, Representative ANDREWS of Paris, Representative ARATA of New Gloucester, Representative ARFORD of Brunswick, Representative AUSTIN of Gray, Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, Representative BELL of Yarmouth, Representative BERNARD of Caribou, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Representative BICKFORD of Auburn, Representative BLIER of Buxton, Representative BLUME of York, Representative BOYLE of Gorham, Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro, Representative BRENNAN of Portland, Representative BROOKS of Lewiston, Representative BRYANT of Windham, Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough, Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Representative CARLOW of Buxton, Representative CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, Representative CEBRA of Naples, Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston, Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, Representative COLLINGS of Portland, Representative CONNOR of Lewiston, Representative COPELAND of Saco, Representative COREY of Windham, Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth, Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston, Representative CROCKETT of Portland, Representative CUDDY of Winterport, Representative DODGE of Belfast, Representative DOLLOFF of Milton Township, Representative DOUDERA of Camden, Representative DOWNES of Bucksport, Representative DRINKWATER of Milford, Representative DUCHARME of Madison, Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship, Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, Representative FAY of Raymond, Representative FOSTER of Dexter, Representative GEIGER of Rockland, Representative GERE of Kennebunkport, Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln, Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Representative GREENWOOD of Wales, Representative GRIFFIN of Levant, Representative GRIGNON of Athens, Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, Representative HAGGAN of Hampden, Representative HALL of Wilton, Representative HANLEY of Pittston, Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford, Representative HASENFUS of Readfield, Representative HEAD of Bethel, Representative HEPLER of Woolwich, Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative JAVNER of Chester, Representative KESSLER of South Portland, Representative KINNEY of Knox, Representative LANDRY of Farmington, Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta, Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea, Representative LIBBY of Auburn, Representative LOOKNER of Portland, Representative LYFORD of Eddington, Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls, Representative MADIGAN of Waterville, Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative MARTIN of Greene, Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, Representative MASON of Lisbon, Representative MATHIESON of Kittery, Representative MATLACK of St. George, Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield, Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Representative McDONALD of Stonington, Representative MELARAGNO of Auburn, Representative MEYER of Eliot, Representative MILLETT of Waterford, Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, Representative MORALES of South Portland, Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland, Representative MORRIS of Turner, Representative NADEAU of Winslow,

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Representative NEWMAN of Belgrade, Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer, Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick, Representative O'NEIL of Saco, Representative ORDWAY of Standish, Representative OSHER of Orono, Representative PARRY of Arundel, Representative PAULHUS of Bath, Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Representative PERKINS of Oakland, Representative PERRY of Calais, Representative PERRY of Bangor, Representative PICKETT of Dixfield, Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, Representative PLUECKER of Warren, Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan, Representative PRESCOTT of Waterboro, Representative QUINT of Hodgdon, Representative RECKITT of South Portland, Representative RIELLY of Westbrook, Representative RISEMAN of Harrison, Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick, Representative ROCHE of Wells, Representative ROEDER of Bangor, Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Representative SACHS of Freeport, Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook, Representative SAMPSON of Alfred, Representative SHARPE of Durham, Representative SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld, Representative STANLEY of Medway, Representative STEARNS of Guilford, Representative STETKIS of Canaan, Representative STOVER of Boothbay, Representative SUPICA of Bangor, Representative SYLVESTER of Portland, Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Representative TEPLER of Topsham, Representative TERRY of Gorham, Representative THERIAULT of China, Representative THORNE of Carmel, Representative TUCKER of Brunswick, Representative TUELL of East Machias, Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram, Representative WARREN of Hallowell, Representative WARREN of Scarborough, Representative WHITE of Mars Hill, Representative WHITE of Waterville, Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Representative WOOD of Portland, Representative ZAGER of Portland, Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

**READ.**

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

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Representative Kryzak was a good friend. I had the opportunity to serve with him in his first term on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. Got to know him quite well. I was honored that on January 4th of this year he called the night before we resumed our session for the second regular session. He called me and says I might not be in tomorrow if I'm still on pain medication, he says, but I'm going to try, I'm hoping to be there. And that was the last day that I had spoken with him. We used to talk actually quite regularly. He would call me, I would call him, it was a good friendship. And he will be very sorely missed, thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to pay tribute to my good friend, Representative Theodore Kryzak, Ted Kryzak from Acton. He and I got to know each other, a couple years ago we went to a conference out in Arizona, had the opportunity that was when I really got a chance to get to know him and know his background in farming as well as with a school that he did. And I remember we

served on the Reapportionment Committee together this past summer and during one of our Zoom caucus meetings, he was right there in one of his trucks moving stuff around, working, while he's trying to caucus with us. And anyone who had a chance to know Ted knew that he did have a great sense of humor. I remember I once texted him on a bill I had in the Taxation Committee, letting him know that, you know, just ask if he'd let me know when it was going to be coming up and he said, you know, I would, but I don't like you. That was just classic Ted, for those of us who knew him. And I remember last summer, we were over in the Cross Building meeting as the Republicans to look at some of our maps on the redistricting and Ted had a boot, and I hope I'm not stealing this story from my good friend from Oxford, the Representative from Oxford asked him what happened and Ted replied that he was riding his motorcycle and a deer came running across the road and a bear was chasing the deer so he lifted, he got his leg out to kick the bear and ended up breaking his foot. Probably more interesting than what actually happened but it was; as someone who can tell stories, I appreciated the story. So, those are some of the things that I'll miss about Ted. He was a good friend and someone that was certainly loved by both sides of the aisle, as evidenced by even the Chief Executive's statement. So, he will certainly be missed by me and everybody in this chamber. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Old Town, Representative Dunphy.

Representative **DUNPHY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, I also stand to remember a fine public servant in Ted Kryzak. When I came to the Legislature, the only committee that I wanted to serve on was Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. I find that natural resources, generally and farms, in particular, are areas of public policy that are particularly meaningful. Ted Kryzak understood that and I found in him a true partner as we considered ways to make life better for our farming community and the rest of our society that farms support. Ted was wonderful to work with on harness racing issues and I will always remember fondly the conversations we had, often joined by Former Representative Bob Tardy, who we also lost recently. Mr. Speaker, I've said before on the floor that we are very much a family. While our friends in the media often focus on what Democrats are working on or what Republicans are working on, we all know the most important progress is found in the work we do together. Ted Kryzak was one of those legislators who came here to strengthen his community and all of ours and that's precisely why he will be so sorely missed here.

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise today with great sadness but I'm also honored to speak about my good friend, the Representative from Acton. I think we can all agree that losing someone is tough on those of us left to remember our friends and loved ones. I've struggled since being notified of Ted's passing. I've struggled with what to say here today. For those who knew Ted and had the opportunity to speak with him and I do hope you had the chance to speak with Ted, because you would instantly have known that he had a gentle, kind soul and felt his duty was to serve others. Whether in this chamber or in his district, he wanted to give to those around him. And he gave of himself freely and never expected anything in return. When I needed him to step forward to be our caucus lead on taxation in order to allow the Representative from Auburn to

recover from surgeries, there was no hesitation. It was an instant whatever I can do to help and he did a remarkable job.

I continue to try to find solace in knowing that Ted is at peace now and he is held in God's loving hands, but I can't help but miss my friend. I miss looking to my right and seeing him with his beautiful smile that he offered to all. We last messaged on Christmas Day and I regret we never got to have another conversation before his passing. And I miss our many varied conversations, from farming, children, grandchildren and so much more. I miss the random phone calls I would receive from him while I was on my way into Augusta, sometimes to talk legislative business, more often not, simply because he wanted to see how I was doing. I miss his kind words and his support, which he was always willing to provide on a tough day. I know I was blessed when Ted entered my life, even if for a short period of time and I will forever be better for it. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Standish, Representative Ordway.

Representative **ORDWAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sadness, I have sadness in my heart but, losing Ted, but just relate that Ted and I came from the same small town in Massachusetts. We came here because we chose Maine, we're from away. But in that small town, the motto of the town is it's the home of champions. And it's not sports champions, it's champions like Ted Kryzak who always, always stood up for what he believed in, to make his town better, to make the State better and just, I'll sorely miss him. He's a champion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Weld, Representative Skolfield.

Representative **SKOLFIELD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in tribute to my good friend, Ted Kryzak.

Ted left us far too early. He was a remarkable man, a gentle soul and a great intellect. I worked with him on several issues in this chamber and in this Legislature and he was always amenable to thinking outside the box, to doing things the best for the people of our State. Being from a couple of small, rural towns, we had a lot in common. I just want to say that I grieve for him and his family and the day that he had his accident, earlier that day, he had messaged me and I didn't get the message until afterwards and that's something I will always regret. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **HYMANSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Colleagues. Like many of you, I stay here because I live far enough away that I can't travel back and forth and so, Ted and I met over dinner and drinks just in a random way because we both showed up at the same time at the same place and I had never spoken to him. And we had just a remarkably engaging conversation about children, our common school board experiences and I just really looked forward to other conversations with him. So, what I ask all of you to do is when you wander into a dinner and you see other people sitting there who you don't know and maybe they're across the aisle from you in this great institution, that you saddle over, think of Ted and conversations that might be had. Thank you.

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At this point, the Members of the House stood and joined in a moment of silence in honor of the Honorable Theodore Joseph Kryzak Jr., of Acton.

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

Signed:  
Senator:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

The following item was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Representatives:

ROBERTS of South Berwick  
ANDREWS of Paris  
AUSTIN of Gray  
BERNARD of Caribou  
COLLAMORE of Pittsfield  
DUCHARME of Madison  
GEIGER of Rockland  
HASENFUS of Readfield  
LaROCHELLE of Augusta  
PEBORTH of Blue Hill

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, March 29, 2022 had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Expression of Legislative Sentiment Recognizing the Camden Hills Regional High School Girls Swim Team, of Rockport

(HLS 651)

TABLED - March 22, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative DOUDERA of Camden.

PENDING - **PASSAGE.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Camden, Representative Doudera.

Representative **DOUDERA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. The Camden Girls' Swim Team traveled to Husson University in Bangor to compete on Tuesday, February 22nd, in the Class A Girls' Swimming State Championships and they returned home to a parade of fire engines and the State championship trophy under the guidance of first-year head coach Mark McCluskey. This was the Windjammers' first year in Class A and early on their coach warned other teams not to count them out. A former Camden Hills swim champion himself, Coach McCluskey knew that his team was a competitive group, with depth at every area of competition; sprint, distance, butterfly, breaststroke and more. He instilled a team motto; positive vibes only, which got initial eyerolls and groans but it clicked and these ladies brought positivity to the pool every day despite the challenging workouts. They brought the same attitude to the Class A Girls State Championship where they were the new kids on the blocks and that's the starting blocks.

First place finishes came in many events and add to these a number of impressive individual places for a final team score for Camden Hills of 287. The Windjammers sailed past their rivals Thornton Academy, Cheverus, Bangor, Deering, South Portland, Cony, Kennebunk, Scarborough, Falmouth; you get the idea. This team made a powerful splash. So, I join with residents of our five-town school district as well as Representatives Pluecker and Zeigler in taking great pride in these young women's accomplishments as well as their hard work and dedication that earned them the championship. Their common goal was winning but they also had fun along the way and made memories together that will last a lifetime.

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-467)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CURRY of Waldo  
RAFFERTY of York

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-467).**

**READ.**

Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

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

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

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

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **DILLINGHAM**: Thank you. Clarify if they are removing the Majority Ought to Pass by Committee Amendment "A" Report?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would clarify that the pending question is acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Report.

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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-466)** on Bill "An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives"

(S.P. 623) (L.D. 1785)



**ROLL CALL NO. 500**

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Blier, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Foster, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White B, White D, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - .

ABSENT - Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 132; No, 0; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

132 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-466)** 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-466)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Readfield, Representative Hasenfus, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **HASENFUS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Anybody who knows me knows that sports are very dear to my heart and I want to recognize the Maranacook Girls' Soccer Team for doing what I was never able to accomplish and what many athletes are not able to accomplish. And I want to commemorate them or congratulate them on their hard work, their commitment and their selflessness by putting their team in front of themselves. And because of that hard work and commitment to their sport, they were able to, for the first time ever, bring the gold ball home to Readfield. So, go Bears.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act To Allow for Remote Meetings" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 606) (L.D. 1854)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
KEIM of Oxford  
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Representatives:

LIBBY of Auburn  
POIRIER of Skowhegan  
THORNE of Carmel

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

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

**READ**.

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 501**

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Blier, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Downes, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, O'Connell, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Tucker, Tuell, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Drinkwater, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Hutchins, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Newman, O'Connor, Perkins, Stanley, Thorne, Underwood, White.

ABSENT - Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 115; No, 17; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

115 having voted in the affirmative and 17 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly 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** in concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Murder Cases"

(S.P. 618) (L.D. 1857)

Signed:

Representatives:

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
HAGGAN of Hampden  
LIBBY of Auburn  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
POIRIER of Skowhegan  
THORNE of Carmel

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
KEIM of Oxford  
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** Report.

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-459)**.

**READ.**

On motion of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** 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-459)** in concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-462)** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws"

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1830)

Signed:

Senators:

HICKMAN of Kennebec  
MIRAMANT of Knox

Representatives:

CAIAZZO of Scarborough  
COREY of Windham  
DOLLOFF of Milton Township  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell  
RIELLY of Westbrook  
SUPICA of Bangor  
WOOD of Portland

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

Signed:

Senator:

FARRIN of Somerset

Representatives:

HARRINGTON of Sanford  
KINNEY of Knox

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-462)**.

**READ.**

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

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town **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: 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. 502**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Peabworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 77; No, 55; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-462)** 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-462)** in concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds"

(H.P. 233) (L.D. 329)

Signed:

Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland  
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

PIERCE of Falmouth  
ARATA of New Gloucester  
CARDONE of Bangor  
DUCHARME of Madison  
HYMANSON of York  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
MILLETT of Waterford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-884)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BAILEY of York

Representatives:

CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
COREY of Windham  
FAY of Raymond

**READ.**

Representative PIERCE of Falmouth moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the Representative from Gardiner, Representative Harnett.

Representative **HARNETT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This bill as amended simply deletes the requirements that bonds bear the facsimile signature of the Chief Executive. And let me explain why that is important. Under our current law regarding bonding, it allows the Chief Executive Officer to thwart the will of a supermajority of the Legislature, a duly-elected Legislature which is a coequal branch of government. It also allows the Chief Executive to thwart the will of a majority of voters who voted in support of that bond in a general election. I find this to be a serious interference with us as a coequal branch of government. The Chief Executive still has still has the right to exercise his or her veto power but simply not taking a ministerial act in this fashion thwarts the will and crushes the right of the legislative Body. This bill as amended does not prevent the Chief Executive Officer from signing the bond if he or she chooses to do so, it simply prevents them from preventing issuance of the bond that has been approved, again, by a supermajority of the Legislature and a majority of Maine citizens who voted in a general election. Thank you.

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-876)** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Availability of Nasal Naloxone in Community Settings"

(H.P. 1044) (L.D. 1428)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin  
BALDACCI of Penobscot  
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
CRAVEN of Lewiston  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PERRY of Calais  
STOVER of Boothbay  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston  
LEMELIN of Chelsea

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-876)** 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-876)** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-881)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure Support for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism with High Behavioral Need" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1574)

Signed:  
Senator:

BALDACCI of Penobscot

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
CRAVEN of Lewiston  
MADIGAN of Waterville  
PERRY of Calais  
STOVER of Boothbay  
ZAGER of Portland

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

Signed:  
Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin  
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

CONNOR of Lewiston  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
LEMELIN of Chelsea

**READ.**

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

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: 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. 503**

YEA - Alley, Arata, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Parry, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Perkins, Pickett, Quint, Sampson, Stanley, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, White.

ABSENT - Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 89; No, 43; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

89 having voted in the affirmative and 43 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-881)** 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-881)** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Expand Adult Dental Health Insurance Coverage" (H.P. 317) (L.D. 441)

Signed:

Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland  
BRENNER of Cumberland  
STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

TEPLER of Topsham  
ARFORD of Brunswick  
BLIER of Buxton  
CONNOR of Lewiston  
EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft  
MATHIESON of Kittery  
MELARAGNO of Auburn  
MORRIS of Turner  
QUINT of Hodgdon

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-891)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

BROOKS of Lewiston

**READ.**

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-865)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care"

(H.P. 1144) (L.D. 1539)

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

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

Signed:

Senator:

STEWART of Aroostook

Representatives:

BLIER of Buxton  
CONNOR of Lewiston  
MELARAGNO of Auburn  
MORRIS of Turner  
QUINT of Hodgdon

**READ.**

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

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. We heard from men and women from all over the State asking us, no, begging us to pass this bill. This is a situation in which people find themselves and they desperately want to have a child. And, unfortunately, their insurance in some cases does not cover some aspects of fertility care. For the sake of reproductive health, the committee majority decided that it was very important to pass this bill and we asked the Bureau of Insurance to do a mandate study and we also waited to see the fiscal note on this bill. The fiscal note on this bill tells us that the cost to the State employee health plan of approving fertility coverage for the entire State employee bank will only be \$1.41 per member per month. This is akin to the cost of fertility care in the surrounding states to Maine in New England. Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire all have fertility care coverage and have passed this bill. In fact, although the Chamber of Commerce has objected to this bill, the decision was made in New Hampshire to pass it as an economic development tool because young people don't want to move to a place where they may not have fertility care coverage. And that is why New Hampshire passed this bill and why Governor Sununu signed it. So, thank

you very much, Mr. Speaker and I hope the House will vote in favor of fertility care.

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

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to this pending motion. I certainly have compassion, as do many, for anyone who is seeking to add to their family and struggling with infertility. But I believe at this time we should not move forward with this bill. As we deliberate this legislation, we should consider that right now Mainers are seeing the highest rate of inflation in 40 years. Grocery prices, fuel and energy costs are all on the rise. It should be understood that the current State plan does include some coverage for fertility care, with a \$10,000 cap. And all this is important to consider when we add an expensive new mandate into our insurance code, one which most states have chosen to adopt. By making this mandatory for all businesses, the Bureau of Insurance mandate study estimates that this cost to large group plans could cost as much \$8 per member per month. To understand that impact, a business with 100 employees that also provides insurance to family members with a fully insured plan may cover 200 individuals. The additional cost to this mandate could be upwards of \$20,000 annually. This study was done last year, before we knew the effects of inflation that we are currently experiencing. If a business must pay that additional cost, they will have tough decisions to make. They may have to reduce benefits in other areas, they might increase the cost shares and deductibles or the employees' contributions. Employees could see wage freezes to pay for the additional insurance. A business may have to consider some combination of all of the above. Other options for large businesses could include only covering the employee and not their families. This would force more people into the family glitch. Maine's smallest businesses may have to make the difficult decision to stop offering coverage all together for their employees, resulting in more people trying to find coverage in the individual market.

It should be noted, Mr. Speaker, that this coverage only applies to fully-insured state-based plans. Any company that is self-insured, such as a Walmart, will not have to comply with this mandate. This puts Maine's small businesses at a disadvantage with being able to offer competitive pay and benefits package because they may not have the means to be able to self-insure. And what are the options? One of the options that might be considered by those people that work for a Walmart that is self-insured is they'll drop their coverage; they'll simply decline coverage with their employer and choose to try and buy on the individual market. The cost of a \$600 a month policy is certainly cheaper than the cost of the fertility treatments. However, this will drive up the cost of an individual policy for everybody else in the market, adding to the problem of adverse selection. You heard from the Good Representative from Topsham about other states. It should be noted Vermont does not have a fertility mandate and this bill is too broad in what requires for coverage. The New Hampshire law, for example, does not apply to the small group, or does not apply to the individual market. We're merging our individual and small group markets next year. Many states that mandate coverage for fertility care first require a diagnosis for infertility. Others put limits on the mandate, such as the age, or a lifetime cap. Under this bill, no parameters are considered.

As I said earlier, most states do not require this. To be exact, 31 out of 50 states do not require any sort of coverage for fertility care. The idea that somehow this is an economic incentive tool, if businesses thought that, they would be offering this right now and they are free to do so, but they choose not to because it is an expensive mandate. It's not because there's no compassion for them, it's because this is not something that should be mandated by the government. If the business wants to cover it, they can certainly do that. Many of the plans already offer such coverage. With Mainers feeling the impact of inflation, now is not the time to add this costly mandate into our insurance code. The negative impacts of people potentially losing insurance or seeing lower wage increases would outweigh any positive benefit. I encourage this Body to reject this pending motion. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Topsham, Representative Tepler.

Representative **TEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, \$8 per member per month is much higher than experience has shown that this costs in the states that do have a fertility mandate. And, as I said, the State employee health plan does, in fact, figure the cost to be \$1.41 per member per month. In addition, the number of businesses that we regulate in the insurance market is extremely small. Many, many businesses in Maine are self-insured and will not be subject to this mandate because we do not regulate them. However, my feeling is that many of them may already have some fertility coverage because that is something that a lot of businesses look to to attract employees. And that is exactly why we should have it as a mandate as well as the fact that it is reproductive healthcare and we do want to include all types of reproductive healthcare in our State mandates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Turner, Representative Morris.

Representative **MORRIS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just again state the reason why the fiscal note has it as only \$1.41 is the State employee health plan currently offers some fertility coverage. So, the increase is due to the fact that some of that coverage is already covered. The reason for the \$8 per member per month and why that is higher than other states is again because this bill does not have the parameters that other states do in terms of a lifetime benefits cap as well as it does not include any sort of parameters to consider age or anything else as other states have done with their fertility mandates that include this type of coverage. Again, 31 out of 50 states do not require this type of coverage. And as for the statement that somehow that this is not going to apply to every business because they're self-insured, if it's not going to be required by essential benefits by the federal government, then why should the State put ourselves, put our smallest businesses, our most vulnerable businesses that have the toughest time, that want to offer their employees' health insurance, why should we put them at a competitive disadvantage to where they're going to have to either drop their coverage, they're going to require their employees to pay a higher cost share than what a company like Walmart for a coverage that most people are not going to need. This is not a good proposal at this time. As I said earlier, when you consider the cost of fuel, inflation and everything else right now, this is not the right time to move forward with this type of mandate, especially as wide open as it is. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Kennebunk, Representative Babbidge.

Representative **BABBIDGE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't want to belabor the debate. I do want to share the fact that I have three daughters and one of them happens to live in Massachusetts and received fertility care and as a result of that I have two amazing grandsons. That's the only time in my life that I said thank goodness she is not in Maine, she's in Massachusetts. You'd be surprised the population of people between the ages of 20 and 45 for whom this issue is very, very important. So, I think this is forward-thinking legislation and would serve the young people, the young couples of the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **MADIGAN**: I'd just like to clarify the bill for folks. This bill does not prohibit insurers from making any limitations, it limits them from making arbitrary limitations on it. In other words, any limitations on the amount or types of procedures approved have to be based on clinical guidelines and the enrollee's medical history. So, this, actually, it does provide the opportunity for insurers to limit based on kind of what is most likely to be safe and effective with a particular patient. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Orono, Representative Osher.

Representative **OSHER**: Mr. Speaker, I have personal experience with seeking fertility services. I worked for the University of Maine. I took the job at the University of Maine in part because as a lesbian I liked the fact that the university had a statement that said it did not discriminate based on sexual orientation. However, when I went to produce children and as a lesbian that meant I needed fertility services, the university's insurance did not cover that and I had to pay for that out of pocket. And I'm very pleased that my twins will be 21 in June, we've had a lovely time living in Maine. However, Maine needs to lead and also needs to walk the talk. So, if the talk is that we are going to be supporting all of our citizens, then we need to be supporting bills that make things more equitable. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to ask people to follow my light and that I represent some of the people who have to put money out of pocket when people who fit into the narrow description of what the insurance company thought they should be supporting didn't have to take money out of pocket for fertility services.

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. 504**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Melaragno, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Peabworth, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, White.

ABSENT - Blume, Brooks, Caiazza, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 70; No, 63; Absent, 14; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

70 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 14 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-865)** 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-865)** and sent for concurrence.

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Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-879)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Boating Safety on Maine Waters" (H.P. 1234) (L.D. 1663)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot  
BLACK of Franklin  
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington  
ALLEY of Beals  
HEPLER of Woolwich  
LYFORD of Eddington  
MARTIN of Sinclair  
MASON of Lisbon  
NADEAU of Winslow  
THERIAULT of China

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-880)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

ORDWAY of Standish

**READ.**

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Farmington, Representative Landry.

Representative **LANDRY**: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this--

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The House will be in order. If the Members would like to have conversations, I

ask that you please take them behind the glass or out in the hallway. The Member may proceed.

Representative **LANDRY**: Thank you. This bill creates a mandatory boater safety course for individuals born after January 1, 2002 to operate boats of over 10 horsepower on inland waters. This will become effective January 1st of 2023. It also requires the Department to establish a program for boater safety education. Thank you.

Representative **ORDWAY** of Standish **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 Standish, Representative Ordway.

Representative **ORDWAY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my Colleagues in the House. I agree with every word in that amendment that the Good Representative from Farmington, my friend, just read except for one word. One word; tidal. Tidal waters should be included in this amendment. If this is a safety measure that we're looking at, it's safety, safety is safe in the tidal waters as it is on the inland waters. When we look at these boater safety bills, there are six states that don't have them, boater safety laws. The ones that are on the coast that have tidal waters all include tidal waters. Why are we being different? I urge you to reject this, look at the minority report, all it does is add tidal waters. The colonel at the warden service, when I questioned him, he couldn't give me an answer why tidal waters, I spoke to an officer warden who's in charge of boater safety and he's baffled why we don't have tidal waters included in this bill. If they're safe on the inland, they're safe on the tidal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Woolwich, Representative Hepler.

Representative **HEPLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I'd like to agree with both my colleague from Farmington, Representative Landry and my colleague from Standish, Representative Ordway, is about tidal waters. And I speak as someone who represents a lot of coastal waterfront and there is, one of the elements that I want to propose that is part of the bill is a stakeholder group which would be formed as part of the bill which would look at issues including tidal waters. There are more complexities regarding coastal waters with respect to commercial fishing. I think that this bill and I speak for, well, I'm speaking for myself, that the bill is a baby step towards moving something forward and the idea is that this stakeholder group would be able to examine the more complex issues related to tidal waters and would, indeed, perhaps be able to make some recommendations before this bill goes into effect. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sinclair, Representative Martin.

Representative **MARTIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand in support of the pending motion. I do want to clarify that the act does not become effective until January 1, 2024, not January 1, 2023. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 505**

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Blier, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Doudera, Downes, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Hall, Harnett, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Lyford, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mason, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Carlow, Cebra, Dolloff, Drinkwater, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hanley, Harrington, Kessler, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Collings, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, O'Connell, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis, Sylvester.

Yes, 91; No, 39; Absent, 17; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

91 having voted in the affirmative and 39 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-879)** 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-879)** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Maine Parentage Act with Regard to Presumed Parentage"

(H.P. 1458) (L.D. 1958)

Signed:

Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:

Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

Representatives:

HAGGAN of Hampden  
LIBBY of Auburn  
POIRIER of Skowhegan  
THORNE of Carmel

Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

**READ.**

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 506**

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Fay, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 73; No, 59; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly 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 **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation" (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 1391) (L.D. 1881)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland  
GUERIN of Penobscot

Representatives:

SYLVESTER of Portland  
BRADSTREET of Vassalboro  
CUDDY of Winterport  
DRINKWATER of Milford  
GERE of Kennebunkport  
MORRIS of Turner  
PEBORTH of Blue Hill  
ROEDER of Bangor

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

Signed:

Representative:

WARREN of Scarborough

**READ.**

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

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

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Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create Affordable Agricultural Homesteads" (EMERGENCY)  
(H.P. 1394) (L.D. 1884)

Signed:

Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland  
GUERIN of Penobscot  
HICKMAN of Kennebec

Representatives:

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

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-889)** on same Bill.

Signed:

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 Not to Pass** Report.

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **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 Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to point out that we are voting on the amended version of the bill, which we took a lot of input from the people who were talking about local control and home rule and so it was amended just to clarify things, that income requirements are prohibited. Right now, it says a municipality may not establish an income requirement as a condition for residential construction in any zone regardless of the zone's primary use. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this bill was designed to solve a problem. It wasn't a solution looking for a problem like many are, this was a solution to a problem. Currently, one municipality in the State of Maine forces in agriculture land in order to build a dwelling you must, let me repeat that; you must produce 30% of your income off from that agricultural land or \$15,000, which is 30% of the median income. Here's the problem with that; what if you have 10 acres? What are you going to grow? Poppies? You ain't gonna grow that here. How are you going to in a small lot that may not have soil that is good for farming, you can't have tree growth, you can't cut trees down, that's not farming. You can hay it, you might get \$2,000 at the most, a thousand, if the hay is quality enough for animals to eat. The arguments that we heard on this bill, the false arguments, I might add, were there to scare people. They said what about the watersheds? Oh, my goodness. What about shoreland? This bill does not address watershed. Watershed has its own zoning rules. Shoreland has its own rules. What about big developers moving in? Look around the State, people. Do you see big developments coming up in every other municipality? I don't see them in my neighboring communities. I don't see them in Minot, I don't see them in Poland or Mechanic Falls or Turner. I don't see any of that. Another false argument.

They said it takes away from farming. How does it take away from farming? It doesn't tell you you can't farm. It tells you you must farm. What if that soil was never farmed? What if in a case of a large, and I've got this in my municipality, of a large farm. They decided back in 1962 they were going to build a highway right through the middle of that farm. Right through the middle of it. How's that person going to make \$15,000 on a farm that's divided by a highway? If anyone wants to know what highway that is, it's Route 100 going between New Gloucester and the Auburn Turnpike entrance. Other countries, unlike ours, force professions on people. They tell people what they're going to do and how they're going to do it. Is that what we're down to now? What about the elderly? What about the disabled? How are they going to farm their land? Are they going to pay \$15,000 in material and in labor to make \$15,000 so that they can actually take and perhaps sell the Cape they live in now, the two-story house, so they can build a Ranch so they don't have to get moved into senior housing, which is a two-year wait? We address housing all the time but we never seem to have solutions. This is a

solution. Unless we're going to buy them all a stairlift so they can go upstairs to bed, I don't know an alternative. They can either build a Ranch on their existing property, which in this municipality, heaven forbid they try to do that, or the municipality can be directed by us to do the same thing all other municipalities do; have agricultural land, if someone wants to build, they have to go through the permitting process, they have to get approved through the planning board like every other municipality has to do. Originally, in this municipality, this rule was put in back in the early '60s. They did it for a very, very good reason for them, I don't consider it a very good reason; discrimination. While the municipality on the other side of the river was predominantly French-Catholic, the municipality on this side of the river was predominantly Protestant. In 1962, this municipality was 99% white and it was 97% Protestant or non-Catholic. Guess what? In 2021, this municipality is still 97% white and 95% non-Catholic. Looks like it worked. Are we going to encourage discrimination? Are we going to let other municipalities see what's going on and say wow, this is a good idea, I'm going to be able --

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair would inquire as to why the Member from Topsham rises.

Representative **TEPLER**: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Point of Order. I feel that the Member is impugning the character of anyone who supports the bill by implying it's discriminatory.

On **POINT OF ORDER**, Representative **TEPLER** of Topsham objected to the comments of Representative **BICKFORD** of Auburn because he was questioning the motives of other members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would just remind Members to not in their comments question the motives as to why Members may or may not be on one side of this issue or the other.

The Chair reminded all Members that it was inappropriate to question the motives of other Members of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Member may proceed.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not question anyone's motives in this chamber. Let me clear that up; I did not. I was describing what happened in a particular municipality. We heard arguments that it's going to drive up trash costs. The trash truck already goes by these roads. We heard that it's going to increase cost to snow plowing. Do they not snowplow the roads now? Of course they do. They're on a tiered system. My road, for example, I get plowed on a bad storm about 12 hours after the storm begins. I'm okay with that. I make sure I have an all-wheel-drive vehicle and, heaven forbid, that I have to call 9-1-1 when there's a foot of snow on my road, but I deal with that because I understand. We heard arguments that it's going to increase the cost of education, Mr. Speaker. It costs \$10,000 per student and if we bring more students in, it's going to drive up the cost. Well, guess what, since 1987, Maine is down 8400 students. I haven't seen the education budget go down since then. So, adding more students is not going to increase the budget. The municipality I'm referring to is down 600 students. When I graduated high school in this municipality, we had over 1500 students in our high school, grades 10, 11 and 12. Now there's grade nine, 10, 11 and 12 and there are barely 1,000 students in that high school. Costs have not gone down and I don't foresee them going down and these numbers include pre-K, which is added. How many thousands of students do we have in our State that go to pre-K? So, if we didn't have pre-K, this 8400 students for the State and 600 students in this municipality would be much dire.

Let's talk about senior housing again. For a senior in this municipality to get into senior housing, you're on a two-year waitlist. How do I know that? Because I watched my mother when my dad passed away try to get into senior housing because she could not keep up with the house anymore. Two years she had to wait to get into senior housing. What a great way to take care of the housing crisis; let the elderly and disabled build on their land if they have the opportunity to, if they can afford it. Let's let senior housing be there for the people that need it, not the people that don't. Mr. Speaker, I could carry on all afternoon, but I'm not going to because I respect the Body and I know that we have a lot of work to do. This is an important bill. Please follow my light and vote against this Ought Not to Pass motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Cloutier.

Representative **CLOUTIER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Women and Men of the House, I rise in support of the pending motion. In the neighboring community of Auburn, there has been a long and ongoing debate around updating the Agricultural and Resource Protection zoning district. I have watched from the sidelines on the other side of the Androscoggin River as this issue has been debated time and time again. The homesteads envisioned in this bill would hardly be affordable to anyone currently residing in the Lewiston-Auburn community. The bill before us claims to seek a solution to the income requirement originally put in place to preserve Auburn's farmland and forests in the wake of development pressures. Without context, one could assume that an individual would need to be within a certain income bracket in order to build a home in the Agriculture and Resource Protection zoning district. And if this were, in fact, the case, the requirement would certainly be both problematic and discriminatory. However, the actual language of the ordinance pertains only to a requirement that a certain percentage of income earned by residents within the district be derived from farming. It states at least 30% of the gross annual household income of the farm occupants living in the farm residence will be derived from farm uses or the gross farm income of the farm occupants living in the farm residence is equal to or greater than 30% of the city's median household income according to the most recent census data.

So, why does this matter to the State Representative from Lewiston? Because elimination of this income restriction would open up the AGRP zone in Auburn to large-scale residential development and could lead to runoff from fertilizers and pesticides into Lake Auburn, the sole public water supply for over 39,000 consumers in Auburn and my hometown of Lewiston, greatly impacting both their health and safety. As detailed by Holly Ewing, a Bates College professor and long-time researcher of Lake Auburn, more nutrients on which algae thrive are already entering the lake through stormwater runoff. In addition, a warmer climate is creating more annual precipitation, which leads to greater runoff carrying more nutrients. Large-scale residential development along the shores of our primary water source will only exacerbate the deterioration of Lake Auburn's water quality and threaten the sustainability of our watershed. The Labor and Housing Committee heard from many local community members, environmental experts, farming experts and representatives of city government that have been engaged in this conversation for decades and have vehemently rebuked the solution being offered here on several occasions. If you have questions about how the residents of Auburn feel, I would encourage you to read the onslaught of letters to the editor in the Sun Journal.

I ask you to please consider their experience and expertise by supporting the motion before us and to follow my light.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am in support of the pending motion not because of the topic of farmlands but because and I hate to say this, the unintended consequences of some of the other aspects of the bill. In particular, around prohibiting income requirements on residential construction. This language in the bill will have a much broader impact on residential construction statewide, in particular around requiring inclusionary zoning in other municipalities. This is a tool in which many municipalities around the country have found success in allowing people who have been born and raised in their communities to be able to afford to stay in those communities and that language would undo that. So, I am very much in favor. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to comments from my good friend from South Portland, this can't affect any other community negatively. There's no way. If you have Ag land now, you get taxed on Ag land. In my community, if you have Ag land, you get taxed on Ag land. If you so choose to build on that land, that building lot does not stay in Ag land. That's the only difference. And in deference to my friend from Lewiston, if this is such a good idea, I don't see other communities jumping in and doing this when my neighboring community on the other side of the river is built out, if they want to add business or buildings there for people to live, they have to tear one down to put a new one in. They don't have land available. We have 40,000 acres of land available that can't be touched. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we heard the argument from my good friend from Lewiston about fertilizers. Well, let's look at that. What is going to be safer for the environment? To build a Ranch with a well and septic or are we better off building a building, adding a well, adding septic and then throwing all kinds of fertilizers out there to grow; what's going to run off the most? I would dare say the fertilizers from farming are going to have a much broader impact on the environment. It's not rocket science, thank goodness, because I didn't go to rocket science school. But this is pretty basic and for my friend across the river, there's no reason to go against this bill except maybe you want your population a little stronger than ours, I don't know.

The SPEAKER: The Member will defer. The Chair will remind the Member to not question the motives of other Members. The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Sylvester.

Representative **SYLVESTER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my good friend from Auburn said, this bill and its accompanying amendment is, in fact, a solution. It's a solution that has been brought forward for over 10 years by a minority of folks from Auburn to the Auburn City Council and it has lost at that venue time and time again. This is a local dispute. There are several vehicles which will come before this Body which seeks to address the building of ADAs, the building of on property, municipal zoning, etcetera and I look forward to this Body's support to those remedies. But as the Good Representative from South Portland mentioned, we create housing policies that affects municipalities across the State and this is a local fight that folks have brought forward for a statewide solution. And the solution to this problem is for those who advocate for this change to bring it back to the Auburn

City Council to have a majority of the members of that municipality come and support, to organize to do so and that, Mr. Speaker, is how this change will be affected and should be affected. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire as to whether there's any objection to the Member from Auburn speaking for a third time.

Representative **KESSLER**: I object, Mr. Speaker.

Representative **KESSLER** of South Portland **OBJECTED** to Representative **BICKFORD** of Auburn speaking a third time on the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Kessler.

Representative **KESSLER**: Mr. Speaker, I've had a change of heart. I withdraw my objection.

Subsequently, Representative **KESSLER** of South Portland **WITHDREW** his **OBJECTION** to Representative **BICKFORD** of Auburn speaking a third time on the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate you letting me rise for a third time. Very rare that I would do something like that. But I just want to point another item out. We hear about home rule. This Body constantly, year after year, we're addressing home rule. We have home rule regarding how close to a stream you can build; 75 feet. We, at this Body, legislate to municipalities how far away from the lake you can build. We tell municipalities what their septic designs must include. And I just want to add for the record what this Body has done in the past. When Maine became a State in 1820, Danville was a very large community. Auburn was a very small community. This Body, I believe it was 1859, decided that the falls were great and the train station for passenger rail coming through Danville was going to be a thing of the past. So, they decided to annex Danville into Auburn and make Auburn the city and the seat of Androscoggin County. Ten years later, they annexed the rest of Danville into Auburn. If we want to get specific and talk about the municipality, yes, it is Auburn. And I will add growing up in Danville, having ancestry that were there before it became Auburn, people in Danville have a little tiny post office that's as big as a shed and they continue to have a post office box with a Danville zip code because of what this Body did to that town. So, we do. This Legislature has always taken care of home rule and not allowed municipalities to just do whatever they want, whether it was discriminatory or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for rising a second time. I'd just like to point out that even the original bill, the Mayor of Auburn testified in favor of it even before the sponsor took out some things that some people thought were onerous. And we do, in this Body, choose to become involved when we see there are inequities or unfairness in certain situations and I think that's what we're doing here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 507**

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cebra, Cloutier, Collings, Connor, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Grohoski, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Libby, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, Nadeau, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Collamore, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gere, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, O'Connell, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 77; No, 54; Absent, 16; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 16 being absent, and accordingly 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-877)** on Bill "An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security" (H.P. 1484) (L.D. 1997)

Signed:  
Senators:

DAUGHTRY of Cumberland  
HICKMAN of Kennebec

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  
MORRIS of Turner  
PRESCOTT of Waterboro

**READ.**

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

Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro **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 Vassalboro, Representative Bradstreet.

Representative **BRADSTREET**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate all the work that's been done on this particular situation. But the best way for anyone to attain an income that meet their needs and enjoy a sense of financial independence is to have a job. And yesterday's issue of the Maine Morning Sentinel, there was an article citing the latest statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor. Currently in the United States there are 11.3 million jobs available. There are also a record number of people changing jobs, indicating that there are many, many opportunities for upward mobility. In February, the U.S. economy added 678,000 jobs and there are currently 1.8 job openings for every unemployed worker. The situation in Maine certainly mirrors that of the nation as well. So, what should our current actions, reality speak to this bill? It means that Maine offers ample opportunities for people to advance themselves economically, our priorities should be to incentivize and motivate people to this end. Passage of LD 1997 undermines those efforts and, in reality, will discourage people from seeking employment, which will not only afford them financial independence, but also offer them the dignity of having a job of their own. This should be what the goals of all of us. So, I urge you to vote against the pending motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 508**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, O'Connell, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 74; No, 58; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

74 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-877)** 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-877)** and sent for concurrence.

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Nine Members of the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** report in Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-882)** on Bill "An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management"

(H.P. 180) (L.D. 259)

Signed:

Senators:

BRENNER of Cumberland  
CARNEY of Cumberland

Representatives:

TUCKER of Brunswick  
BELL of Yarmouth  
BLUME of York  
BOYLE of Gorham  
DOUDERA of Camden  
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach  
ZEIGLER of Montville

Three Members of the same Committee report in Report "B" **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

HANLEY of Pittston  
O'CONNOR of Berwick  
TUELL of East Machias

One Member of the same Committee reports in Report "C" **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-883)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

BENNETT of Oxford

**READ.**

Representative TUCKER of Brunswick moved that the House **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

Representative HANLEY of Pittston **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended**.

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 Pittston, Representative Hanley.

Representative **HANLEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is an unnecessary fee that will collect money to go into a fund that doesn't need it. And in the times that we're in now, no one can see the future, but nothing seems to be going down in price. So, municipalities that will be burdened with this new fee will be paying the bill. And, again, like I said, it's going into a fund;

Maine solid waste fund management. It won't make a bit of difference. It's an unneeded source of income for that fund, they have plenty of money and in this time, I don't think this is any time to be raising any of these fees at all. So, I'm asking you to follow my light and defeat the fee. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Montville, Representative Zeigler.

Representative **ZEIGLER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't plan on speaking and I will be quick. I got that out of the way. I just had to say I support amendment "A" and the reason I support amendment "A" is I'm the chair of an eight-town recycling center in agricultural Waldo County. And first I'd like to deal with the aggregate costs that we're talking about, \$1 per ton. If you plan on producing one ton of solid waste, you will then pay that dollar, which the tipping fee would be \$70-80. That \$1 goes to a fund that has helped recycling centers across the State. I would disagree with the Representative, the Good Representative from Pittsfield, no, not Pittsfield, one of those towns and I apologize to that Good Representative, but there is not enough money in that fund to support all the grants. Our recycling center got a grant for \$7,000 to buy a glass-crushing machine. That glass-crushing machine reduces the amount of solid waste that goes into tipping fees for those eight towns. So, that actually reduces the amount that goes to landfills. We are preparing our 10-year plan for that recycling center and we are looking at the fact that we passed the Extended Producers Responsibility Bill, the EPR, which it's going to be putting a lot more recyclable materials going forward. We need more money in this plan to help the recycling centers and towns prepare for that. So, \$1 per ton and, again, if you figure the aggregate, the costs on that, on that \$70-80 tipping fee, is not too much to pay for the future to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes into our landfills. It's a matter of spending a little to save a lot and we need to do that as legislators to plan for the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 509**

**YEA** - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

**NAY** - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

**ABSENT** - Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 75; No, 58; Absent, 14; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 58 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 14 being absent, and accordingly Report "A" **Ought to Pass as Amended** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-882)** 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-882)** and sent for concurrence.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(H.P. 1514) (L.D. 2033) Bill "An Act To Raise the Debt Limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 154) (L.D. 219) Bill "An Act To Enhance the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund by Establishing a Variable Interest Rate for Loans and To Allow Participants in the Maine Farms for the Future Program To Borrow at That Rate" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-890)**

(H.P. 834) (L.D. 1156) Bill "An Act To Reduce Errors in Employment Tax Increment Financing Benefits" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-887)**

(H.P. 1314) (L.D. 1763) Bill "An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-886)**

(H.P. 1389) (L.D. 1879) Bill "An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-888)**

(H.P. 1423) (L.D. 1917) Bill "An Act To Amend the Tax Laws of the State" Committee on **TAXATION** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-885)**

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

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

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

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**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

(H.P. 1378) (L.D. 1868)  
(C. "A" H-822)

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. 107 voted in favor of the same and 13 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Fixed Gear Fishing Industry

(H.P. 1405) (L.D. 1898)  
(C. "A" H-828)

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. 104 voted in favor of the same and 19 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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**Emergency Measure**

An Act Regarding the Reapportionment of the Knox County Budget Committee Districts

(H.P. 1491) (L.D. 2005)

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 3 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, To Increase Oversight of the Child Welfare System

(S.P. 605) (L.D. 1853)  
(C. "A" S-458)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 115 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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**Mandate**

An Act To Allow the Annexation of Certain Lands by Columbia Falls

(S.P. 725) (L.D. 2011)  
(C. "A" S-465)

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

On motion of Representative DUNPHY of Old Town, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** and later today assigned.

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**Acts**

An Act Regarding Pet Insurance  
(S.P. 186) (L.D. 482)  
(C. "A" S-460)

An Act To Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation  
(H.P. 624) (L.D. 856)  
(C. "A" H-826)

An Act To Enhance Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams for Firefighters and for Employees and Members of a Public Safety Agency, a Fire Department or an Agency Involved in Emergency Care or Response  
(H.P. 1114) (L.D. 1504)  
(C. "A" H-810)

An Act To Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State's Ability To Collect, Analyze and Apply Data  
(H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1610)  
(C. "A" H-829)

An Act Regarding Dignity for Women in Correctional Facilities  
(H.P. 1276) (L.D. 1721)  
(C. "A" H-824)

An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs  
(S.P. 634) (L.D. 1807)  
(C. "A" S-469)

An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave  
(H.P. 1356) (L.D. 1823)  
(C. "A" H-780; H. "A" H-831)

An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program  
(S.P. 660) (L.D. 1861)  
(C. "A" S-461)

An Act To Allow Certain Bulk Sale Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets  
(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1896)  
(S. "A" S-474 to C. "A" S-451)

An Act To Streamline and Modernize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations  
(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1906)  
(C. "A" S-463)

An Act Related to Hunting Dogs and Civil Trespass  
(H.P. 1454) (L.D. 1951)  
(C. "A" H-823)

An Act To Implement Agency Recommendations Relating to Sea Level Rise and Climate Resilience Provided Pursuant to Resolve 2021, Chapter 67  
(H.P. 1465) (L.D. 1970)  
(C. "A" H-825)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions Related to Research and Aquaculture Leases  
(H.P. 1467) (L.D. 1972)

An Act Allowing Electric-powered School Buses To Have Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails and Allowing Public Service Vehicles To Be Equipped with a Flashing Green Auxiliary Light  
(H.P. 1476) (L.D. 1990)  
(C. "A" H-832)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act To Give Municipalities More Options in Municipal Elections  
(H.P. 627) (L.D. 859)  
(S. "A" S-456 to C. "A" H-813)

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 510**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evans, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Madigan, Martin, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Evangelos, Fay, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Bickford, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, McDonald, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 71; No, 61; Absent, 15; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 61 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 15 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves**

Resolve, Changing the Identifying and Reporting Responsibilities and Extending the Reporting Deadline for the Identification of Places in the State with Offensive Names  
(H.P. 1444) (L.D. 1934)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 180: Appliance Efficiency Standards, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Air Quality  
(H.P. 1507) (L.D. 2026)

(S. "A" S-472)

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday, March 29, 2022 had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Prisoners and Jail Staff by Limiting Work Hours of Jail Employees" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 832) (L.D. 1154)

- In House, Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ and ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-809)** on March 22, 2022.

- In Senate, Minority (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY READ and ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - March 29, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 744)

**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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(S.P. 443) (L.D. 1357) Bill "An Act To Require Private Insurance Coverage for Postpartum Care" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-470)**

(S.P. 621) (L.D. 1783) Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds" Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-479)**

(S.P. 633) (L.D. 1858) Bill "An Act Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel in Health Care Facilities" (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-478)**

(S.P. 702) (L.D. 1966) Bill "An Act To Facilitate Access to Heating Assistance" Committee on **LABOR AND HOUSING** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-475)**

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.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, Tuesday March 29, 2022, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 601) (L.D. 1746)

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-424)**.

TABLED - March 24, 2022 (Till Later Today) by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland.

PENDING - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-424)**.

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "A" (S-424)** was **ADOPTED**.

Representative SYLVESTER of Portland **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-894)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Subsequently, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-424)** and **House Amendment "A" (H-894)** in **NONCONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Representative DUNPHY of Old Town assumed the Chair.

The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tem.

**ENACTORS**

**Acts**

An Act To Build a Child Care System by Recruiting and Retaining Maine's Early Childhood Educators Workforce

(H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1652)

(C. "B" H-855)

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

On motion of the Representative from Biddeford, Speaker FECTEAU, was **SET ASIDE**.

The SPEAKER PRO TEM: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Biddeford, Speaker Fecteau.

Representative FECTEAU: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Body can be proud of a strong bipartisan tradition of supporting Maine's children in our efforts to make it possible for young families to succeed here in our State. Maine families need access to affordable, high-quality child care so parents can go to work knowing their kids are safe, happy and learning. This is a critical piece of Maine's economic health. Maine's early childhood educators support the development of our children. They are the workforce behind our workforce. They work incredibly hard and deserve access to professional



development opportunities and compensation that allows them to support their own families. Today, we recognize Maine's child care workforce is at a tipping point. We cannot ignore the workforce challenges child care providers are facing. This winter, a Caribou provider outlined her struggle to find high-quality educators to work in their center, being clear that this is not a new problem. However, over the last two years, she lost incredible educators because they simply couldn't make ends meet with their own household budgets. Many providers have lost an excellent teacher with a degree in childhood development to a job that pays \$1 or so more per hour. These are decisions child care workers have to consider even though it is heartbreaking to leave the profession that they love. That's just not right, Madam Speaker.

The true cost of providing high-quality child care with adequate compensation for extremely hardworking teachers is far higher than what working families can afford. Raising parents' child care fees to pay educators more is not a workable solution. Increased public investment is needed to raise compensation and give all Maine children with working parents an opportunity to access high quality early education and ensure their kids are prepared for kindergarten. States are recognizing that salary supplements are a step forward in addressing the disparity and the inequities in our child care system. Maine's career and technical education centers and regions train young people for careers in early education. During the public hearing on this bill before us, we heard from a student at Region two career and technical education center in Houlton who is in the child care program and loved the little ones that she was working with immensely. These were her words, quote, I originally wanted to go to school for early childhood education but when I found out I could get paid more than a child care provider in another field, I decided to change my major. In child care, I can make minimum wage and the employer cannot afford to offer me more because families are already paying the max amount they can afford. When child care wages are supplemented, it will make early childhood education a more viable career option for students like me who have a passion for teaching our youngest and most vulnerable children.

Maine can recruit and retain this critical workforce so that Maine families, so Mainers who are passionate about educating Maine's kids are able to do the work they love while making ends meet for their own families. This Body made an investment in Maine's child care workforce using one-time American Rescue Plan funds. This helped the industry and that support is set to expire in the fall of this year. The bill before us would make our continued support for Maine's child care workforce known. I applaud the idea committee who unanimously voted this bill out of their committee, members on both sides of the aisle coming together to recognize the challenges that our child care workers face. This is an investment in our future economic wellbeing and a way to ensure Maine's kids arrive at kindergarten ready to thrive in school. This Body can ensure that Maine's CTE students training in early education will be able to do the work they love upon graduation. This Body can show Maine families they deserve to be able to send their kids to great nursery schools and preschools and daycares close to home, not several miles away. When we are successful in recruiting and retaining this critical workforce, it will give Maine families the stability and support they need to raise their families in our great State. So, please join me in supporting the workforce behind our workforce with a vote in favor of the pending motion. And, with that, Madam Speaker, I request a roll call.

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

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

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

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am pleased to rise in strong support of LD 1652. I find it very fitting that we are voting to enact this bill in support of early childhood educators, the workforce behind the workforce, just before the start of the Week of the Young Child. You may or may not know that I am an early childhood educator but I'm unable to practice my craft because I cannot afford to work in the field. This bill can help keep professionals in the field or maybe encourage them to return if they've left. This is an emergency in our State. Child care centers are closing or losing employees because educators can make more at Walmart. I know because I've done it. I encourage you to support the enactment of this bill so that we can not only support current educators but support the expansion of CTEs and their training programs. We need early childhood educators to support our important workforce development goals in this State. Had I known that this bill was being presented last session, I would have been a co-sponsor. I ask that you please follow my light and support the enactment of this bill. Thank you.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 511**

**YEA** - Alley, Arata, Arford, Austin, Babbidge, Bell, Bernard, Berry, Bickford, Blier, Boyle, Bradstreet, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Carlow, Cebra, Cloutier, Collamore, Collings, Connor, Costain, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dillingham, Dodge, Dolloff, Doudera, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Foster, Geiger, Gere, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harnett, Harrington, Hasenfus, Head, Hepler, Hutchins, Hymanson, Javner, Kessler, Kinney, Landry, LaRochelle, Lemelin, Libby, Lookner, Lyford, Lyman, Madigan, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett H, Millett R, Morales, Moriarty, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Neil, Ordway, Osher, Parry, Peabworth, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roche, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sampson, Sheehan, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Theriault, Thorne, Tucker, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren C, Warren S, White B, White D, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

**NAY** - .

**ABSENT** - Andrews, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, Grohoski, McDonald, Paulhus, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stetkis.

Yes, 130; No, 0; Absent, 17; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

130 having voted in the affirmative and 0 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 17 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker Pro Tem and sent to the Senate.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.  
The House was called to order by the Speaker.

PERRY of Calais  
STOVER of Boothbay  
ZAGER of Portland

The SPEAKER: The Chair would remind Members to not clap after a vote or during the proceedings of the House.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**  
**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds"

(S.P. 146) (L.D. 339)

Signed:

Senators:

BREEN of Cumberland  
BAILEY of York  
DAVIS of Piscataquis

Representatives:

PIERCE of Falmouth  
ARATA of New Gloucester  
CARDONE of Bangor  
CLOUTIER of Lewiston  
DUCHARME of Madison  
FAY of Raymond  
HYMANSON of York  
MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
MILLETT of Waterford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-481)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

COREY of Windham

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

**READ.**

On motion of Representative PIERCE of Falmouth, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "C" (S-476)** on Bill "An Act To Provide Maine Children Access to Affordable Health Care"

(S.P. 158) (L.D. 372)

Signed:

Senators:

CLAXTON of Androscoggin  
BALDACCI of Penobscot  
MOORE of Washington

Representatives:

MEYER of Eliot  
CONNOR of Lewiston  
CRAVEN of Lewiston  
GRIFFIN of Levant  
JAVNER of Chester  
MADIGAN of Waterville

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "D" (S-477)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

LEMELIN of Chelsea

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 "C" (S-476)**.

**READ.**

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

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "C" (S-476)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Lemelin.

Representative **LEMELIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hit the button earlier but I guess it didn't go off. I rise in opposition of this bill and the reason I oppose it is because 300% above the federal poverty level is too extreme for me and too extreme for Maine. What it means is that a family of three can make \$65,000 a year, Mr. Speaker and be on welfare and I think that's excessive. That's 70% of the people in Maine. So, basically, this is MaineCare for all because very few people won't qualify for this. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Subsequently, **Committee Amendment "C" (S-476)** 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 "C" (S-476)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Related to Sunday Hunting"

(S.P. 730) (L.D. 2014)

Signed:

Senators:

DILL of Penobscot  
CURRY of Waldo

Representatives:

LANDRY of Farmington  
ALLEY of Beals  
HEPLER of Woolwich  
LYFORD of Eddington  
MARTIN of Sinclair  
NADEAU of Winslow  
THERIAULT of China

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-480)** on same Bill.

Signed:  
Senator:

BLACK of Franklin

Representatives:

MARTIN of Eagle Lake  
MASON of Lisbon  
ORDWAY of Standish

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

**READ.**

On motion of Representative LANDRY of Farmington, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

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

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 743)  
ORDERED, the House concurring, that the procedures outlined in S.P. 620 that allow but do not require the conduct of legislative meetings via electronic means are in effect until the convening of the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(H.P. 1509) (L.D. 2027) Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass**

(H.P. 1410) (L.D. 1903) Bill "An Act To Update Criminal and Related Statutes and Respond to Decisions of the Law Court" Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-892)**

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

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

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair Texture or Hairstyle"

(S.P. 237) (L.D. 598)

Signed:  
Senators:

CARNEY of Cumberland  
SANBORN of Cumberland

Representatives:

HARNETT of Gardiner  
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk  
EVANGELOS of Friendship  
LIBBY of Auburn  
MORIARTY of Cumberland  
RECKITT of South Portland  
SHEEHAN of Biddeford

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

Signed:  
Senator:

KEIM of Oxford

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-896)** on Bill "An Act To Authorize School Administrative District No. 6 To Lease a Former Administrative Building for a Term of Not More than 20 Years"

(H.P. 1475) (L.D. 1989)

Signed:  
Senators:

RAFFERTY of York  
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland  
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

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

**READ.**

On motion of Representative HARNETT of Gardiner, 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** in concurrence.

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-896)** 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-896)** and sent for concurrence.

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act To Allow for Remote Meetings

(S.P. 606) (L.D. 1854)

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 2 against, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act To Amend the Election Laws

(S.P. 647) (L.D. 1830)  
(C. "A" S-462)

An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Homicide Cases

(S.P. 618) (L.D. 1857)  
(C. "A" S-459)

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.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**First Day**

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

(H.P. 1121) (L.D. 1513) Bill "An Act To Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences" Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-898)**

(H.P. 1449) (L.D. 1944) Bill "An Act To Provide the State Harness Racing Commission Greater Efficiency in Rules Enforcement" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-897)**

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

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

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

**ENACTORS**

**Emergency Measure**

An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval

(H.P. 1368) (L.D. 1847)  
(C. "A" H-861)

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. 105 voted in favor of the same and 12 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 County and Regional Communications Centers To Request Polygraph Examinations for Employees and Applicants for Employment

(H.P. 1504) (L.D. 2024)  
(C. "A" H-843)

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. 109 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, To Establish the Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System

(H.P. 1357) (L.D. 1824)  
(C. "A" H-875)

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. 110 voted in favor of the same and 1 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy

(H.P. 1438) (L.D. 1930)

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. 108 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.

**Emergency Measure**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education

(H.P. 1442) (L.D. 1933)

(C. "A" H-858)

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. 110 voted in favor of the same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Acts**

An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment

(H.P. 160) (L.D. 225)

(C. "A" H-871)

An Act To Update Dates and Committees of Jurisdiction for the State Government Evaluation Act Review of Agencies

(H.P. 292) (L.D. 408)

(C. "A" H-835)

An Act To Direct the Department of Labor To Educate Business and Nonprofit Communities on Overtime Laws

(H.P. 443) (L.D. 607)

(C. "A" H-870)

An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors

(H.P. 492) (L.D. 665)

(C. "A" H-864)

An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutions

(H.P. 608) (L.D. 840)

(C. "A" H-839)

An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss

(H.P. 741) (L.D. 1003)

(C. "A" H-863)

An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine

(H.P. 1023) (L.D. 1389)

(C. "A" H-857)

An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits

(H.P. 1062) (L.D. 1446)

(C. "A" H-866)

An Act To Support Child Care Providers and School Readiness through Tax Credits

(H.P. 1249) (L.D. 1678)

(C. "A" H-854)

An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs

(H.P. 1327) (L.D. 1776)

(C. "A" H-842)

An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partners

(H.P. 1346) (L.D. 1804)

(C. "A" H-838)

An Act To Strengthen the Governance of the University of Maine System

(H.P. 1353) (L.D. 1820)

(H. "A" H-821 to C. "A" H-811; H. "A" H-833)

An Act To Protect Public Election Officials

(H.P. 1354) (L.D. 1821)

(C. "A" H-840)

An Act To Amend the Education Statutes

(H.P. 1366) (L.D. 1845)

(C. "A" H-852)

An Act To Prohibit Prior Authorization Requirements and Step Therapy Protocols for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness for MaineCare Recipients

(H.P. 1387) (L.D. 1877)

(H. "A" H-868 to C. "A" H-848)

An Act To Amend Laws Affecting Sex Offenders and Petitions for the Determination of Parental Rights and Responsibilities

(H.P. 1398) (L.D. 1888)

(C. "A" H-851)

An Act To Equalize Sales Tax Treatment of Certain Vehicles

(H.P. 1400) (L.D. 1890)

(C. "A" H-841)

An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code

(H.P. 1411) (L.D. 1904)

(C. "A" H-850)

An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services

(H.P. 1421) (L.D. 1915)

(C. "A" H-849)

An Act To Create the Education Stabilization Fund

(H.P. 1460) (L.D. 1963)

(C. "A" H-860)

An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey

(H.P. 1478) (L.D. 1992)

(C. "A" H-878)

An Act To Establish the Progressive Treatment Program Fund

(H.P. 1480) (L.D. 1994)

(C. "A" H-834)

An Act To Prohibit Profiling and To Strengthen Civil Rights in Maine

(H.P. 1486) (L.D. 1999)

(C. "A" H-859)

An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Regulation of Firefighting or Fire-suppressing Foams to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Intentionally Added

(H.P. 1502) (L.D. 2020)

(C. "A" H-856)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act To Provide Electronic Access to Confidential Juror Information

(H.P. 163) (L.D. 233)  
(C. "A" H-836)

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 512**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRoche, Lookner, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, Lyford, Madigan, McDonald, Paulhus, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stanley, Stetkis.

Yes, 73; No, 54; Absent, 20; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 20 being absent, and accordingly and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act To Require a Portion of Estate Tax Revenue To Be Transferred to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund for the Creation of New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households

(H.P. 1267) (L.D. 1704)  
(C. "A" H-853)

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I appreciate

my good friend the Representative from Portland for amending this bill, not allowing a decrease in the amount of estate that can be taxed. My problem with the bill is dedicated revenue. We have in the outyears a fiscal note of 12.5 million and 13 million, respectfully, and I fear that the next biennial budget, whoever should craft that, would be required to make up these funds in the budget and there's no binding the next Legislature. So, we could put all the dedicated funds we want into as many bills as we want, however, the problem with dedicated funding is that the next Legislature and the next Chief Executive, whoever he or she may be, can raid those funds. Those funds can be used for anything they so choose because we cannot bind them. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you support my position with a vote of no. Thank you.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 513**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRoche, Lookner, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, Lyford, Madigan, McDonald, Paulhus, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stanley, Stetkis.

Yes, 73; No, 54; Absent, 20; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 54 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 20 being absent, and accordingly and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations

(H.P. 1283) (L.D. 1732)  
(C. "A" H-844; H. "A" H-873)

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, was **SET ASIDE**.

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

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Bickford.

Representative **BICKFORD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this bill,

while I appreciate the idea behind it and I agree with it, it doesn't go far enough. It picks winners and losers. It picks nonprofit over profit. It's my belief that if we're in the world of helping the housing crisis and with helping the low income, it shouldn't matter who does the building or who does the development. Mr. Speaker, for-profit should be treated the same as nonprofit. I urge you to follow my light. Thank you.

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

**ROLL CALL NO. 514**

YEA - Alley, Arford, Babbidge, Bell, Berry, Boyle, Brennan, Bryant, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenhus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, LaRochelle, Lookner, Martin J, Martin R, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Peberworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, White, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlou, Cebra, Collamore, Connor, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Hanley, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Javner, Kinney, Lemelin, Libby, Lyman, Martin, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Poirier, Prescott, Quint, Roche, Sampson, Skolfield, Stearns, Stover, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Underwood, Wadsworth, White.

ABSENT - Andrews, Bernard, Blume, Brooks, Caiazzo, Carmichael, Copeland, Corey, Faulkingham, Gramlich, Grignon, Lyford, Madigan, McDonald, Paulhus, Perry, Rudnicki, Sharpe, Stanley, Stetkis.

Yes, 72; No, 55; Absent, 20; Vacant, 4; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 55 voted in the negative, 4 vacancies with 20 being absent, and accordingly and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves**

Resolve, To Review Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Spending

(H.P. 241) (L.D. 343)  
(C. "A" H-874)

Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee

(H.P. 1351) (L.D. 1818)  
(H. "A" H-872 to C. "A" H-782)

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 Pittsfield, Representative Collamore.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request permission to speak on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Pittsfield, Representative Collamore, has requested unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

Representative **COLLAMORE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to take a moment to recognize and extend my gratitude to the Maine State Police, Maine Warden Service, Fairfield Rescue and the Clinton Fire Department for assisting the Clinton Police Department in their efforts to locate Justin Howard. He was last seen in the Sebasticook River in Clinton and I pray that he is found safely. It is my understanding that he is still missing. Additionally, some of the members of Fire and Rescue for Clinton had to break away with a police officer and work to save the life of an individual who had overdosed. Clinton has had a rough couple of days and I wanted to recognize the efforts of all of the emergency personnel there. So, thank you.

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

Representative **OSHER**: Mr. Speaker, I request the unanimous consent to address the House on the record.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Orono, Representative Osher, requests unanimous consent to address the House on the record. Hearing no objection, the Member may proceed.

Representative **OSHER**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In reference to Roll Call No. 461, had I been present in the chamber, I would have voted yes.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative MEYER of Eliot, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1520)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill, "An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies," H.P. 1309, L.D. 1758, and all its accompanying papers, be recalled from the Governor's desk to the House.

**READ and PASSED.**

Sent for concurrence.

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

On motion of Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford, the House adjourned at 3:40 p.m., until the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 744) and in honor and lasting tribute to the Honorable Theodore Joseph Kryzak, Jr., of Acton.